



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

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THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023  
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 24 <sup>th</sup>	
WED 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes 2.00pm– 4.00pm Book Sales, Parish Hall
FRI 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 4.00pm Book Sales, Parish Hall 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room
SAT 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room 10.00am – 4.00pm Book Sales, Parish Hall
SUN 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Holy Communion St Philip's, Cowes 11.00am – 4.00pm Book Sales, Parish Hall 11.00am Family Service 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 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

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

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

**St Philip's** – Welcomer: M. Wright; Readers: H. Millward; Intercession: J. Wright; Vestry: C. Hill; Power Point: L. Heflingers; Music: K. Kent; Morning tea: J. Bell.

## St Augustine's

**St Paul's** - Reader: E. Humphry; Prayers: Rev. Jo; Chalice: B. Maghanoy

**This week's readings** - 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**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 27: 1-10**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:

**They shall stumble and fall.**

If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:

**And if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.**

One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:

**That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

To see the fair beauty of the Lord:

**And to seek his will in his temple.**

For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:

**And conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.**

And now we will lift up my head:

**Above my enemies round about me.**

And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:

**I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

O Lord hear my voice when I cry:

**Have mercy upon me and answer me.**

My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':

**Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

*(Response)*

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

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

### **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 4 beginning at verse 12;*

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

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

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

#### **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

In his email to clergy this week Bishop Richard began with:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, light to the nations,

And ended with the following:

If you found the salutation at the start of this email slightly ambiguous – who is 'light to the nations': Christ, or us in him? – It is intentionally so, for the answer of course is both.

Everything we do together in the year unfolding before us has as its goal and purpose the sharing of the light of the Gospel in our communities and our world – a vocation bestowed first – and still – on God's people Israel, onto which we have been graciously grafted in the anointed one.



We find ourselves today looking at the call of the disciples to come and follow Jesus who is the light of the world. The image I have chosen for today's sermon shows Jesus on the shore with his hand outstretched beckoning James and John or maybe it's Peter and Andrew. The call of Jesus is responded to, in both cases, with immediacy. The disciples leave their nets, a symbol of their trade and livelihood to follow Jesus immediately. We might wonder why they did that. What is it about Jesus that evokes such a dramatic response? The short answer is something imbedded in the early part of today's reading. Jesus is found in a specific geographic location of deep significance to Matthew's Jewish readers. What has been spoken by the prophet Isaiah is being fulfilled – Jesus, the light of the world has come. Jesus, the one of prophecy is calling them, he is calling them by name and they respond with immediacy.

Sometimes when I'm out for one of my longer walks I find myself listening to a hymn or sacred song on replay in my head.

This week it was a chant from Taize with the words,

'The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust.'

What a special moment, to come home from that walk, sit down and begin this sermon to discover that not only does today's psalm include the words – the Lord is my light and my salvation, but the Taize chant is based on that very psalm, psalm 27.

The idea of a Taize chant is to meditate on its meaning by repeating it over and over and over. So, let's take it piece by piece.

The Lord is my light - Jesus refers to himself as the light of the world, a light that according to the writer of John's gospel shines in the darkness and the darkness has never overcome it.

The Lord is my light and my salvation - it is he who is able to save not just me or you, not just the people of Israel but the people outside Judaism, the Gentiles. Jesus brings his message of hope, his teaching and his healing to the whole world.

The Lord is my light and salvation, in him I trust - psalm 27 says whom then shall I fear? We put our trust in Jesus because he alone has the power to save. We put our trust in Jesus because he alone casts out all fear. We do not fear the grave because Jesus has conquered death; he has conquered the darkest of darkness for us.

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When we are children, we are often scared of the dark, perhaps that's because somewhere in our deepest self we are frightened of the things we cannot see. Or perhaps the dark is a place of danger where we might fall over or trip on something. The ghost train at Luna Park is meant to be scary and part of its scariness is because we are in the dark, and then, at various twists and turns there are sudden noises, skeletons jump out, cobwebs brush against our faces and ghouls show themselves in the half light.

What we long for is the light where things are clear, where we can see what we're doing and where we're going. -

Most of us love daylight-saving with its long summer days full of sunlight. Natural light seems to possess a kind of positive energy that gives us a feeling of liveliness. We want to get outside and get involved in things.

In the northern hemisphere they are currently experiencing the depths of winter. Some Alpine valleys are so deep that the rays of the sun do not reach them at all for several days or even weeks. These days can be very depressing for the people who live there. It is almost as if life were one long dark night. The Salesian priest Flor McCarthy tells the story of a priest who ministered in one of these dark valleys. One day in the middle of winter he was in the classroom speaking to some children, who hadn't seen the sun for nine whole days. Then, all of a sudden, a single ray of sunshine penetrated their classroom. On seeing it the children immediately jumped out of their seats and erupted into cheers and shouts of pure joy. Light can have that effect on us. The light of Christ also has just such an effect.

Matthew compares the arrival of Jesus on the scene to the coming of a great light to a people who had been living in deep darkness. Not physical darkness but the deep darkness of the soul.

