



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

## Weekly Bible Readings

**Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**Sunday 6 September**  
Exodus 12:1–14 or  
Ezekiel 33:7–11  
Romans 13:8–14  
Matthew 18:15–20

**Monday 7 September**  
Deuteronomy 19:14–21

**Tuesday 8 September**  
Matthew 5:38–48

**Wednesday 9 September**  
Matthew 18:6–10

**Thursday 10 September**  
Luke 17:1–4

**Friday 11 September**  
Ephesians 4:25–32

**Saturday 12 September**  
Psalm 103:(1–7) 8–13

**Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**Sunday 13 September**  
Exodus 14:19–31 or  
Genesis 50:15–21  
Romans 14:1–12  
Matthew 18:21–35



## Devotion

### Let's talk about sin, baby

*If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over (Matthew 18:15).*

Sin in the church is especially uncomfortable. We don't like the idea that within our loving community of faith, there are ugly moments. Yes, every Sunday we have a time of confession and forgiveness, but how often do we actually name the sins we have committed?

And if we do talk about sin with each other, is it just gossip? Will it really fix the problem? Will someone truly listen to my (hopefully) gentle correction? What right do I, a sinner myself, have to call out someone else's sin? These are all questions that have stopped me from reaching out to someone I could see was hurting others and themselves.

In our individualistic culture, 'working through my sin is a matter between God and me' is a statement we tend to go by.

But Dietrich Bonhoeffer puts it well in the book *The Cost of Discipleship*: 'If the church refuses to face the stern reality of sin, it will gain no credence when it talks of forgiveness.'

What I find interesting is that Jesus doesn't seem to put the responsibility on the sinner to seek reconciliation, but on the one who has been sinned against. So, in fact, it's a challenge for those of us who have been holding a grudge against a fellow believer, thinking, 'I'm willing to forgive them, as long as they're willing to take the initiative in apologising.'

As Christians, we're called to radical forgiveness. God didn't wait for us to bring him our sins before forgiving them (as Romans 5:8b says, 'While we were still sinners, Christ died for us'). We are to do the same for others.

It is sin that separates a community, and God's forgiveness given to us that restores it.

Who in your community can you offer the gift of radical forgiveness to this week?

**Lord God, forgive me for the sins I ignore for the sake of comfort rather than deeper relationships with you and others. Thank you for the wonderful, radical forgiveness you have offered me. May I never grow weary of extending that forgiveness to others. Amen.**

by Emma Strelan Werner

<https://www.lca.org.au/devotions/>



# Announcements



## Thank you !

A Large Thankyou” to Sue Specht, Soussi Jakstas, Judy Vesco, Lesley & Peter Hellinga, Garage Sale Fundraiser assistants 28-30 August 2026, and to church members who supported this fundraiser, which raised \$1248.10. All Praise to God.



### Community News: Sister Space



Our Next Sister Space gathering will be held at the home of Sue Fysh on Saturday, September 5th at 9 am.  
RSVP to Sue on 0413 996 204. Newcomers are most welcome

### Next Man Space

- Will be held on Saturday, 19 September at 8.00 am
- Our host for this gathering will be Greg Specht.
- Join us for breakfast and a chat
- Please RSVP to Greg (0419 449 436) for catering purposes and for directions.



### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed until about **17 September** while we have it refurbished and then move back in.

Helen Teece, our **Church Office Administrator**, will still be available and working from home; however, **Sunday School**, **Craft** and other **meetings** will be either cancelled or held elsewhere.

Sorry for the inconvenience, but we are very excited about the new look! Thank you again, Trinity Lutheran College.

## We Need You

### Join our working bee

With the smell of fresh paint in the air  
it is time to put the finishing  
touches on the Manse.

### When ? you say!

Wednesday 9 September  
and Thursday 10  
September

9 am start both days

Talk to Helen and Graeme  
Teece and let them know  
you are keen.



