



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass
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ADVENT ONE

27th November 2022

Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 28 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 29 th	
WED 30 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 1 st Dec	10.00am – Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 2 nd	Chat n Chew
SAT 3 rd	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room
SUN 4 th	ADVENT TWO 9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion 11.00am St Augustine's, Family Service 12.30pm St Paul's, Holy Communion

Our 4.00pm service concludes today with Holy Communion and time of fellowship at the Rectory.

Bookings are no longer required

CURRENT COVID-19 Information:

Please use the hand sanitiser provided

We respect your decision to wear a mask indoors.

If you are unwell please look after yourself at home.

Please be assured that our facilities are thoroughly cleaned weekly.



We meet for worship on the lands of the Bunurong people; Gunaikurnai people; Woi-Wurrung people; the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay we respects to their Elders past and present and emerging.

This week's roster 27th November ADVENT ONE

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & A. Prideaux; Reader: C. Fleming; Intercessions: R. Gijsbers; Vestry: R. Aitken; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Morning tea: M. Zulian

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip’s roster gladmanwendy@gmail.com

This week’s readings– 27th November ADVENT ONE

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:9-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Next week’s roster 4th December ADVENT TWO

St Philip’s - Welcome: F. Leighton; Reader: H. Millward; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: J. Bell; PowerPoint: J. Millward; Music: K. Kent; Morning tea: F. Leighton

St Augustine’s – Leader: L. Alexander; Input: L. Alexander; Children: G. Ippel

Next week’s readings - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN Glenys has subscribed to a weekly children’s activity sheet. The activities follow the lectionary. If you have grandchildren coming to a service or know of children attending she would be happy to forward this on to you so you can print out as needed. You can email her on glenys.stacs@gmail.com

The Sentence of the Day

Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2:3a

The Collect of the Day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

[Silence]

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me:

‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’

And now our feet are standing:

Within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem which is built as a city:

Where the pilgrims gather in unity.

There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

As he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

There are set thrones of judgement:

The thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

May those who love you prosper.

Peace be within your walls:

And prosperity in your palaces.

For the sake of my kindred and companions:

I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek for your good.

(Response)

Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Romans 13:9-14

⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 24 beginning at verse 36

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁶"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

ADVENT ONE

Advent is that season in the church's calendar when our focus becomes the impending birth of Jesus. It is more than simply waiting – marking time – perhaps by crossing off the days on an Advent calendar. Properly understood, Advent is about preparing ourselves spiritually. It is about preparing ourselves in heart and mind to understand the significance of Jesus coming into the world; as a baby but more profoundly in his coming again to judge the living and the dead. If we are to take Advent seriously it will involve a deliberate choice, a decision to put some time and effort to engage in reflection and preparation.

The world may want us to have a big shop for Back Friday. The world may want us to gorge ourselves on chocolate Advent calendars but it cannot take from us our life of prayer and worship. Advent for us, in the church is an important time of waiting and of preparing.

Careful and thorough preparation is important to the success of many things in life. Any handy man will testify to the need for good planning, gathering the right equipment and the use of the carpenter's maxim 'measure twice, cut once'. Indeed, preparation is very important, just wishing it were so is not enough. However, preparation doesn't always guarantee success but it does go a long way in helping things turn out for the best. Preparation means we are better able to respond to challenges when they crop up. It means we are better able to respond when those around us ask us those tricky Advent related questions. Why the wreath? Why purple? Why bother?

Our preparation this Advent is important for us as we ready ourselves to receive Christ. Our preparation may also be about readying ourselves to bear witness to the hope that the birth of Jesus brings to us and to the world.

Perhaps you've heard that often-misquoted maxim that **life is a journey and not a destination.**

Seasoned travellers (and that's not me, I'm afraid) often wander in new places with no fixed itinerary. They enjoy following where their heart leads. They enjoy the journey not the destination.

Our life is sometimes described as a journey and yet we need to have the end point in our hearts and minds. When we complete life's journey, we need to know that we are safe, that God has it planned for us, even if we don't.

