Sunday 15th March 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 in Lent: Guest speaker Adrian Lane, Bush Church Aid.
Readings: Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41

Today we welcome Adrian Lane, Victorian Regional Officer of Bush Church Aid. Adrian will share mission news as well as preaching on John 9, the healing of a man born blind, whose eyes and heart are opened to see and follow Jesus. Following on from Adrian's visit last year, we became a link Church for BCA workers, The Hornes in Tasmania. Very soon we will be welcoming our own BCA workers to join us in the mission of our parish, Bass and Phillip Island. If you missed the announcement last week, Marinus and Hannah van Meerten, with children Samuel and Elianna, will be commissioned on the 15th of April, joining the team here with a particular focus on the community of San Remo. Marinus and Hannah feel called to rural ministry, to connect with community, grow relationships and share the gospel. Please pray for them as they prepare to move and begin this new ministry.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **For the World**: With over 40 wars and conflicts currently taking place around the world, more than ever Lord we cry out for peace. For all the displaced and marginalised peoples, let them know peace and safety. We pray for leaders who are willing to negotiate and open peace talks.
- **For the Church:** Today we especially pray for the **Bush Church Aid Society**. We thank you for those who "go the distance" to reach Australia for Christ. We pray for Adrian Lane and the Victorian office, we pray for our link missionaries the Hornes in the Southern Beaches in Tasmania, and we give thanks and pray for the van Meerten's who will soon be joining the team in this parish!
- **For the Community**: Loving Father, we bring before you our local community and the neighbourhoods where we live and work. We pray for our local schools, businesses, and essential services.
- **For those in need**: Compassionate God, we pray for all who are walking through seasons of trial. For those facing physical illness or chronic pain, grant healing and strength. For those in spiritual darkness or doubt, grant the light of your presence. For those burdened by emotional distress, anxiety, or grief, grant your peace which passes all understanding. Be their comfort and their refuge in every time of trouble.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Monday 16th **7:00pm Parish Prayer -** St Philip's Cowes
Tuesday 17th **10:00am Ecumenical Ladies Morn Tea –** Cowes Golf Club
Thursday 19th **10:00am Communion Service -** St. Philip's, Cowes
6:00pm Men's Event – Wonthaggi Baptist Church
Friday 20th **11:00am – 2.00pm – Chat 'N' Chew** – Parish Hall
Sunday 22nd **9:30am St. Philip's Cowes** Prayer, Praise and Proclomation
11:00am St. Augustine's San Remo Communion Service

NEWS and EVENTS:

Bible Study/ Home Groups: Speak to Ruth if you'd like to join a group.
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.
Mens Event: Belgrave Heights Convention, excellent speaker Al Stewart. Wonthaggi Baptist Church 6pm 19th Sept, cost $20 (includes food) Starts at 6pm Registrations still open, go to www.bhc.org.au
Next Sunday: Psalm 130, Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45