Trinity Lutheran Church Ashmore  
Congregation invite you to the

## INSTALLATION SERVICE

OF

### The Reverend David Lazarus, Ph.D.

**September 27 at 2pm**

The Trinity Centre, Trinity Lutheran College  
641 Ashmore Rd. Ashmore

Afternoon Tea will follow

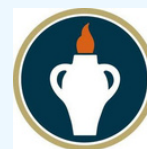
RSVP for catering and dietary  
purposes to  
Sue Specht  
[secretary.tlcashmore@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.tlcashmore@gmail.com)



## Gideons International - Pizza and Dessert

### Fund Raiser for Bibles for the World

Friday 4 September 2026



Dear TLCA Congregation Member, each year Gideons have a dinner to hear about wonderful work being done throughout the world spreading the Bible and its Good News message. I invite you to attend this year's dinner with me. See details below. You will be my guest and I will pay for your meal. Please let me know if you can take up this invitation. RSVP me by 21 August to me by my mobile phone or email. I do hope you can attend. Philip Morris.

Guest speaker: Scott Muller, from The Gideons International in Australia, with first-hand accounts will take you into the mission field of Indonesia.

Come and hear amazing stories and testimonies from the International Mission Team Indonesia April 2026.

Venue Multipurpose Hall, Palm Beach Community Centre, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

Friday, 4 September 2026 at 06:45pm for 07:00pm start, finish at 09.00pm

RSVP by 21 August To: Dr Philip Morris (Chair, Church Council, Trinity Lutheran Church Ashmore) Ph 0422545753 or email [plpmorris1@gmail.com](mailto:plpmorris1@gmail.com)

# Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



## **Praise and thanksgiving:**

1. Thank God for 30 August's attendance of 26 people with an offering of \$466.85.
2. Praise God for the welcoming approach Encounter adopts to welcome "strangers".
3. Praise God for going before us to prepare the hearts and minds of those we meet each day so that we can share our encounters of God with them.
4. Praise God for his faithful guidance and rich blessings to Encounter.
5. Praise God for the first time visitors these past weeks.

## **Prayer requests:**

1. Pray for Sunday school, Kids For Christ (KFC) that it will:
  - Grow to 20 consistent attendances at Sunday School over the year.
  - Grow and dedicate 7 Sunday school leaders. We currently have 5.
2. Pray for Encounter Youth to continue to thrive and for the alumnus volunteers to continue to contribute.
3. Pray for a total of 20 members to join Encounter LC as members by the end of 2026. Ask for wisdom for Tala to approach regular attendees who are ready to commit to become Encounter members.
4. Pray for an average of 50 people attending Encounter service each week regularly.
5. Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our college, and local community to prepare people for the gospel.
6. Pray for wisdom and spirit led sensitivity to follow up and contact the parents who visited Encounter services in the past.
7. Pray for Tala and Samuel as they plan to launch Junior Worship during Sunday School and Adult Worship time in Term Four.
8. Pray for good health, resilience and patience for the Ministry Support team members.
9. Prayer for Encounter's coming Outreach Sundays
  - Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day
  - Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Alls Stars Camp Celebration (SU Day camp)
  - Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - Bright Sunday (Like Mother's Day and Father's Day but for children)
  - Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - Reformation Sunday and Grand Parents Day
  - Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Junior Youth Group Launch
  - Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Hero Sunday/1<sup>st</sup> Responders
10. Pray for beginnings of Junior Youth Praise & Worship team (band).

Many thanks,  
Team Encounter

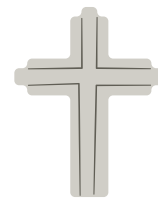
### **Church plant prayer meetings**

We meet online every Tuesday at 5 pm. Should you wish to join us in prayers to support this important outreach work, please email this prayer meeting administrator at [tseawong@hotmail.com](mailto:tseawong@hotmail.com) and you will be sent the zoom link to join us.



# Prayer Focus

Sunday 6 September, 2026  
Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost



**WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING:** Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 119:33-40](#) the Psalm of the day.
- for the wonderful news that Graduate **Pastor David Lazarus** has been assigned to our congregation. We pray for **Pastor David, his wife Annie and children CJ and JC**, as they prepare for their move to Ashmore.
- for the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- our Volunteers: those people who visit and distribute Holy Communion to the vulnerable and housebound
- for our Featured Ministry This Week: Sister Space
- for Encounter Lutheran Church, our church plant. Bless **Chaplain Tala** and his team, and all the new ventures happening, including Sunday School, Adult Bible study group and Youth Fellowship. May God encourage all who are new to the Gospel.

## TRUST & CONFESSION

- Repentance: God, we need your help. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have allowed the noise of the world to drown out your voice, and for when we have failed to love our neighbours as ourselves. Cleanse our hearts today and restore to us the joy of your salvation.

