

PENTECOST 17 | Ordinary 25

St Paul's Ashgrove, 20 September 2026

HYMNS: TiS 129; SPHB 2; TiS 745; TiS 276

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Ephesians 2.8-9*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

READINGS

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Pentecost 17

Pentecost 18

FIRST READING

Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

PSALM

Psalms 145.1-8

Psalms 25.1-9

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.21-30

Philippians 2.1-13

GOSPEL

Matthew 20.1-16

Matthew 21.23-32

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JONAH *3.10-4.11*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145.1-8

1 I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you:

and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another:

and declare your mighty acts.

5 As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

6 All people shall speak of the power of your terrible deeds:

and I will proclaim your greatness.

7 Their lips shall flow with the remembrance of your abundant goodness:

they shall shout for joy at your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask)

For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:

- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup.*

ST. PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

 Call out for **plants in small pots and/or small pots** to be donated to the Green Corner Community Garden! Drop off at 300 Waterworks Rd or contact Natalie in the parish office

Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 to 1.30pm 

 Parvin and her son are desperately looking for a place to rent. Please contact Robyn 

- 26 Sept **WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA** – Saturday, 5:00pm. Jazz from the Silver Screen.
 MEN'S (COOKED! 🍳) BREAKFAST – Saturday, 8:00am. Meeting in the Crypt with speaker Tony Jones; \$10. Please add your name on the whiteboard in St Paul's Church or text Mark Combe for further (0414 647 077).
- 03 Oct **PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL** – Saturday, 8:30am. Meeting in the Crypt.
- 04 Oct **TAIZE** will return in November.
- 19 Oct **BOOKCLUB MEETS AGAIN!** – Monday, 7:30pm. Meeting in the Crypt. The chosen book is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

JUBILEE TERRACE PLAYGROUP – Weekly on a Friday from 9:30-11:30am during school terms. \$4 per week to cover cost. Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

BIBLE STUDY AND MORNING PRAYER – Prayer at 9:30am and Bible Study at 10:00am during school terms. Currently reading the prophet Jeremiah. Everyone welcome!

THRIFT SHOP – Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm. New volunteers are always welcome. Donations of clothing and kitchenware (no electrical goods, furniture baby carriers or knives, please) are gratefully received.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the people in Iran, and all in the Middle East, for those in Nepal and Tibet, and those in Australia concerned for their family and friends living there. Jack, Vanessa, Macey, Denise, Bill; Matthew (and mother Sue), Rob and Andrea, Georgia, Sue J. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country of Bangladesh. Pray for Sarah, Gill, and David as they begin the process of looking for a new Parish Priest.

St Paul's bank details are:-

Name: Ithaca-Ashgrove Anglican Parish | **BSB:** 704901 | **Acct No:** 0000 4420

Parish Office: parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au (07) 3366 2320 (office attended Wed and Fri 9:30 – 1:30pm)

St Paul's website: stpaulsashgrove.org.au

RECTORY UPDATE

REQUEST FOR OLD NEWSPAPERS

If you have a collection of old newspapers, we need them under the mulch in the Rectory. Please leave bundled up and through the back gate to the Rectory in the lower carpark

1. Donations
2. Ithaca Ashgrove Anglican Parish – **BSB:** 704 901 **Account:** 0000 4420
3. Please note – “Rectory”

 **YARD CHAMPIONS** – Christian (0488 469 355) and John Hynd (0422 259 117)

4. Mulch
5. Pressure washing
6. Other list items

 **FREE TREES CHAMPION** – Gillian Bristow (0417 005 253)

7. Please give Gillian or leave in Notice Box an old Rates Notice, writing on the Notice “I authorise Gillian Bristow to claim free tree vouchers on my behalf”
8. She will take to library to be endorsed and in Spring planting can begin.