

# The Parish Paper

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The Anglican Parish of Bass—Phillip Island

Rector: The Rev'd Ruth Hanlon



Choose  
Hope  
Love  
Justice



**The Reverend  
Dr. John Wright  
60 years Blessed  
to be a blessing**

Our parish acknowledges the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and meet.  
We commit to working respectfully to honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this country

## Ruth's Reflections

### Advent to Epiphany – A season of celebration and mission in Bass-Phillip Island.

What a busy and rich time we've had in the parish this season! On the first Sunday of Advent we enjoyed a combined parish service, welcoming the Red Frogs who were using our hall for their annual mission of caring for the schoolies in Cowes, and we celebrated the ministry of Rev'd Dr John Wright (see cover photo). As well as being the first Sunday in Advent, it was also the feast of St Andrew, the day John was ordained as a Deacon in New Zealand 60 years ago!

It was wonderful to celebrate this anniversary with John and his family. John is one of those quiet, wise, caring pastors and a gifted teacher. As well as parish ministry, John spent many years teaching Old Testament and languages in the UK, New Zealand and Australia. For the past 20 years, he has been living in retirement with his wife Michaela on Phillip Island. At the age of 85, John has decided not to renew his licence (PTO).

And so it was fitting on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination for him to celebrate the eucharist for the last time with the combined parish and members of his family. ▼



It was a very special and emotional time. Thank you, John for your inspirational example of servant leadership. We know you will still be quietly serving in many ways, but as Bishop Richard said in his tribute to you, maybe 'PTO' might stand for 'Permission to Turn Off For a Bit'? (Which would actually be a 'PtTOFAB'!)

The island has been very busy over Christmas and New Year, and our services have been joyously full to overflowing. On Boxing Day, the Scripture Union Theos team arrived for their



Photo: F Zulian

annual summer mission operating out of the parish hall. It was wonderful to partner with them again, and we pray for fruit from seeds sown and new testaments given to hundreds of people! We pray that many will read them and have an 'epiphany' and meet Jesus perhaps for the first time as his word speaks to them.



Photo: J Millward

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Already one local has stepped into church, (something he vowed he'd never do), as he experienced God's grace in his life.

The Theos team might have departed on Epiphany Sunday, but we continue God's mission, shining the light of Christ in our communities. We are excited for what God has in store for 2026 as we faithfully and prayerfully seek to grow his Kingdom – to God be the Glory!

## **Parish Council Notes**

### **Sandy Ridge**

#### **Notes from the Parish Council meeting held 15 January 2026**

Day, Time and Location of Council Meetings in 2026: Continue meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 pm  
Continue rotating the location between Cowes, San Remo, Cowes and Bass

Finance: 1 October– 31 January 2026

Income	\$68,790	up 1.85%
Expenses	\$57,259	down 0.67%
Net	\$11,531	

Fundraising: 1 October – 31 January 2026

Book sales & GP breakfasts	\$8,265.85
Mary Talbot Rm San Remo	\$8,405.21
St Philip's Guild	\$1,902.01

Changed service times: James Millward will organise that all church signs be changed to list the new service times at all churches. Change of service times to be affirmed at the February Parish Council meeting.

St Paul's Bass congregation have agreed to attend services at St Augustine's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. There will be no services at St Paul's on those days.

Bishop Manasseh from Gahini is planning to visit Gippsland Diocese 22 Feb–1 Mar.

Finance Committee members: S Ridge, R Gijsbers, H Dixon, A Prideaux, Ruth Hanlon.

Sale of property at Bass:  
The sale was passed in at auction.

Richard and Glenys Gijsbers are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 21 February in the Parish Hall. The afternoon event will be an open invitation to any members of the parish who would like to attend.

Congregational meetings in 2026 to be confirmed:

1 March St Paul's & St Philip's; 8 March St Augustine's

5 July St Paul's & St Philip's; 12 July St Augustine's

6 September St Paul's & St Philip's; 13 September St Augustine's

November/December after the Parish AGM

Shrove Tuesday 17 February. Pancakes in the Parish Hall at 6 pm.

