

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

St Paul's Ashgrove, 4 October 2026

HYMNS: TiS 100 (vs. 2-4,7); TiS 607; *As provided*; TiS 690

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Psalm 24.1*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Feast of St Francis</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 20</i>
FIRST READING	Genesis 1.24-31	Isaiah 25.1-9
PSALM	Psalm 104.11-26	Psalm 23
SECOND READING	2 Corinthians 9.6-12	Philippians 4.1-9
GOSPEL	Matthew 6.25-33	Matthew 22. 1-14

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 21.24-31

God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104.11-26

- ¹¹ You send springs into the gullies:
which run between the hills;
- ¹² They give drink to every beast of the field:
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- ¹³ Beside them the birds of the air build their nests:
and sing among the branches.
- ¹⁴ You water the mountains from your dwelling on high:
and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.
- ¹⁵ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle:
and all green things for the creatures that serve us.
- ¹⁶ You bring food out of the earth:

and wine that makes glad the human heart,

¹⁷ Oil to give us a shining countenance:

and bread to strengthen the heart.

¹⁸ The trees of the Lord are well-watered:

the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted,

¹⁹ Where the birds build their nests:

and the stork makes her home in the pine-tops.

²⁰ The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:

and the crags a cover for the conies.

²¹ You created the moon to mark the seasons:

and the sun knows the hour of its setting.

²² You make darkness, and it is night:

in which all the beasts of the forest move by stealth.

²³ The lions roar for their prey:

seeking their food from God.

²⁴ When the sun rises, they retire:

and lay themselves down in their dens.

²⁵ Human beings go out to their work:

and to their labour until the evening.

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works:

**in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.**

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 9.6-12

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 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.*

O GOD, YOUR CREATURES FILL THE EARTH

Text: Copyright © 2011 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.
Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in — They're wondrous blessings, too.
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, They offer praise to you.
O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.
May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm; you know the things they need.
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, and safe from human greed.
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.
Lord, bless the animals we keep; may all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land; they fill the sky and sea.
O Lord, you give us your command to love them tenderly.
We're called to have dominion here — to care for them always.
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

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 

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. We give our thanks for the life of Denise, and pray for John and family. Please pray for Jack and Kathy, 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.

PRAYER FOR CHOOSING A NEW PRIEST TO LEAD US

Bountiful God,
Give to this Parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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.