PENTECOST 24 / ORDINARY 32

St Paul's Ashgrove, 8 November 2026

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SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Matthew 24.42*
Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

READINGS	THIS WEEK *Pentecost 24*	NEXT WEEK *Oscar's Baptism*
FIRST READING	Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-18	Isaiah 43.1-3a, 4a
PSALM	Ps 78.1-7	Ps 84. 1-7, 12
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 4.9-18	Ephesians 4.1-6
GOSPEL	Matthew 25.1-13	Mark 1.9-11

We acknowledge the custodians of the land where we gather today - the Jagera and Turrbal people. We celebrate their culture, thank them for their care of the land and pay respects to their elders, whose voices we seek to hear and heed.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA *24.1-3a, 14-18*
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors —Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. (...) "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM *78.1-7*
1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.
3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,

4 We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.
5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
6 That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS *4:9-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.*

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIEST

Rev'd Richard Butler will be commissioned as Priest in Charge on Sunday afternoon, 29 November 2026 at 3:00pm. His first service will be at St Paul's at 8:30am on 6 December 2026. Richard is currently the Assistant Curate in the Parish of Warwick. Our thanks go to Sarah, David, and Gill for their careful and prayerful recruitment efforts on our behalf.

Prayer for Rev'd Richard

God our Shepherd,
We thank you for calling Richard to serve in this Parish as Priest-in-Charge.
Uphold Richard and John as they prepare to relocate,
and prepare us to receive and welcome them.
Equip and strengthen Richard for his ministry and leadership in the years ahead,
that together we can build a flourishing, faithful community,
and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit in all we do.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Please remember to wear your name tags. We have several new faces who would love some help remembering names. If you need a name tag, please leave a message in the "Notices" box or tell a "Welcomer".

HYMN 2: O GOD OF LIGHT

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1. O God of light, may our light shine
   In ways that serve and honor 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

HYMN 3: OUR GOD WE SING AND CELEBRATE

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1. Our God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear!
   For we recall your faithful love for all your people here.
   We've worked together, yet we know it's not the things we've done,
   But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.

2. Lord Jesus, in this broken world, you teach us how to heal,
   And in a world where pride abounds, you call your church to kneel.
   Amid the hate, we're called to love; amid the fear, to pray.
   You call us to live differently; transform us every day!

3. You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call.
   Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all.
   Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead;
   Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!

4. How easy to look back and see your graceful, constant care,
   And yet we're called to look ahead, to grow, to serve, to dare!
   What is your will in this new day? God, help us pray and search,
   For as we seek to walk with you, we are your faithful church.

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Please leave donations (non-perishable) with Natalie in the parish office
Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 to 1.30pm. Thank you!

📣 **2027 Lectionaries have arrived**! For those who usually purchase a copy, please see Natalie in the parish office. $16.50 each

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

14 Nov	**TRANS CHRISTIAN ALLY BREAKFAST** – Saturday, 8:30 to 10:30am at Christ Church. Tickets ($45) required. Please contact Natalie in the parish office for further information.
29 Nov	**COMMISSIONING SERVICE** of Rev'd Richard Butler – Sunday, 3:00pm at St Paul's.
05 Dec	**THE WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA** – Saturday, 5:00pm. Celebration! Tickets available through Humanitix. Please see the posters for the QR code.
06 Dec	**SUNDAY SERVICE** – Sunday, 8:30am. Rev'd Richard Butler's first service at St Paul's. All welcome!

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 Hebrews. 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. We give our thanks for the life of Joy Farr and pray for the Farr family. Please pray for Jack and Kathy, Tony P, Vanessa, Macey, Bill; Matthew (and mother, Sue), Rob and Andrea, Georgia, Sue J, and Maureen. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country of Bangladesh.

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