Lenten Studies: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026. Books on the study of Joy have been ordered.

Ash Wednesday 18 February. Services in St Augustine's and St Philip's at 7 pm.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services: 29 March (Palm Sunday) at Cowes (Rev'd Ruth to organise a speaker); 31 May speaker tba; 30 August (speaker from BCA); 29 November tba.

Deanery: Proposed meetings in 2026:

Friday 20 March: Corner Inlet to host at Christchurch, Foster

**Friday 17 July: Bass Philip Island to host at Cowes, speaker Rev'd Ruth Hanlon**

Friday 16 October: Wonthaggi Inverloch to host at St George's, Wonthaggi

Annual safety site inspection checks: Each church to carry out an inspection, complete the form and note any items to be dealt with.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thu 19 February, 7 pm in the meeting room at Bass. □



Kath Kent—a ministry of music and positivity by Glenys Gijsbers.

I only met Kath when we moved here at the end of 2020 and she is one of the most positive people I have ever known.

I am told that music was only part of what Kath had been involved in, but I only knew her as being a competent and faithful pianist at St Philip's.

I thoroughly enjoyed being brought in so gently to being part of the music ministry and getting to know her. In late 2024 she was unable to continue playing due to a fall and issues with her eyesight and she now resides in Phillip Island Community Care (Grossard Court).

We had wanted to mark Kath's service in music and tried to work a time when she would be at church or another parish event, but the opportunity never presented.

The months rolled by but I didn't want to see it slip away completely. So at the end of November, flowers were organised and a card signed by the musicians/singers on behalf of the parish and Kath was delighted!

We do miss her smiling face Sunday by Sunday.

**Glenys Gijsbers is a member of the Parish Hall committee, Music group and regular contributor to The Parish Paper.**



*It's Christmas Eve at St Paul's and two members of the Maghanoy family place the Christ child and crib into the Nativity scene and light the Christ Candle.*

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**MAF** AU  
Mission Aviation Fellowship

**Mission Matters**



\*Calculated from Joshua Project, WHO & UNICEF 2022 reports.

## It's her **future**

*'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.'*

- Proverbs 31:8 (NIV)

More than 17,000 young Maasai girls are at risk of forced marriage before they turn 18 (calculated from Joshua Project, WHO & UNICEF 2022 reports). Their childhoods, rights and hopes are ripped away from them, in exchange for some cattle.

In the remote village of Malambo, Tanzania, forced child marriage is a devastating occurrence for young Maasai girls. Their only hope for protection? School.

*'Many Maasai girls my age are married, and some have children too,'* explains 14-year-old Elinami. *'Maasai girls are sold to an old man for cattle exchange. They have no choice so they become his property and can't make any decisions for themselves.'*

School is more than just learning for Elinami. It's her health; her safety; her future. It's the reason she can dream of a life she wants and not one that's forced on her.

## Protect her **future**

MAF has partnered with Help For The Maasai (HFTM) - a Christian organisation that runs the primary school, secondary school, medical centre and orphanage in the remote area of Malambo, Tanzania - to deliver school supplies and medical check-up kits for every child.

MAF flights are the only way to get these essential supplies to them quickly and safely - and these essential supplies are the only way to keep young girls like Elinami in school.

*'I am grateful that I can go to school. School can save me and give me a better life.'* - Elinami

God calls us to defend the oppressed and rescue the vulnerable. Your gift of \$176 can keep girls like Elinami in school - healthy, protected and able to continue their education - by fuelling a MAF flight delivering school supplies and medical check-up kits. ►

*O God you have made of all blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are near: grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and hasten the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## **Mission Prayers**

**Rhoda Hayhurst**



*its medical work and support services and its care for the young.*

*Encourage workers in loneliness and refresh them in hardship. Call many to stand with them in making Christ known, that your redeeming love might be accepted throughout our land. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

### **MAF Mission Aviation**

#### **Fellowship**

Pray for Josh and Ely Flynn and their children Evelyn, Margot, Reuben and Dorothy serving with the MAF in Arnhem Land.

