

PENTECOST 18 | Ordinary 26

St Paul's Ashgrove, 27 September 2026

HYMNS: TiS 626; TiS 164; TiS 420; *As provided*

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Hosea 6.1a 2b*

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 18</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Feast of St Francis</i>
FIRST READING	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32	Genesis 1.24-31
PSALM	Ps 25.1-9	Psalms 104.11-26
SECOND READING	Philippians 2.1-13	2 Corinthians 9.6-12
GOSPEL	Matthew 21.23-32	Matthew 6.25-33

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL *18.1-4, 25-32*

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM *25.1-9*

¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:

**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

² Let none who wait for you be put to shame:

but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord:

and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:

for you are the God of my salvation.

⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long:

because of your goodness, O Lord.

⁶ Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:

for they are from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

but according to your mercy think on me.

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord:

therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

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.**

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.*

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. |

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 

- 03 Oct **PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL** – Saturday, 8:30am. Meeting in the Crypt.
- 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. 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.