



Sunday 23rd August 2026
The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island

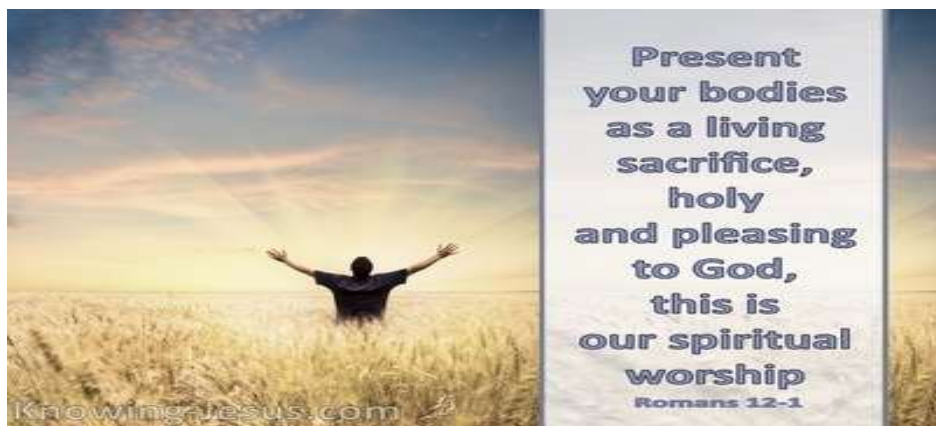
St Philip's, Cowes
St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

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: 13th Sunday After Pentecost – Living Sacrifices

Readings: Psalm 124, Romans 12: 1-8, Matt 16: 13-20



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PRAYER POINTS:

- **The World:** God of mercy, we hold before you nations scarred by conflict, flood, fire, and famine. Where creation groans under human neglect, bring renewal and restraint. Where hearts are hardened by fear or pride, sow courage and compassion. Strengthen those who rebuild and rescue, that your Spirit of peace may guide them.
- **The Church:** Lord of the Body, renew your Church in humility and hope. Where weariness dulls our witness, rekindle joy in service. Where voices differ, teach us to listen with grace. Make us living sacrifices, transformed by your love, discerning your will and embodying Christ's light. For Rev'd Ruth and Michael Hanlon as they teach and guide us, also for Marinus, Hannah and their children.
- **The Community:** God of neighbourliness, bless the people of Phillip Island and the Bass Coast. Be near to those facing isolation, financial strain, or uncertainty. May our shared life reflect your steadfast care. We pray especially for the first responders and those impacted by the fatal accident in San Remo this week. Bring comfort to those who grieve and strength to those who care and provide support.
- **Those in Need:** Healing God, draw close to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort the grieving, steady the anxious, and shelter the homeless. Guide carers, nurses, and volunteers who bear others' burdens. Grant them peace beyond understanding and hope that endures.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Thurs 27th August 10:00am Morning Prayer - St. Philip's, Cowes
Friday 28th August 11:00 – 2:00pm Chat 'n Chew – Parish Hall, Cowes
Sunday 30th August 10:30am Combined Parish Communion Service
The Parish Hall, Cowes with shared lunch and fellowship afterwards.

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.

MND Fundraiser. A Communal Painting Experience with Lunch: Thursday 8th October in the Parish Hall in Cowes. For details and bookings speak to or email lindy@lindyeyates.com.

Next Sunday: Psalm 105:1-6, Romans 12: 9-21