



Sunday 26th July 2026

The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island

St Philip's, Cowes

St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass

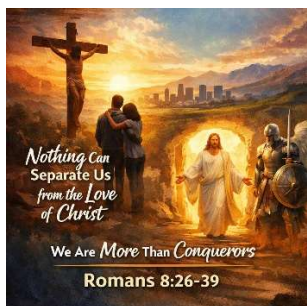
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

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: 9th Sunday After Pentecost – Nothing can separate us from the love of God

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



At the beginning of Romans chapter 8, we read that *There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus*. At the end of the chapter we read *there is nothing that will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*. This chapter is central to Paul's letter and central to the gospel message. It is such good news! I pray that you know how much God loves you, that there really is nothing that can

separate us from his love. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more and nothing we can do that will make God love us less. May we live in the assurance of his love and share that love with others.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **The World:** Spirit of peace, breathe over the nations. Where conflict hardens hearts, soften them; where fear closes borders, open them to compassion; where leaders weigh decisions, grant wisdom and humility. May your justice roll like waters and your mercy like a healing tide, that every people may live with dignity, safety, and hope.
- **The Church:** Holy Spirit, renew your Church in truth and love. Inspire our worship, enliven our witness, and unite us across differences so that our words and actions point to Christ's reconciling love. Give clergy and laypeople courage to serve the vulnerable, humility to learn from one another, and joy in the work of building your kingdom.
- **The Community:** Gracious God, bless our local community. Pour out your presence on families, schools, businesses, farmers, carers, and volunteers across Phillip Island and the Bass Coast; strengthen the bonds that hold us together and help us care for one another and for the land and sea we share. Guide our councils and community groups to act with foresight and compassion so that our region may flourish for all generations.
- **Those in Need:** Compassionate Spirit, comfort those who suffer. We pray for the lonely, the grieving, the sick, those facing financial hardship, and all who carry heavy burdens; surround them with practical help, faithful friends, and the assurance of your abiding love. Grant healing where there is illness, courage where there is despair, and provision where there is lack, that each may know your presence and hope renewed.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 27th July	7:00pm Parish Prayer – St. Philip's, Cowes
Thurs 30th July	10:00am Communion Service - St. Philip's, Cowes
Friday 31st July	11:00 – 2:00pm Chat 'n Chew – Parish Hall, Cowes
Sunday 2nd August	9:30am Communion Service , St. Philip's, Cowes 11:00am Family Service , St Augustine's 11:30am Communion Service , St. Paul's, Bass

NEWS and EVENTS:

Safe Church with Jules: Postponed, watch this space or speak to James Millward if you need help completing forms.

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 17:1-7, 16, Romans 9: 1-16, Matt 14: 13-21