Advent is about a journey it is about the journey of Mary and Joseph; of John the Baptist; and the journey of Jesus from his birth to his ministry, his death and resurrection and his coming again in glory. In this liturgical year of Matthew, it is also about the journey of the wise men who followed the star all the way from their country in the east to find Jesus who is the fulfilment of all prophesy and promise.

One of the themes of Advent is The Journey. As we read in Isaiah chapter 2 'In the days to come ... many people will say, 'Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

Our journey is to walk the way of the Lord; to put our feet in the marks where he has trod and to learn from Him. Even though we have walked this way of Advent many times before we should expect freshness for; we cannot step into the same river twice – we are different and the river of life, it too is different.

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The opening song from the Lion King by Tim Rice and Elton John talks about the circle of life -

In the circle of life, it's the wheel of fortune

It's the leap of faith, it's the band of hope
Till we find our place on the path unwinding
In the circle, the circle of life

The song asks us to imagine that life is about finding our place on the path of life; a path that the song describes as a circle; as a wheel of fortune.

Now, as people of faith we are in the business of seeking our place or we might more rightly call it our purpose or meaning. As we walk the journey of faith, we don't go around in circles we are on a very specific journey; we are following the star of Bethlehem until we reach our spiritual home. This journey is not some endless circle or wheel of fortune. We know where we are bound. We know the way because Jesus is the way. Jesus is our light, not just our personal light but the light of the world. We find our place; we find our way on the path of life by following Jesus.

On our journey through this Advent we will hear John the Baptist cry 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'

We will peep into Joseph's dream as the angel reassures him to take Mary as his wife for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

We will hear Mary's cry for the poor in the Magnificat.

We will kneel with the wise men at Jesus' feet as they pay him homage.

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Today, our reading from Matthew's gospel urges us to be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man; to be in a state of readiness in mind, body and spirit.

Jesus says to his disciples then as now,

'Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.' (Matthew 24:42)
We might not know when he is coming but we can be prepared; ready to face the challenges, ready to speak and act, ready to respond to the Lord when he comes.

We are to be prepared as in the days of Noah. Noah was instructed to prepare an ark. In the midst of the corrupt ways of humankind Noah found favour in the sight of God (Genesis 5:8) therefore God confided in him giving clear instructions for the ark's construction. God did not specify to Noah the time of the flood; all Noah knew was that it would happen. Preparation for the flood was more than just important it was vital preparation for the future of humankind's relationship with God.

The people of Israel were not told the time of the birth of the Messiah but they were always watchful, waiting and hopeful.

These days the Messiah's birth has an appointed time and place, it has an appointed date the 25th December. (Who knows the real date and does that even matter?)

As we prepare for his coming again this Advent, we, like Noah, seek to follow the instructions of God; instructions that are vital preparation for our continued relationship with the earth; with each other and most importantly with God.

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Our Advent might seem to be about baking, buy presents, making travel plans, mowing the lawns and tidying up the yard etc. but what we are truly preparing for is the coming of the Son of Man at a time we do not expect.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

Lord God, as the world prepares for the coming of Jesus open closed hearts to receive the prince of peace. We pray that the nations will not learn war anymore. We pray that in our small way we might refashion our conflicts toward peaceful relationships and make us worthy of your coming in glory.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as the church prepares for the coming of Jesus strengthen our hearts and minds to experience a freshness in the rituals, we hold dear. Open our eyes to see the wonder and significance of this season of preparation that we might prepare ourselves spiritually for Christ's coming again in glory.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as your people prepare for the coming of Jesus we offer our prayers for the poor, we pray for those who have been profoundly affected by the floods in the north of our country. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, livelihood, home, village because of natural disasters including the recent earthquakes.

Closer to home we pray for the healing touch of Jesus to be beside those who are sick, in pain or any other trouble, comfort your people with your abiding presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as we wait in anticipation of your coming again in glory we remember the saints in heaven, we remember our dear departed loved ones, we remember those whose lives were cut short in a violent or painful death. Confident of the resurrection to eternal life we pray rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory

For ever and for ever. Amen.

Suggested Hymns:

Ancient of Days https://youtu.be/V4dR_zuB3qk

Advent Candles <https://youtu.be/p0cZG6dvWIY>

May the Mind of Christ my Saviour (TIS 609)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TIS 275)

Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy (TIS 613)

Christmas is coming

Christmas Bowl

First Sunday of Advent: Hope <https://youtu.be/8YXXGspYb6w>

Prayer



THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together. Take us and use us to love and serve you all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A blessing is offered.

