



Sunday 22nd 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: 5th Sunday in Lent: Jesus- the resurrection and the life.

Readings: Psalm 130, Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45



In John 11 we read of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, the last of John's 'signs', pointing to Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God. It is a prelude to Jesus' own death and resurrection. Through this sign, many came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

We may struggle with doubt at times, wondering why Jesus heals some and not others. Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha

wondered why Jesus hadn't come earlier to save their brother. But Martha places her faith in Jesus as Messiah. They stepped out in faith and rolled the stone away. Soon we will remember with sorrow, Jesus' death and then rejoice in his resurrection. Jesus declares himself to be the resurrection and the life, and whoever believes in him will not die. We will suffer in this world, and as he wept over the death of his friend, Jesus weeps with us, but he also offers us new and eternal life, giving us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **For the World:** Gracious God, we lift up the nations to you. We pray for peace in lands torn by conflict, and protection over all who live in fear or uncertainty. Bring relief to communities facing disasters, hunger, and hardship. Grant wisdom and integrity to leaders, that they may govern with justice and compassion. May we care for your creation with renewed courage and love.
- **For the Church:** Lord Jesus, strengthen your Church across the world. Unite us in faith and purpose. Guide all who preach, teach, and serve in your name. May your church speak of Jesus, the one who offers new life. Fill our congregations with a spirit of welcome, compassion, and generosity. Encourage those ministering in lonely or difficult places, may they know your presence and power.
- **For the Community:** Holy Spirit, bless our towns, neighbourhoods, workplaces, and schools. Support the carers, volunteers, emergency workers, and community organizations who serve with dedication. Comfort those who feel lonely, overwhelmed, or unseen. Help us to be faithful stewards of the land and waters that sustain and inspire us.
- **For those in need:** Merciful God, we pray for healing for the sick and strength for the weary. May they look to you, the one who offers new and eternal life. Bring peace to the anxious and comfort to the grieving. Provide for those facing financial strain, housing insecurity, or uncertainty. May those who are suffering find new hope in you as the resurrection and life.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Thursday 26th 10:00am Communion Service - St. Philip's, Cowes
7pm Parish Council Meeting – Emmaus room Cowes
Friday 27th 11:00am – 2.00pm – Chat 'N' Chew – Parish Hall
Sunday 29th 10:30am Parish Hall, Cowes Palm Sunday, Combined Service

NEWS and EVENTS:

Easter Service Times and Dates and Times

Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) 7:30pm St. Philip's, Cowes

Good Friday (April 3rd) 10am, Cowes & San Remo, Combined Churches Bass

Easter Sunday (April 4th) 6am Combined churches Cowes foreshore,
10am: Cowes & San Remo; 12pm Bass

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.

Next Sunday: Psalm 118, 19-29, Zech 9: 9-17 Matthew 21: 1-11 (Palm Sunday)