



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

## **The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island**

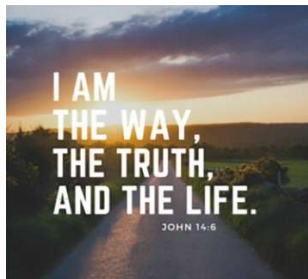
St Philip's, Cowes  
St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass  
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

**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 of Easter: I am the way, the truth and the Life**

**Readings:** Ps 31: 1-5, 17-18, 1 Peter 2: 11-25 John 14: 1-14



Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and he calls us to trust and follow him. He offers the best way to live for today and eternity, he gave himself that we might live as children of God. His promises are true. While suffering remains in the world, he tells us to not let our hearts be troubled, but to believe in him. He is our rock and our refuge, an ever-

present strength in trouble. He has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in the Father's house; we can take comfort in that promise and know that he will be with us on the road as we follow his way.

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### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- **For the World:** God of all nations, bring peace where conflict rages and hope where fear has taken root. Guide world leaders with wisdom and integrity as they respond to war, displacement, and environmental crisis. Strengthen all who work for justice, reconciliation, and the protection of creation, that your healing may reach every corner of the earth.
- **For the Church:** Loving Lord, renew your Church with faith, courage, and compassion. Strengthen all who preach, teach, and serve in your name. Help us to be a people of welcome, mercy, and truth, bearing witness to Christ in our communities. Unite us in purpose and empower us to share your love with humility and joy. Help us to pray.
- **For Our Community:** God of our neighbourhoods, bless our towns, schools, workplaces, and community organisations. Support those who serve in health care, emergency services, and local leadership. Sustain families and businesses facing pressure or uncertainty.
- **For Those in Need:** On this Domestic Violence Sunday, we pray especially for all who experience domestic violence — for safety, protection, and pathways to freedom; for healing of trauma; and for courage and support for those seeking help. Move us to stand with the vulnerable and to work for homes and relationships shaped by dignity, respect, and peace.

### **DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am Morning Prayer** - St. Philip's, Cowes  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 11:00- 2:00pm Chat 'n Chew** – Parish Hall, Cowes  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am Communion Service** - St. Philip's, Cowes  
**11:00am Communion Service** - St. Augustine's, San Remo,

### **NEWS and EVENTS:**

**Bible Study/ Home Groups:** There are various home groups across the parish. As we begin a new term, this is a good time to join one. These small groups help us to grow in faith and fellowship. Email the office 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.

**Long Service Leave:** Rev'd Ruth will be away on leave from the parish from the 4<sup>th</sup> May to the 16<sup>th</sup> June. Rev'd Liam Matthews will be locum in May, and Rev'd Jon Taylor will be locum in June.

**Next Sunday:** Ps 66: 7-19, 1 Peter 3: 8-22, John 14: 15-21