



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island  
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass  
St Philip's, Cowes

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SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 17 <sup>th</sup>	
WED 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room
SAT 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room
SUN 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am Holy Communion St Philip's, Cowes 11.00am Holy Communion St Augustine's, San Remo 12.30pm Holy Communion St Paul's, Bass

### **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 we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



#### **This week's roster Second after Epiphany**

**St Philip's** – Welcomers: F. Leighton; Readers: R. Gijbers; Intercession: R. Prideaux; Vestry: L. Heflingers; Power Point: F. Zulian; Music: G. Gijbers; Morning tea: M. Zulian

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster [gladmanwendy@gmail.com](mailto:gladmanwendy@gmail.com)

**St Augustine's** – Leader: A. Garrett; Input: Rev. Jo; Children: D. Garrett

**St Paul's** – Reader: Ro. Hayhurst; Prayers: Rh. Hayhurst; Chalice: B. Maghanoy

#### **Next week's roster Third after Epiphany**

**St Philip's** – Welcomer: W. Gladman; Reader: C. Fleming; Intercession: R. Gijbers; Vestry: H. Millward; Power Point: J. Millward; Music: K. White; Morning tea: F. Leighton

**St Augustine's**

**St Paul's** – Reader: L. Ridge; Prayers: S. Ridge; Chalice: A. Gloria

**This week's readings** - Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

## Next Week's Readings 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-10; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

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](mailto:glenys.stacs@gmail.com)



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<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes/>

## The Sentence of the Day

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 40:1-14*

I waited patiently for the Lord:

**And he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters, out of the mire and clay:

**And set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.**

And he has put a new song in my mouth:

**Even a song of thanksgiving to our God.**

Many shall see it and fear:

**And shall put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:

**Who have not turned to the proud, or to those who wander in deceit.**

O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things which you have done, and your thoughts which are towards us:

**There is none to be compared with you;**

Were I to declare them and speak of them:

**They are more than I am able to express.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:

**But my ear you have marked for obedience;**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:

**Then said I, Lo, I come.**

In the scroll of the book it is written of me, that I should do your will:

**O my God, I long to do it, you law delights my heart.**

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation:

**I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and that you know.**

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.**

I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:

**From the great congregation.**

O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:

**Let your loving-kindness and your truth ever preserve me.**

*(Response)*

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

***As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen***

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 1 beginning at verse 29;*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'after me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit

descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

A word or two of recommendation:

It's one of if not the best Italian restaurant I have ever been to

I cannot recommend this restaurant enough. The food is amazing, the ambiance is wonderful and the staff are simply fabulous.

There is simply nothing to fault about this restaurant. Firstly, the staff a just superb, friendly, attentive, knowledgeable about their offerings- by the time we left we felt like we'd made new friends.

This is a great place with good coffee. There's a strong sense of belonging. Everyone feels welcome and it's easy to make friends here. That's a recommendation I created from our NCLS results, well except for the bit about the coffee but we do serve good brewed coffee after church.

A good recommendation is just as important as a negative one. We often find ourselves letting people know what coffee shop to avoid or what food was not up to scratch. Perhaps as people of faith we are more likely to recommend those places and experiences we have found to be nourishing and life-giving.

We see a great movie, we get good service, we find a bargain and we let our friends know about it. Hopefully we are just as good at recommending the good news about our church or more importantly the good news about Jesus. We might wonder why that seems to be harder than other recommendations.

Perhaps the answer has something to do with us and something to do with the prevailing culture. The most recent census (2021) noted a decline in the number of people 43.9% identifying as Christian. Even though Christianity is still the most common religion in Australia it is in the minority while Hinduism and Islam are on the rise. More worrying, perhaps is the increase in those identifying as having no religion 40%. This is a 10% increase from the previous census. What are we to make of all of this when the gospels and the writings of St Paul so often call us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others? How can we possibly

keep the good news to ourselves when we know from direct experience how nourishing and life-giving is a life of faith?

As disciples we might need to consider how these forces interact with each other and what our role is in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps we will need to develop the boldness of a minority to stir us into action. Perhaps we will need to be stronger and better informed about the good news we have and its impact on our lives and on the lives of others.

As the hymn bears witness;

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light whose canopy space.

When we know the great love and power of God, we cannot help ourselves we must talk about it with others.

We need to find ways to talk about what it means to have the love of God. Good communication is so important, it is the lubricant of society. Talking to others and with others about our own faith, about our experience of life in the body of Christ, is our recommendation to *come and see* what a difference a relationship with Jesus and with his church makes to our lives and can make in the lives of others.

When John the Baptist said of Jesus, 'There is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world..' he was passing on the truth he had been given by God. It was more than a recommendation it was a profound expression of Jesus' mission.

To say that Jesus is the Lamb of God is a significant statement but it is also a bit tricky.

It is significant because Jesus is of God that is to say Jesus' ability to take away our sin flows from him having come from God.

It is only God who takes away or we might say forgives our sin.

The tricky part is that saying Jesus is The Lamb suggests more than just one idea. It could be a reference to the suffering servant of Isaiah, or the triumphant lamb of Revelation or the Lamb of Passover. It could be a reference to what we might call a scape-goat.

