



Sunday 1st February 2026
The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island

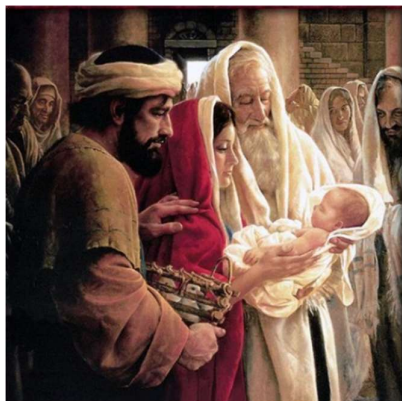
St Philip's, Cowes
St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

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: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4, Psalm 84, Luke 2: 22-40



Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple to say thank you to God for him. While they were there, two very special people noticed Jesus. **Simeon** was an old man who had been waiting his whole life to see God's promised Saviour. When he saw Jesus, he was so happy! He held Jesus in his arms and thanked God, saying that Jesus would bring light and hope to everyone. **Anna** was an elderly woman who prayed in the Temple every day. She saw Jesus too, and she began telling everyone that this child would bring God's rescue.

After this, Mary and Joseph took Jesus home to Nazareth, where he grew up healthy, wise, and full of God's love.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **For the World:** God of all nations, bring peace where there is conflict, justice where people are treated unfairly, and hope where life feels fragile. Guide leaders to act with wisdom and compassion and help us all to care for your creation.
- **For the Church:** Faithful God, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Bless our bishops, ministers, and all who serve. Help our congregation to be welcoming, prayerful, and ready to share your love with others. Make us signs of Christ's light in our community. We pray that Rev'd Ruth Hanlon will return refreshed and thank you for Rev'd Liam Matthews leading us this morning.
- **For the Community:** Loving God, watch over our neighbourhoods, schools, workplaces, and all who help our town to flourish. For all the Children returning to school and for their teachers. Be close to those who feel lonely, anxious, or forgotten. Show us how to be good neighbours and how to bring your love and kindness into everyday places.
- **For those in need:** Healing God, hold in your care all who are sick, grieving, tired, or carrying heavy burdens. Give strength to carers, medical staff, and families. Surround those we name in our hearts with your comfort and peace.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK February 2026:

Thursday 5th February 10:00am St. Philip's, Cowes, Communion Service

Friday 6th 11.00am – 2.00pm – Chat 'N' Chew – Emmaus Room, Cowes

Sunday 8th February

9:30 St. Philip's, Cowes, Communion Service

11:00 St. Augustine's San Remo Communion Service

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

NEWS and EVENTS:

17th February 6pm Shrove Tuesday, Pancakes in the Parish Hall, Cowes

18th February Ash Wednesday – Service 7pm St. Philip's Cowes.

Bible Study/ Home Groups: Starting back in time for Lent. Speak to Ruth if you'd like to join a group. Lenten studies across the parish will begin in Feb.

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.

Volunteers needed: Mary Talbot Op Shop, Chat 'n' Chew, Market days, Church Rosters. Speak to Ruth for more information...

Also Volunteers needed: For repairs to St Philip's building. Can you wield a paint brush or handy with wood work? then we are putting a team together to undertake repairs to the church wood work. Speak to James for details.

Next Sunday: Isaiah 58: 1-12, Psalm 112, Matthew 5: 13-20