#### **Please pray for;**

- \* The health and spiritual wellbeing of all the family
- \* Give thanks as a new year begins at school and in ministry
- \* Protect and keep them safe as they travel.
- \* Pray for Christ to be lifted up and glorified in Arnhem Land
- \* Pray for all believers to have strength in the sacrifices they make to follow Jesus
- \* Pray for the ongoing challenges every day that peace and good governance may prevail.

#### **Please pray for MAF International**

- \* The safety of all pilots and ground staff
- \* Safe landing strips in dangerous areas
- \* Good maintenance of all planes
- \* Good cooperation between staff, spiritual protection in all areas of work
- \* Health and strength of all members of the team
- \* God's continued guidance, and for wisdom and unity, as leaders make decisions that will shape the next decades of ministry.

### **The Bush Church Aid Society**

#### **Prayer**

*Lord our God we pray for all who live in remote parts of Australia. Thank you for the Bush Church Aid Society, for its ministry of word and sacrament,*

#### **Please pray for;**

- \* David and Lauren Horne and their children Elka, Posy and Lennox, for strength and good health as they serve in Southern Beaches Tasmania
- \* For protection of the church as it becomes an established church and continues to grow and flourish
- \* Give thanks for the new partnership with Christian surfers
- \* Give thanks for all those who support BCA in prayer and financially.

*God of hope you call us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.*

### **Local Parish Missions**

*Lord God we pray for all the communities in which we live and work. Help us always to be good neighbours and friends; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pray for all involved in parish mission. Pray that God will protect and keep safe all workers. Make our places of mission places of peace, encouragement and safety. God is our strength and refuge let us lean on Him and praise Him for His faithfulness in all things. ►

Please pray for the work of the MTR [Mary Talbot Room]

- \* Pray for more volunteers
- \* Pray for health and strength of current workers
- \* Pray for cooks to fill the shelves
- \* Give thanks for all who come through the door that they will be blessed and filled with peace
- \* Give thanks for the Emergency Food Relief at San Remo. We thank you for the abundance of donations and the many who use the food bank that they may be blessed by entering God's house.

Give thanks for all who work at the Book Sales over the year, for all who worked serving breakfasts at Grand Prix weekend.



## MODAWA Niusleta

NEWSLETTER OF THE MODAWA  
INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

This year the institute receives its second year of enrolments in the David Hand School of Teaching. In 2027 we are looking towards a first year intake into nursing. These are new developments, yet they follow a strangely old formula. The first missionaries in PNG understood that the Gospel had to be proclaimed in a wholeness that addressed all levels of the human condition, so they took the example of Jesus in Matt. 4:23 as their pattern; proclaim, teach, heal. The days of colonial missionaries have long gone. Papua New Guinea has just celebrated 50 years as an independent nation. But the pattern found in the ministry of Jesus and adopted by the early PNG missionaries as they established schools and health services just as quickly as they established congregations, is as relevant as ever. In a country still facing massive challenges of development, widespread poverty with growing social unrest and violence, providing education for these basic human

Give thanks for all volunteers in the local community serving your people.

*Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Teach us gracious Lord, to begin our works with reverence, to go on in obedience and to finish them with love; and then to wait patiently in hope, looking joyfully to you whose promises are faithful and reward infinite through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

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services within an ethos of shared spirituality offers Gospel hope. As the ancient peoples of PNG look to the next 50 years of their life together as an independent nation, the foundations being laid at the Modawa Institute are indeed educational foundations for the future.