On the Day of Atonement the Jewish priests would prepare two goats to receive all the sins of the people. This blood sacrifice was in order to cleanse the people of their sin. However, God's generous cleansing of his people was not intended to allow sin to continue unchallenged. Israel was to be cleansed in order to live holy lives of obedience. ([Leviticus 16:29, 31](#))

This is a tricky way to think about Jesus - as 'Lamb of God' because substitution does not really deal with sin once and for all. It is just too simplistic. We can't just dump all our sins on Jesus and walk away Scott free. Our sins are forgiven, thanks be to God, but let us not forget that there is more to it than a quick fix or a cultic ritual. Forgiveness is unconditional and yet there is something to work through and work with that comes from knowing and receiving that forgiveness.

What Jesus does as Lamb of God is really the topic of another sermon because today, we are going to focus on how John's disciples and then Jesus' brand-new disciples respond to John's revelation.

'There is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.'

Firstly, John's disciples respond to this news by following Jesus, they are sort of tailing him because Jesus has to turn around and ask them what they are up to. They call him Rabbi.

A teacher.

Lots of people, even people in the church, think of Jesus as a great teacher. Jesus is a great teacher but he is so much more than that.

After these disciples of John had stayed with Jesus for a while Andrew decided he would go and get his brother. It's as if Andrew has finally found the very best fishing spot and needs to share that with his brother. [Dickies Bay on the eastern side of the bridge behind the police station is said to be the spot for whiting at the moment.]

Our Bible reading today doesn't take us any further than Andrew bringing Simon to Jesus but on the next day there was a similar pattern.

Philip is called by Jesus and he cannot contain himself either and so he, like Andrew, goes and finds Nathanael and on seeing for himself Nathanael doesn't just call Jesus Rabbi he ups the ante and calls Jesus Son of God and King of Israel.

Over these few days there is a growing awareness among Jesus' new disciples as they come to know for themselves who Jesus is. The more they know of Him the more they want to share it with others.

Initially it is Jesus who invites them to 'Come and see' and then Philip encourages Nathanael to 'Come and see'.

I began by saying that we ought not to keep good news to ourselves; a good recommendation goes a long way. And clearly John's disciples felt the same. They had been led by John to the Lamb of God, they didn't have the full picture, they didn't know all the answers but something told them they could not keep this to themselves.

Perhaps we might feel like reluctant disciples or that we are a bit nervous to call ourselves disciples in case that means we might have to answer every single curly question that was ever conceived as a stumbling block to a life of faith.

Brothers and sisters, the example of these new disciples is clear, they didn't know it all and we don't have to know it all.

What we do need to do is have the courage to say to those we know and even those we don't know, 'Come and see' for yourselves.

We do have something pretty special here; we do have something totally amazing to offer. We know about Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. Who takes away our sin and restores us into the loving arms of God.

Jesus befriends sinners, like you and me.

He put us in touch with that core of goodness which exists in everyone.

Through his own luminous goodness, he evokes goodness in us.

Our darkness is never overcome by our own striving but only by Jesus, the light of the world.

Come and see,

Come and see for yourself.

**Let us pray for the world and the church:**

Lord our God, we pray for the nations affected by poverty and serious environmental events; floods, droughts, rising sea-levels that help will come to them and that justice might be done so that the poorest may receive food, shelter, education and a sense of safety and security. We pray too for peace in our world especially we pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray your blessing upon all who go to other lands on our behalf to work among the poor and the refugees.

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

Lord our God, we pray for the church which feels the pressure of a society that ignores and rejects your message of love, hope and justice. Give us courage God, to speak up about the joy we know to be ours because of light that is your Son Jesus. Give us courage, give us words to recommend, invite and support those who do not know you so that they too may come and see how good it is to be in the presence of Jesus every day of their lives.

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

Lord our God, we pray for the sick – those who have cancer, those who are facing operations or are recovering from operations, those who, these days, find getting about just too hard. Lord, comfort and bring healing to those who struggle with their mental health, those who are weary, and those who are searching for purpose. Lord, bring light in the darkness of all who are sick or struggling with life.

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

Lord our God, we thank you for Jesus, for his power to heal, to forgive sins, and to transform lives. We take a moment of silence to remember the dear departed, we whisper their name into your ear, we hold them close in our mind's eye praying 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:**

Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (TIS 204)

O Worship the King (TIS 133)

Dear Father, Lord of Humankind (TIS 598)

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord (TIS 562)

#### **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.

### DIARY DATES

**Book Sales** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> set up in the afternoon Trading Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
**LENT**

Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

First Sunday in Lent 26<sup>th</sup> February [26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer Praise Proclamation Service 9.00am St Philip's]

### 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



### Helpful websites

Parish website [www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org](http://www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org)

Dioceses of Gippsland website [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes)



### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE EVENT**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6.00pm Parish Hall**

A dinner of savory and sweet pancakes and the burning of palm crosses in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

**PARISH HOME GROUPS** - Lenten Studies commence from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

You are free to contact our leaders for information about starting dates for 2023

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

Palm Lakes Group – Friday 10.00am Contact Helen Millward.

San Remo Group –Wednesday 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson new study for 2023: Friendship – Growing Side by Side

Bass Home Group –Thursday 2.30pm Leader: Sandy & Les Ridge



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

**MTR**

**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.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.

Please pray for:  
 Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall,  
 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



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.

