



Sunday 19th July 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.

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: 8th Sunday After Pentecost – We are God's children!

Readings: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Mat 13: 31-34

For those who
are led by
the Spirit of
God are the
children of
God.

- Romans 8:14 NIV -



The good news keeps on coming as we read Romans 8. We are adopted in God's family, co-heirs with Jesus. This is astounding. As we are filled with God's Spirit, we have a taste of the glory to come, and one day we will be fully transformed; and not just us, but the whole of creation will be filled with God's glory. Paul encourages us to eagerly and patiently wait for that day to come. In the meantime, we continue to live as God's children, being led by the Spirit, putting to death those things that our weak flesh may lead us to do. When we struggle, we can call out

"Abba" (an intimate term for Father) and he will help us in our weakness while we wait for our inheritance as God's children. We are invited to share in Christ's sufferings, that we may also share in his glory. May we wait in eager hope.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **The World:** God of all nations, breathe your peace into places torn by conflict, fear, or injustice. Strengthen those working for reconciliation, relief, and safety. Guard communities facing disaster or uncertainty, and inspire leaders everywhere to act with wisdom, mercy, and courage. Turn our hearts toward the hope you plant in every corner of your world.
- **The Church:** Holy Spirit, renew your Church in every land. Deepen our faith, widen our compassion, and unite us in the mission of Christ. Bless our clergy, lay leaders, and volunteers with joy in service and clarity in purpose. May your people be a sign of grace— listening well, loving generously, and walking humbly with you.
- **The Community:** Loving God, watch over our communities here on Phillip Island and across the Bass Coast. Bless our families, schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods with safety, kindness, and resilience. Encourage those who serve in local leadership, support community groups and volunteers, and help us to notice and care for those who feel unseen or alone. May our towns be places of welcome, hope, and belonging.
- **Those in Need:** Merciful God, draw near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort the grieving, heal the unwell, steady those facing anxiety or hardship, and surround the lonely with companionship and peace. We hold before you those known to us and all who have no one to pray for them. May your gentle presence bring strength for today and light for the days ahead.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Thurs 23rd July 10:00am Communion Service - St. Philip's, Cowes

Friday 24th July 11:00 – 2:00pm Chat 'n Chew – Parish Hall, Cowes

Sunday 26th July 9:30am Communion Service, St. Philip's, Cowes

11:00am Communion Service, St Augustine's, joined by St. Paul's, Bass

Mon 20th – Mon 27th July Marinus van Meerten on leave

NEWS and EVENTS:

Safe Church with Jules: Postponed, watch this space.

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.

Ecumenical Ladies Morning Tea - Tues 21st July, at Cowes Golf Club Settlement Rd. @ 10:15 All Welcome

Next Sunday: Psalm 105:1-11, Romans 8:26-39, Mat 13: 44-58