

PENTECOST 12 | Ordinary 20

St Paul's Ashgrove, 16 August 2026

HYMNS: TiS 474; TiS 699 (x2); TiS 477; *As provided*

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Isaiah 56.1*

Thus says the Lord, "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed."

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 12</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 13</i>
FIRST READING	Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8	Isaiah 51.1-6
PSALM	Psalms 67	Psalms 138
SECOND READING	Romans 11.33-36	Romans 12.1-8
GOSPEL	Matthew 15.21-28	Matthew 16.13-20

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET *Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8*

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

PSALM 67

¹ Let God be gracious to us and bless us:

and make his face shine upon us,

² That your ways may be known on earth:

your liberating power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing:

**for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:

and God, our God, will bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us:

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 11.33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?" Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. 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.*

ALL ARE WELCOME

by Marty Haugen

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| 1) Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place | 2) Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place |
| 3) Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place | 4) Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place. |
| 5) Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place. | |

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 

- 15 August **WORKING BEE** – Mulching the Rectory gardens
- TWILIGHT SEMINAR SERIES** – The third of a four-part series aiming to give insight and support for all as we journey towards our end-of-life. Held at St Mark's in The Gap. Please contact Natalie in the parish office (parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au) for further information, or visit <https://stmarksthegap.org.au/events>
- 22 August **TWILIGHT SEMINAR SERIES** – The last of a four-part series aiming to give insight and support for all as we journey towards our end-of-life. Held at St Mark's in The Gap. Please contact Natalie in the parish office (parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au) for further information, or visit <https://stmarksthegap.org.au/events>
- 23 August **PARISH COUNCIL** – 9:45am, following Sunday service
- 30 August **PARISH BREAKFAST** – 9:45am, following Sunday Service
- 18 Sept **BOOKFEST 2026** – Friday, 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Live music! BBQ! Plants! Crafts! Cake!
- 19 Sept **BOOKFEST 2026** – Saturday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Plants! Crafts! Cake!

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, and those in Australia concerned for their family and friends still 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”

 **CLEANING CHAMPION** – Margaret Franklin (043 664 287)

4. Please liaise with Margaret for times, lock box access.

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

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

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

8. 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”
9. She will take to library to be endorsed and in Spring planting can begin.