### First impressions and memorable moments.

Arriving at the Modawa Institute campus and driving slowly through the gate, our Toyota Hilux was strewn with hundreds of flowers of all colours, thrown by the resident students

The Rev'd Christopher White accompanied Bishop Jeffrey Driver during a visit to the Modawa Institute in December. Here he writes about a week on campus.

and their many small children. This extravagant welcome came to represent the warmth of all my interactions in this place. While the setting is spectacular, the facilities are modest, but this is a community that is learning to serve God with heart, mind and strength.

The staff and students who live on campus came together on our first night to share a meal. It was clear that things here are similar but different from Christian communities in Australia.▶

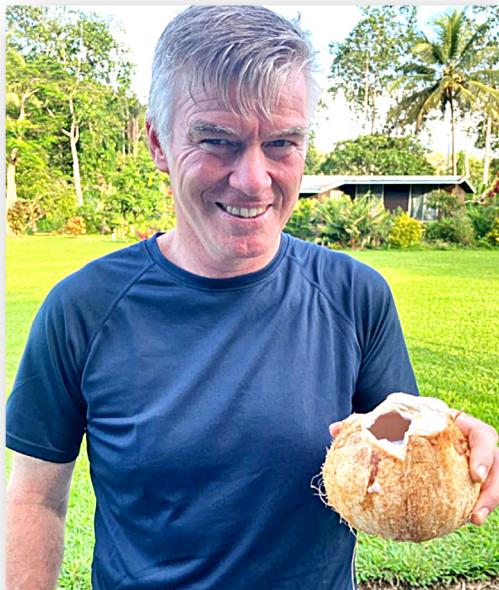
The food spread before us was almost familiar – sausages, potatoes, beans, leafy greens, pumpkin, bananas... but the sausages were bright red, the potatoes were taro, the beans to 40cm long, the pumpkin was purple and the bananas were inedible until baked on the hot coals. As we talked of villages and churches and life experience it became clear that the students here bring great wisdom and hearts for pastoral ministry and they eagerly seek to grow in their Biblical understanding so that they can serve their communities.

The collegiality among the residential students is reflected in the joy and camaraderie of the many children. One rainy afternoon, I was welcomed into their soccer game where boys and girls from 6 to 16-years-old gave every effort with skill, gentleness and laughter. So many passes were called for and given that by the end I knew most of the names of the children in this residential village. It was not possible to distinguish between sweat and rainwater, but after 90 minutes I left them with the score at 10 goals to 7.

After chapel one morning I sat with one theology student who had spent most of his adult life following the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience as an evangelist with the Melanesian Brotherhood – an Anglican Monastic order committed to taking Christ's love into the most remote areas. After beginning as novices, most brothers remain in the order for 7-15 years before leaving to marry and live out their faith in other ways. My new friend was pursuing theological study with a view to further service in the Church.

The town of Popondetta, 7km away from the Modawa Institute, is bustling with markets and schools and the government offices for the headquarters of Oro Province. I received a few kind warnings from strangers to be careful as I

walked through the town – security is an issue to be aware of in Popondetta.



20km away on their own wilderness campus is Martyrs Memorial Secondary School. Most of the 700 students and all of the 40 teaching staff live on campus. This generates a calm and focussed environment, bolstered through the day by 6am and 4pm chapel services and night prayers. There are generally forty students per class. They are trying, with encouragement of the local government, to reduce to 35 in the next year, though

funding and recruitment are difficult. Sadly, the principal of the school died in September, but my three-hour-tour with the Deputy Principal and a couple of other school leaders gave me confidence that, with help, this school can once again justify its reputation as one of Papua New Guinea's premier schools. They are beginning a search for the new principal (expressions of interest very welcome!). The history of partnership and visits from Brighton and Melbourne Grammars not resurfaced since Covid -19, but Martyrs School's commitment to give students the best outcome from their meagre resources is undaunted and they continue their unbroken record of having a graduate in PNG parliament (three at present) as well as leaders in journalism and the wider community. The Franciscan Brothers continue to do important ministry as residents at the School.

As Modawa Institute expands its degree offerings to include Teaching and Nursing alongside its theological education, the Institute and Martyrs School have eyes-wide-open for opportunities to collaborate. It may seem mundane, but the opportunity to sit with the bursar at Modawa and go through their Xero accounting system was both fun and encouraging. Keeping financially afloat in a local economy of chaos and graft is no small task. ►

Being able to interrogate every item of expenditure and within a few seconds to see the itemised invoice for every purchase at the local hardware store – these are the things that give us confidence that the generous gifts of our partners are appreciated. This doesn't make the financial road ahead certain by any means. With student numbers set to treble within two years, as the Teaching and Nursing courses commence, the up-front costs (like new boarding houses) and staff salaries need to be managed against the uncertainty of new enrolments and student fee payments.

Speaking with the staff, they are aware that the college is not yet living up to its goal of excellence in tertiary education, but there is commitment to the mission, an influx of quality teaching staff and a plan for making this place great.

#### **Building work continues**

The past 12 months on the Modawa campus have echoed to the sound of hammers and saws. Our team of "tradies" have been expanding lecture spaces, renovating housing, and building new residential accommodation. The major project has been the construction of two

dormitories for female students along with an amenities block and cookhouse. The first dormitory cottage was opened in late September and the second reached lock-up stage in time for the Christmas break. There is still a lot of fit-out to be done. Utilities and septic need to be fitted, along with internal painting and the addition of furnishings. In the end, we will have accommodation for about 50 female students.

In the meantime, containers have arrived with another lecture theatre and a residence, all in kit-form awaiting assembly. The library is already too small and the Department of Higher Education (DHERST) is encouraging us to look at a co-located learning centre.

The sounds of hammers and saws will be part of the background noise at Modawa for some time yet! □



*Left to right: Faye Leighton, Annie Taylor, Ann Prideaux, Rev'd Ruth Hanlon & Janes Millward.*



**You just wouldn't read about it!**

Photo: J Millward



Photo: J Millward

**The book sale (above & at left)** in the parish Hall on the Australia Day weekend was a great success, breaking records for sales (over \$2,700), as well as for the time taken to pack the books away at the end (under 1 hour)! These ventures cannot be successful without everyone's willingness to lend a hand - so **THANKYOU** to everyone who volunteered your time.

#### **Christmas Installation**

For Christmas 2025, the Christmas Installation in Cowes featured a 'new' tree. It was made using wood from the fence that had been demolished at the rear of the hall. The previous year the fresh tree had just not stood up to the weather which meant by Christmas it was looking brown and rather sad, so a more creative solution was sought!

We received lots of positive comments - Thanks to everyone who helped set this up again this year, it's a great way to help tell the Christmas story. *Glenys*



Photo: G Gijsbers

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Photo: G Gijsbers



Photo: R Hanlon

Above & left: members of the Theos team. Who, along with Red Frogs, provided much needed support and outreach for schoolies over Christmas.

Below left: Glenys Gijsbers with youngsters at the Nativity tent (see P13 for more).

Below: US migrants Robin and David after their marriage on Sunday 28 Dec. The couple have settled in Newhaven and are welcome additions to the St Philip's congregation.



Photo: R Hanlon



Photo: J Millward



*Above: Members of St Paul's participate in Candlemas; led by Locum the Rev'd Liam Matthews.*

## Sandy Ridge

The Feast of the Presentation commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem by Joseph and Mary, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. The event fulfills the Jewish law of purification and consecration of the firstborn to God. It is celebrated annually on 2 February, 40 days after Christmas Day. Male babies were circumcised 8 days after their birth then presented in the Temple 33 days later i.e. 40 days after birth. It is one of the oldest feasts of the church and is also known as Candlemas. On this day, Christians traditionally took candles to be blessed in church. Christians consider Jesus as the light of the world, so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day. A candle-lit procession may precede the communion service.