**COMPASSION:** God, we need Your help. We place our worries in your hands and pray for:

- For our Church Council and the TLC Going Forward group as they plan our future direction.
- Our Church Family: for members who have recently been in hospital.
- Health & Healing: For those experiencing pain or illness, those facing cancer, and those managing mental health challenges. Give them relief and the assurance that they are deeply loved. We pray especially for **Jan and Darryl; Fay; Jo-ann (knee surgery Thursday 27August) and Josephine**
- Our World: for an end to violence and a path to peace in the Middle East, especially in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Iran; also in Myanmar, Ukraine, Africa and other areas of conflict. We also pray for those involved in the flooding in Nepal. Be with those families who mourn loved ones who have died, comfort them. Strengthen all the emergency workers involved in the difficult work of recovery and restoration of the communities affected.

This week we pray for our members by name: **Tony and Rebecca; Lee-Anne and grandchildren; Laura.**

**Amen**

## OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Any individual prayer requests may be sent to **Sue Fysh**, Prayer Chain coordinator.  
Ph 0413996204 email: [suefysh@bigpond.com](mailto:suefysh@bigpond.com)



# Coffee & Chat

with the Chaplain

Cotlew Campus

Tuesdays  
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

📍 Outside the café (next to the library)

*All are welcome! -*

**✝ DID YOU KNOW?**

Every time you tap "Like" or write a quick comment on our Facebook page, you tell Facebook's system: "This is good news worth sharing!" That little click helps push our messages out to local people who might be looking for a spiritual home. We are at 45 followers and growing! Help us spread the word by finding Trinity Lutheran Church Ashmore public page on Facebook today. Like, comment, and share!

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## Gold Coast Lutheran Churches

Have a look at what is happening around the Lutheran churches on the Gold Coast. This website is for all Gold Coast Lutherans. If you would like to have an event or something else added to the site, please contact Rob Fysh 0481207709.

Click on the following link to check it out:  
<https://www.goldcoastlutheranchurches.org/>

Please consider a **Regular Electronic Transfer (RET)**.

LLL: Ashmore Trinity Lutheran Church:

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974 or

For your Cash offering - place in a sealed envelope and place in the "Offering Basket"

**Donations to Trinity Welfare Fund** may be made by direct transfer.

Account Name: Trinity Ashmore

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974

Reference: Trinity Welfare Fund

### Trinity Church Plant Donations

Whilst the Church Council has been awarded a grant to help meet costs of this mission, donations from individuals are also welcome. This can be done either through REG - earmarked to the Church Plant, or in an envelope with your Sunday offering, again marked as Church Plant.

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# What's Happening this Month?

## September

| Mon        | Tue                                                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                   | Thu                                                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                                                                                                   | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sun                                                                                                                                    |
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|            | <b>1.</b><br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br>see p. for details<br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b><br><br>see p.8 for details | <b>2.</b>                                             | <b>3.</b><br><b>Coffee, Chat and Craft Group</b><br>10.00am<br><br> | <b>4.</b>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>5.</b><br><b>Sister Space</b><br>9.00am<br><br>Host: Sue Fysh<br><br>see p.2 for details<br><br> | <b>6.</b><br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter worship 4.00pm                                                                 |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>8.</b><br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b>                                                      | <b>9.</b><br><b>Manse Working Bee</b><br><br>See p. 4 | <b>10.</b><br><b>Manse Working Bee</b><br><br>See p. 4                                                                                               | <b>11.</b><br><b>Games and Chat</b><br>Trinity Southport Hall<br>10.00 am<br><br>   | <b>12.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>13.</b><br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter worship 4.00pm                                                                |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>15.</b><br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b>                                                     | <b>16.</b>                                            | <b>17.</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>18.</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>19.</b><br><b>Man Space</b><br>8.00am<br><br>Host: Greg Specht<br><br>see p. 2 for details                                                                                          | <b>20.</b><br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter worship 4.00pm                                                                |
| <b>21.</b> | <b>22.</b><br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b>                                                     | <b>23.</b>                                            | <b>24.</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>25.</b><br><b>Games and Chat</b><br>Trinity Southport Hall<br>10.00 am<br><br> | <b>26.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>27.</b><br>Installation Service for Pastor David Lazarus<br><br>Trinity Centre<br>2.00pm<br>Afternoon Tea to follow<br><br>See p. 4 |
| <b>28.</b> | <b>29.</b><br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b>                                                     | <b>30.</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |