

PENTECOST 22 / ORDINARY 30

St Paul's Ashgrove, 25 October 2026

HYMNS: SPBH 4; TiS 153; TiS 629; *As provided*

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Matthew 22.37-40*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all you're your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as your self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 22</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>All Saints Day</i>
FIRST READING	Deuteronomy 34. 1-8	Revelation 7.9-17
PSALM	Ps 1	Ps 34.1-10, 22
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 2.1-13	1 John 3.1-3
GOSPEL	Matthew 22.34-46	Matthew 5.1-12

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY *34.1-8*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:

**nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

² But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law will they ponder day and night.

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water:

that yield their fruit in due season.

⁴ Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 2. 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. 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.*

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIEST

Rev'd Richard Butler will be commissioned as Priest in Charge on Sunday afternoon, 29 November 2026. Time to be announced shortly. 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.

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".

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL

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 as 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.

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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
 **Lost Cat:** 2-year-old, black desexed male. Answers to Tilba. Please call Denise on 0474 461 012 or (02) 6556 9651

- 06 Nov **TAIZÉ** – Friday, 6:00pm in the Church followed by dinner. RSVP to Rev'd Pam or John Hynd.
- 07 Nov **PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL** – Saturday, 8:30am. Meeting in the Crypt.
- 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.
- 05 Dec **THE WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA** – Saturday, 5:00pm. Celebration! Tickets available through Humanitix. Please see the posters for the QR code.

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 Denise, and pray for John and family. Please pray for Jack and Kathy, Tony P, Vanessa, Macey, Bill; Matthew (and mother, Sue), Rob and Andrea, Georgia, and Sue J. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country of Bangladesh.

St Paul's bank details are:-

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