The event is described in Luke 2:22-40, which includes the famous Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) which affirms Jesus as the Light of the World, bringing salvation to both Jews and Gentiles. The prophetess Anna, present in the Temple, also recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Redeemer and began to spread the good news.

Candlemas marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. In Europe, this day is also a chance to eat pancakes. Many Christians observe Candlemas, but it is not a public holiday in countries such as Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom or the United States.

While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas, seen as the last day of Christmas and Epiphany. On this day, nativity scenes would also be removed from Churches. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, and some mainline Protestant denominations including Lutherans, and Methodists) also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year.

For Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ—the Light of the World. The feast is also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Feast of the Holy Encounter. □



## Pancake Tuesday

**Sally Matthews**

The day we all go flipping in the kitchen! Pancake Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday always falls before Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent. Pancake Tuesday in 2026 is February 17<sup>th</sup>. So just a few days to get your recipe out, pan ready and start flipping.

Pancake Tuesday became the day to use up products that would not be consumed during Lent such as eggs, milk and butter.

How to eat your pancakes? The traditional topping is lemon juice and sugar. Here are some other delicious suggestions

- \* Bacon, maple syrup and hazelnuts
- \* Caramelised banana and dark chocolate
- \* Greek yoghurt and mixed berries
- \* Homemade strawberry jam and cream

Here is my recipe; it creates fluffy pancakes every time.

### **Fluffy Pancakes**

2 cups self raising flour

1/4 cup caster sugar

Pinch salt

1 large egg

13/4 cups milk

1 tsp vanilla

4 tsp butter

1. Sift together dry ingredients in a bowl.
2. Add wet ingredients and whisk together – don't over beat
3. Melt 1/2 teaspoon butter in the frypan and wipe off with a paper towel – really important so you get perfect pancakes.
4. Pour 1/4 cup batter into the pan – I use an ice-cream scoop, a small jug works well too.
5. This is the fun part – watch for the bubbles on the surface and then flip to cook the other side.
6. Enjoy with your choice of topping.

The Pancake face was made by my granddaughter.

## **Inter-Church Council at Carols by the Bay**

**Glenys Gijsbers**

On Thursday 11 December 2025, the Interchurch Council were pleased once again to have some involvement in Carols By the Bay in Cowes.

For the third year running, a 'Nativity photo booth' was set up as one of the children's activities and around 100 people took the chance to dress up and take photos in costume.

(See P11)

At the start of the formal program Rev'd Ruth Hanlon (2025 chair of the council), alongside other members of the council, gathered and

welcomed the crowd and wished everyone blessings for Christmas.

Ruth spoke of the excitement in a family when a new baby is born, even more special this year when her own grandchild was due to arrive!

The Catholic primary school choir then took the stage. Their members dressed as Angels, Shepherds and Kings sang 'Mary's Boy Child', thus setting the scene for a wonderful night of music as the crowds waited for the fireworks. □

## 2025/26 Wardens, Council Members and other Officers

### St Philip's Wardens:

Ann Prideaux (Rector's Warden); James Millward (Admin Officer, Safe Ministry Officer, supplementary Synod Rep), Annie Taylor (Winter Shelter Rep);

**Councillors:** Faye Leighton, Richard Gijsbers;

### St Augustine's Wardens & Councillors:

Jenny Dawson (Rector's appointment), Hugh Dixon;

**Warden:** Renate Ferns;

### St Paul's Warden & Councillor:

Les Ridge (Rector's appointment, TGA Secretary, Parish Paper editor, Alternate Deanery Rep);

**St Paul's wardens:** Ben Maghanoy (Mission

Secretary), Sandy Ridge;

**St Paul's Councillor:** Rhoda Hayhurst.

### Clergy Appointments Board:

L Ridge, Richard Prideaux, Glenys Gijsbers

### Synod Representatives:

S Ridge, Helen Millward, Richard Prideaux;

### Supplementary Reps:

L Ridge, J Millward, Lillian Heflingers

### Deanery Representatives:

A Taylor, Lillian Heflingers; alternates L Ridge, S Ridge

### Appointment of Parish Council Office Bearers:

- Secretary Janet Owens

- Treasurer Richard Gijsbers

Vote of Thanks given to S Ridge for her many years of service as Parish Secretary.

