

PENTECOST 16 | Ordinary 24

St Paul's Ashgrove, 13 September 2026

HYMNS: *As provided; As provided; TiS 648; TiS 681*

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Psalm 130.3-4*

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 16</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 17</i>
FIRST READING	Genesis 50.15-21	Jonah 3.10 – 4.11
PSALM	Psalm 103. 1-13	Psalm 145.1-8
SECOND READING	Romans 14.1-14	Phillippians 1.21-30
GOSPEL	Matthew 18.21-35	Matthew 20.1-16

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS *50.15-21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM *103.1-13*

¹ Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

² Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and forget not all his benefits,

³ Who forgives all your sin:

and heals all your infirmities,

⁴ Who redeems your life from the Pit:

and crowns you with mercy and compassion;

⁵ Who satisfies your being with good things:

so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness:

and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses:

and his works to the children of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

⁹ He will not always be chiding:

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins:

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth:

so great is his mercy over those that fear him;

¹² As far as the east is from the west:

so far has he set our sins from us.

¹³ As a father is tender towards his children:

so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 14.1-14

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.. Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 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.*

HYMN 1: ALL OF LIFE IS FILLED WITH WONDER *HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7*

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- 1) All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.
- 2) For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.
- 3) For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbours, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.
- 4) For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.
- 5) For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.

HYMN 2: O GOD OF LIGHT, MAY OUR LIGHT SHINE

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| 1) O God of light, may our light shine
In ways that serve and honour you.
May we be loving, just and kind,
Proclaiming Christ in all we do. | 2) God, where your people are oppressed
And where they cry out in despair,
Make us your light - to heal, to bless -
A witness, Lord, that you are there. |
| 3) Christ, when your way is pushed aside
By those who trust in wealth and might,
Make us your lamps that we may guide
A searching world to your love's light. | 4) O Spirit, in this world of doubt,
We often sin and drift away;
When our own faith is flickering out,
Shine on our path and light our way |

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 

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.