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

Thank you for your weekly offering it is much needed. During this COVID-19 period and post COVID-19 your offering can be made by either:

- Placing in the offering bowl at any church service. Use plain envelope if preferred
- Please make cheques payable to Anglican Parish Bass-Phillip Island
- Regular or one-off contributions can be made by internet banking to the Parish bank account, using Pay ID 0407410011 (or BSB & Acct No. below)
- Visit any Bendigo Bank branch and deposit cash or cheque to Anglican Parish Bass/Phillip Island BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797. Please put on deposit slip: "Offertory" or "Donation" indicating your usual congregation
- If in Cowes, drop your offering in the donation box at St Philip's, Cowes (located outside the front door of the Church)



ST PHILIP'S – We recommend parking in the church grounds. Parking in Thompson Avenue is restricted to 1 hour only. 2 hours for those with a Disabled Parking Permit

PARISH HOME GROUPS

Please contact leaders for information

Emmaus Room – 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palm Lakes Group – Friday 10.00am Contact Wendy Gladman. Women of the New Testament.

San Remo Group – Wednesday 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson

Bass Home Group – Monday 2.30pm Leader: Sandy & Les Ridge The Synoptic Gospels

Helpful websites

Parish website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

Dioceses of Gippsland website www.gippsanglican.org.au

Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

DAILY BREAD – this publication will be made available to parishioners \$13 for a three-month subscription. Ann Prideaux is coordinating this resource to aid in the study of scripture with reverence and rigour.



Mary Talbot Room can you help? We need more cooks and volunteers for this important ministry of friendship and finance.

MTR more



CHAT 'N' CHEW is a shared ministry of the Combined Churches of Phillip Island. Would you like to help? Would you like to join the committee and represent the Anglican Church in this important ministry to lonely and vulnerable people in our community? Training is available. Speak to Rev'd Jo or Richard Prideaux.

Congregational Meeting with election of Wardens and Councilors: St Augustine's 27th November.

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th December **Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**

Tuesday 13th December – **Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes**

Sunday 13th December **Carols by the Bay**

Annual Parish Christmas Dinner MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 6.00pm for 6.30pm contact Ralph Leditschke for tickets.

Learn a new skill - We are training new vestry helpers and Eucharistic assistants.
Speak to Rev'd Jo if you would like to help.



Can you help? Volunteers needed on 2nd Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.



Journey to Bethlehem - you are invited to be involved!

In 2021 during the 2 weeks prior to Christmas, the Bethlehem Spoonville in the grounds at St Philips was a huge success, engaging the community and highlighting the true story of Christmas. This year we are planning for 6 installations to highlight key parts of the Christmas story. This will invite onlookers to reflect on the Journey to Bethlehem with the aim of teaching the key elements of the Christmas story.

Again, there will be some costs involved for materials, signage etc. We have already received some donations, if members of the Parish would like to make a contribution please place in a marked envelope in the offertory, hand to the treasurer or make an EFT with the reference 'Journey'. Please also let Glenys know if you are willing to help with the set up planned for 9 December. Many thanks, Glenys (for the Worship Committee)

Please pray for:
Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall, Terry Duffield, Jenny and John Dawson
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please tell Rev'd Jo



St Philip's

THE FLOWER FUND NEEDS FEEDING

Box for donations is located in porch on Sundays

Join us for Christmas across the Parish

Sunday 18th December 4.00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols St Philip's



Saturday 24th December

5.00pm Family Service Parish Hall

5.00pm Family Service St Augustine's

7.30pm Carols & Holy Communion St Paul's

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Philip's

Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion St Augustine's

10.00am Holy Communion St Philip's

Monday 26th December

Feast of Stephen

You can help Refugees by putting items in the basket at St Philip's. Most needed items include: honey, tuna in oil, tinned tomatoes, tinned veggies, tinned legumes, sweet & savoury biscuits, black tea bags, dishwashing liquid, shampoo & conditioner, soap bars.

