



Sunday 28th December 2025

The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island

St Philip's, Cowes
St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

Welcome! *It is wonderful to gather for worship and celebrate the risen Lord. If you are visiting, we'd love you to join us for morning tea after the service.*

We meet for worship on the lands of Bunurong, Gunai-kurnai and Woi-Wurrung people; the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and pray God's blessings on all peoples.

Today: 28th December 2025 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9, Psalm 148 Matthew 2: 13-23



After the joy of celebrating Christmas and the birth of Jesus, today we read that even as a young babe Jesus' life was threatened by a jealous and hate filled King Herod. No one however can thwart God's plans, so another angel was sent to Joseph in dream with a

warning and instructions to flee to Egypt. God was in control and guided every step of Jesus' life, from birth to death to his resurrection, so that we might have life in him. When we face opposition for our faith, let us not fear, but place our trust in God, let us speak out for justice and proclaim the good news of Jesus for all people.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **For the World:** God of justice and mercy, we pray for all places torn by war and violence. Guide leaders to seek peace, protect the innocent, and bring healing where there is division. We pray for an end to hate speech, for people to love rather than hate.
- **For the Church:** We pray for a great outpouring of your holy spirit upon your church, that in all denominations the light of Jesus will be shown. We pray for revival and an expectation of new growth, for people wanting to find out about you, some for the first time and those rediscovering the love that you have for each and everyone.
- **For the Community:** We pray for the Theos team as they run their Beach mission here in Cowes. We pray for the conversations and discussions that take place. For the light of Jesus be abundantly clear. We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters for their safety and wellbeing. We pray for safety for those on holidays, especially on the roads and in the water. We pray for our police and emergency services.
- **For those in need:** Generous Father, we pray for those struggling with poverty, hunger, or homelessness. We pray for those unwell in body, mind or spirit, bring comfort and healing. Stir our hearts to act with justice and mercy, that all may share in the abundance of your creation.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Thursday 1st January 2026 – 10:00 St. Philip's, Cowes, Communion Service

Sunday 4th January 9:30 St. Philip's, Cowes, Communion Service,

11:00 St. Augustine's, San Remo, Family Service

11:30 St. Paul's, Bass, Communion Service

NEWS and EVENTS:

CMS Summer under the Son Mission Conference, January 8-9 2026 Syndal Baptist Church Glen Waverly. To register go to <https://www.summerundertheson.org/>

Bible Study/ Home Groups: are in recess until the new year. Speak to Ruth or James if you'd like to join a group.

Cash for Cans – A collecting bin is by the shed, behind the parish hall. All tins and bottles with 10c redemption welcome. Money raised devoted to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Next Sunday: 2nd after Christmas (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60: 1-6, psalm 72:1-14, Matthew 2:1-12