



Sunday 2nd August 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: 10th Sunday After Pentecost – Not by works but by him who calls...

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



Romans 9 brings a new tone in Paul's letter after the wonderful assurances of God's love at the end of chapter 8. Paul grieves for his fellow Israelites who haven't recognized and received Jesus as the promised Messiah. We grieve for our family and friends and the many throughout the world who have rejected Jesus. We pray for them, and those who haven't yet heard the good news of God's mercy. We read in this passage that God

will have mercy and compassion on those he chooses. In our gospel reading in Matthew 14, we see Jesus (God in the flesh) showing compassion on the crowds of people who have followed him into the wilderness, healing and miraculously feeding them. God will show mercy and compassion on all who come to him. May you receive his great care and love for you today.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **The World:** Where there is conflict, injustice, or fear shaping daily life, God we pray for peace, soften hardened hearts, and open paths toward reconciliation that once seemed impossible. For nations facing environmental strain, rising temperatures, or fragile ecosystems; that leaders would act with wisdom; we especially pray for Spain and France suffering with destructive fires.
- **The Church:** For the Church across the world to rediscover the joy and cost of discipleship, to be known not for power or preference, but for Christ-shaped love. For communities of faith wrestling with change, decline, or uncertainty, that God would breathe creativity, courage, and hope. We pray for Cowes Uniting Church as they welcome their new Minister, Linley Liersch and pray that you would bless her as she settles in and leads the church.
- **The Community:** For our towns and neighbourhoods, that kindness would be contagious and compassion would be instinctive. For those who work in local services, tourism, healthcare, education, and emergency response that they may be strengthened in their calling and supported by our gratitude.
- **Those in Need:** For all who carry pain in body, mind, or spirit that God's healing presence would meet them gently and restore what is broken. For the grieving, that comfort would come not only through words but through companionship, patience, and love that does not rush them. For those facing financial strain, housing insecurity, or uncertainty about the future that practical help, wise support, and renewed stability would be close at hand.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6th August 10:00am Communion Service - St. Philip's, Cowes
Friday 7th August 11:00 – 2:00pm Chat 'n Chew – Parish Hall, Cowes
Sunday 9th August 9:30am Communion Service, St. Philip's, Cowes
11:00am Communion Service, St Augustine's San Remo
joined together with St Paul's Bass. (followed by Congregational meeting)

NEWS and EVENTS:

Combined Parish Service: 30th July 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Speaker from Bible League. Bring and share lunch and enjoy fellowship together.
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 105:1-6, 16-22, Romans 10: 4-15, Matt 14: 22-36