



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: First Sunday in Lent** : Jesus tested in the wilderness.

**Readings:** Psalm 32, Romans 5: 12-21, Matthew 4: 1-11



Why was Jesus led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested? Why does God allow us to be tempted? Jesus was tested for 40 days, reminiscent of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert. At the beginning of creation, Adam had been tempted. Adam gave into temptation and our relationship with God was broken. The Israelites repeatedly gave into

temptation, making and following other idols. Where they failed, Jesus succeeded, he did not sin, rather went to the cross to defeat sin and the devil so we might be restored to God. As Jesus resisted the devil with words of scripture, so can we. Each time we resist temptation we build our spiritual muscle, and become more like Jesus, being obedient to the Father. As we journey through Lent may we be aware of our own temptations and sin and be grateful to God for sending Jesus to die for our sin, that we might be reconciled to him.

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### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- **For the World** God of all creation, hold our world in your mercy. Where there is conflict, sow peace; where there is hunger, bring relief; where communities face disaster or uncertainty, strengthen all who work for safety, justice, and hope. Turn our hearts toward the things that make for peace.
- **For the Church:** Faithful God, renew your Church in every place. Strengthen your people to live holy lives, modelling Jesus's sinless life, his rejection of the devil's temptations. Especially protect church leaders, guard them from falling into sin.
- **For the Community:** Loving God, watch over the communities of Bass Coast and Phillip Island. Bless our families, neighbours, workplaces, and schools. Guide those who serve in local leadership and inspire us to care for one another and for the beauty of the land and sea entrusted to us.
- **For those in need:** Merciful God, draw near to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Bring comfort to the grieving, healing to the unwell, companionship to the lonely, and rest to the weary.

### **DIARY DATES THIS WEEK February 2026:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Communion Service** St. Philip's, Cowes

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am – 2.00pm** – Chat 'N' Chew – in the Parish Hall

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**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:**

**Bible Study/ Home Groups:** Speak to Ruth if you'd like to join a group.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March World Day of Prayer, 10am** Baptist Church, Cowes

**10:30am** Community Hall, Bass

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Mens Event -*The Man we Need – In a world where something is missing:*** Wonthaggi Baptist Church 6pm cost \$20 (includes food) Starts at 6pm See poster/flyer for details.

**Emergency Food Pantry (San Remo) & PICAL:** please bring in non-perishable foods to bless those in need; pasta and sauce, tuna, 2 min noodles, coffee and toilet paper especially appreciated.

**Next Sunday** Psalm 121, Romans 4: 1-17, John 3: 1-17 (Jesus teaches Nicodemus)