

PENTECOST 10 | Ordinary 18

St Paul's Ashgrove, 2 August 2026

HYMNS: TiS 547; TiS 526; *As provided*; TiS 154

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Psalm 145.18-19*

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 10</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 11</i>
FIRST READING	Isaiah 55.1-5	1 Kings 19.9-18
PSALM	Ps 145.8-9, 14-21	Psalm 85.8-13
SECOND READING	Romans 9.1-8	Romans 10.4-15
GOSPEL	Matt 14.13-21	Matthew 14.22-36

A READING FROM ISAIAH *55.1-5*

The Lord says: everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM *145. 8-9,14-21*

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

⁹ The Lord is loving to every one of us:

and his mercy is over all his works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who stumble:

and raises up those that are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope:

and you give them their food in due season;

¹⁶ You open wide your hand:

and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways:

and faithful in all his dealings.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

to all who call upon him in truth.

¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:

he will hear their cry, and save them.

²⁰ The Lord preserves all those that love him:

but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:
and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.

A READING FROM ROMANS 9.1-8

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants

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.*

WHERE IS BREAD?

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| <p>1. "Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.</p> <p>3. "Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.</p> | <p>2. Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.</p> |
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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 

- 01 August **PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL** – 8:30am. Meeting in the Crypt.
WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA – 5pm, in the Crypt. Classical favourites.
- 01 August **TWILIGHT SEMINAR SERIES** – The first of a four-part series aiming to give insight and support for all as we journey towards our end-of-life. Held at St Mark's in The Gap. Please contact Natalie in the parish office (parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au) for further information, or visit <https://stmarksthegap.org.au/events>
- 07 August **TAIZÉ** 6:00pm in the Church – dinner afterwards. RSVP to Rev'd Pam or John Hynd.
- 08 August **TWILIGHT SEMINAR SERIES** – The second of a four-part series aiming to give insight and support for all as we journey towards our end-of-life. Held at St Mark's in The Gap. Please contact Natalie in the parish office (parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au) for further information, or visit <https://stmarksthegap.org.au/events>
- 10 August **BOOKCLUB** meets again! 7:30pm in the Crypt. "The Mademoiselle Alliance" by Natasha Lester
- 23 August **PARISH COUNCIL** – 9:45am, following Sunday service
- 26 August **CHOIR REHERSAL** – after service
- 30 August **PARISH BREAKFAST** – 9:45am, following Sunday Service
- 18 Sept **BOOKFEST 2026** – more information to follow shortly
- 19 Sept **BOOKFEST 2026** – more information to follow shortly

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, and those in Australia concerned for their family and friends still 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

1. Donations
2. Ithaca Ashgrove Anglican Parish – **BSB: 704 901 Account: 0000 4420**
3. Please note – “Rectory”



CLEANING CHAMPION – Margaret Franklin

4. Please liaise with Margaret for times, lock box access.



YARD CHAMPIONS – Christian and John Hynd

5. Mulch
6. Pressure washing
7. Other list items



FREE TREES CHAMPION – Gillian Bristow

8. 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”
9. She will take to library to be endorsed and in Spring planting can begin.