## Recently renovated hall put to really good use

**Glenys Gijsbers**



Photo: R Hanlon

The newly renovated hall got a good workout at the end of November/start of December and just after Christmas, thanks to Red Frogs.

The Phillip Island Red Frogs team completed its support program over 7 nights, commencing Saturday, 29 November and concluding Saturday, 6 December.

Their primary goal was to provide a positive, harm-minimisation presence and support network for the Schoolies celebrating in the region. The Red Frogs team consisted of 35 volunteers, with approximately 25 team

members on the ground each night. On-ground presence was divided into 6 teams, assigned to key areas: foreshore, marquee, buses, BBQ, streets/pub and accommodation visits.

The figure of 5,976 Schoolie interactions represents the cumulative number of engagements each team had with Schoolies each night. (These interactions include Intentional social engagements e.g. extended hang outs, house clean up, Issues requiring a moderate level of welfare support and intervention and Issues that are life-threatening or require external emergency service. □

## Parish Dates 18 February –10 May

### February

25 Jan – 4 Feb:	Rev'd Ruth on leave	
14 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
14 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
17 Tue 6 pm	Shrove Tue Pancakes	Parish Hall Cowes
18 Wed 7 pm	Ash Wednesday services	St Augustine's, St Philip's
19 Thu 12 pm	St Philip's Guild	Emmaus Room
19 Thu 7 pm	Parish Council	Meeting Room St Paul's
22 Sun	1st Sunday in Lent	

### March

6 Fri 10.30 am	World Day of Prayer	Community Hall, Bass
6 Fri	World Day of Prayer	Cowes
8 Sun	Congregational meeting	St Augustine's
9 Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday	Victoria
15 Sun	Congregational meetings	St Philip's, St Paul's
15 Sun	4th Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday / Laetere	
19 Thu 12 pm	Guild	Emmaus Room
19 Thu 7 pm	Parish Council	Emmaus Room Cowes
20 Fri 9.30–1.30	Deanery	Christchurch, Foster
29 Sun 10.30	Palm/Passion	
29 Sun 10.30	Combined Parish Service	St Philip's Cowes

### April

1 Thu	Maundy Thursday	
2 Fri	Good Friday Services	
2 Fri	Good Friday	Public Holiday
5 Sun	Easter Sunday	
5 Sun	END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING:	clocks back 1 hour
6 Mon	Easter Monday	Public Holiday
11 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
11 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
16 Thu 12 pm	Guild	Emmaus Room
16 Thu 2 pm	Parish Council	MTR St Augustine's
25 Sat	ANZAC Day	

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## Parish Dates continued

### May

2 Fri	Parish Paper Deadline	lesliejr1201@gmail.com
2-?	Rev'd Ruth on leave	
3, 10, 17	Locum Rev'd Liam Matthews	
7 Thu	Parish Paper printed	
9 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
9 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
10 Sun	Parish Paper Issue	

### Church Service Times

#### St Philip's

Sunday 9:30 am: Holy Communion  
4th Sunday of the month: Prayer, Praise and Proclamation.  
All other Sundays: Holy Communion.  
Thursday 10 am: Holy Communion

#### St Paul's

Sunday 11.30 am: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month  
Holy Communion  
NB: There will be no services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### St Augustine's

11 am:  
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month Family Service  
2nd & 4th Sunday of month: Holy Communion

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

10.30 am combined Parish service  
Locations and speakers TBA

#### Service of the Word online

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

#### MTR Op Shop St Augustine's

Open 10 am – 1.30 pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

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