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A priest was invited to bless the new home of a family in her parish. As she went from room to room it was clear that every room had been carefully cleaned and prepared for her visit. The beds were made, the dishes done, every surface dusted and fresh flowers in many of the rooms. Having blessed each room with prayer and holy water the group ended up in front of a closed door. The priest took the handle ready to go in and bless this final room when the lady of the house stopped her saying,

'Oh please, don't go in there, it's just the garage.'

'Ok, said the priest, no worries.'

But later the priest began to wonder why it was that she was not invited to bless the garage as well. Perhaps it was because it was a mess and the family didn't want to be embarrassed by letting her see all the junk that was piled up out there.



It's natural for us to be at our best before others but if we go deeper this story might help us to understand what Jesus meant when he said, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' (Matthew 4:17)

There are parts of ourselves and of society that need to be redeemed, bought back, and reclaimed. These are the parts we tend to hide or simply ignore, a bit like the junk in the garage. It's as if we don't want the light to shine into the dark areas of our lives. It's not easy for us to talk about such things, we'd much rather put on a brave face or ignore it in the hope that it will just go away. If we are going to open up about these messy, dark things then we need to be able to trust the person to whom we reveal them.

Let the words of the Taize chant come back to us now as we consider this question – Who can we trust to hear the worst, the darkest things of our lives?

Answer - only the Lord Jesus;

'The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust.'

Every one of us has a messy part of the house, a dark recess where old hurts, hates, painful memories and fears are locked away. These things are a burden that we do not have to bear. The dark places can be redeemed; they can be brought into the light. We are invited by God to open ourselves to the healing light of Christ.

It is significant that the first words of Jesus' public ministry are:

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

To repent is to admit our darkness, and to open ourselves to the light.

As Bishop Richard has reminded us this week:

Everything we do together has as its goal and purpose the sharing of the light of the Gospel in our communities and our world.

We are called by Jesus to follow him and to fish for people. (Matthew 4:19) We are called by the light to be light.

'The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in him I trust, in him I trust.'

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

Jesus, light of the world we pray for our world giving thanks for its beauty and for its variety and abundance. We pray too for the dark places in our world where there is oppression and injustice. We pray for those people who have been imprisoned falsely and those who are victimised because of their race, gender or beliefs. God of the nations, bring justice, bring peace, and bring light into our darkness. Let us not be afraid but trust in your goodness, mercy and love.

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

Jesus, light of the world we pray for your church giving thanks for its diversity. We pray for the leaders of churches especially we pray for the churches of this area and for their mission to bring light to those in our community. We pray for those who are responding to the call of Jesus to leave their nets and follow him. Help us to support them and give them courage to step out boldly and follow you.

May our church be a beacon of hope in this community; that we might offer a warm and loving environment in which to explore the life of faith; that we might be faithful to your call to us and that we might learn to fish for people.

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

Jesus, light of the world we pray for those who are sick or experiencing the dark night of the soul. We pray for your comfort, healing, and peace for those recovering from operations, those who are awaiting surgery and those who wait with them. We pray for those who have cancer that you might strengthen them as they undergo their treatment. Lord, we give you thanks for all who work in the medical profession; in hospitals, health clinics, pharmacies and aged care. We pray for your light to penetrate the darkness of those struggling with daily life, those for whom each day is a struggle. Show us, Lord how we can bring light into their darkness.

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

Jesus, light of the world we pray for those who are sad and weighed down with grief because of the death of a loved one, in some cases in tragic and violent circumstance, comfort your people, help them through the darkness of this time and help them find the light that is your resurrection glory. **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:**

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (TIS 477)

Lord of the Dance (TIS 242)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (531)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (TIS 658)

#### **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: Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm

## LENT

Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Pancakes Parish Hall 6pm (see below for details)

Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Service of Imposition of Ashes St Philip's 4.00pm and St Paul's 7.00pm

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]

Parish Council 2.00pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Emmaus Room or via Teams

## 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



# Shrove Tuesday



## 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. \$5.00 per head.

MARY TALBOT ROOM – Our Op Shop in San Remo needs some hand knitted items for sale. If you love knitting, we would love to sell some of your creations. Baby and children's garments are popular.

## Helpful websites

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

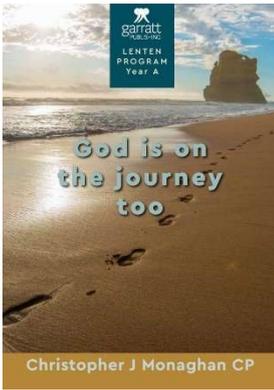
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**CHAT 'N' CHEW** is a shared ministry of the Combined Churches of Phillip Island. Would you like to help? Would you like to join the committee and represent the Anglican Church in this important ministry to lonely and vulnerable people in our community?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



## PARISH HOME GROUPS –



LENTEN STUDIES – God is on the Journey, Too \$10.00

Lenten Studies commence from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Meeting weekly during Lent. You are free to contact our leaders for information about starting dates for 2023

Cowes, Emmaus Room Group –Wednesday 1.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Cowes, Palm Lakes Group – Friday 10.00am Contact Helen Millward

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

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

**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.

