



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 11 October

[Exodus 32:1–14](#) or

[Isaiah 25:1–9](#)

[Philippians 4:1–9](#)

[Matthew 22:1–14](#)

Monday 12 October

Exodus 24:3–11

Tuesday 13 October

Acts 20:7–12

Wednesday 14 October

1 Corinthians 11:20–32

Thursday 15 October

Revelation 3:14–22

Friday 16 October

Revelation 19:5–10

Saturday 17 October

Psalms 96:1–9 (10–13)

**Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 18 October

Exodus 33:12–23 or

Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22



Devotion

When Change Teaches Us to Trust

When we sit with the story of Elijah in [1 Kings 17](#), we find a gentle reminder of how God often works outside the boundaries we set. During the long drought, God sent Elijah to Kerith Brook and promised to feed him there. But the way God chose to provide was surprising: He used ravens. These birds were considered unclean (Leviticus 11:15) — scavengers that fed on carcasses, creatures no Israelite would ever imagine as holy or suitable for anything sacred. Yet God commanded these very ravens to bring bread and meat to Elijah every morning and every evening (1 Kings 17:2–6).

- Elijah didn't get to choose the vessel God used. The food arrived in the mouth of a raven and Elijah had to receive it.
- The raven didn't suddenly become pure before God could use it, nor did it transform into a dove. It remained what it was — an unclean scavenger — yet it became God's messenger of care.
- God's ability to provide is never limited by our categories of what is clean, acceptable or likely. He is not restricted by our expectations or our sense of what He can or cannot use.

Sometimes God's help comes from places we would never expect. Sometimes His answer arrives through channels we would never choose. Elijah had to trust that God knew what He was doing, even when the method seemed strange. And we are invited into that same trust. We often create neat boxes for how we think God will act, how He will open doors or how He will solve our problems. But His power is unlimited and His creativity in caring for His people goes far beyond our imagination.

I am reminded of this truth as I continue waiting for my Queensland Blue Card approval. I submitted the application in mid-September and the waiting has been long. At the moment, I am unable to undertake all aspects of my work and the delay weighs heavily. Yet this story encourages me to trust that God can move in ways I do not expect. He may open a door from a direction I never considered. His provision may come through a 'raven' — something ordinary, unlikely or surprising — but still perfectly chosen by His hand. Our role is to trust Him, receive His provision and give thanks.

So, I humbly ask you to pray for me. Please pray that the Blue Card approval will come soon, and that God will continue to provide in His perfect timing. Just as He cared for Elijah day by day, I trust that He will also care for me — and I am grateful for your prayers as I wait on Him.

Pastor David Lazarus



Announcements



Sunday School resumes this week (11th October)

In the the newly painted church office!



Man Space

Man Space is an opportunity for men from our congregation to come together, for breakfast and a chat. Whether you've been before or not, all a welcome. Bring a friend.

Our next Man Space will be on **Saturday 21 November at 8am** at **Rob Fysh's place**.

Come along for a hot breakfast and some fellowship.

Please contact Rob for catering purposes, and for address details.

All welcome

Hope to see you there.



From the Treasurer

The church has a designated QR code.

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Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." Matthew 6:7 NIV

Praise and thanksgiving:

1. Praise God for the faithfulness of the church plant prayer meeting group which meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5 pm to pray. We welcome new prayer meeting member, Pastor David, this week.
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 the attendance of SU camp children at Encounter service this week, Sunday 4 October, and joining the Kids for Christ (KFC) Sunday School.
5. Praise God for TLCA members who support Encounter faithfully through attendance, giving and service since its Easter launch in the last six months.

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. Pray for Encounter's planned Halloween walk scheduled for Saturday, 31 October, at the Broadwater Parkland, that it will minister to the children and families.
10. Pray for Ps David and his family to settle into life on the Gold Coast, especially at the manse and for Jennifer to have smooth transition to the College in Term 4, and Annie to settle into family routines as Ps David starts his ministry at TLCA.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel,
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 tsewong@hotmail.com and you will be sent the zoom link to join us.





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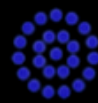


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PRESENTS:



OUT OF THE
SHADOWS WALK



Lifeline

OCT 31ST

9AM-11AM

Broadwater Parklands Fisherman's Lawn

9km Walk or Run

Free Sausage Sizzle and Gatorade



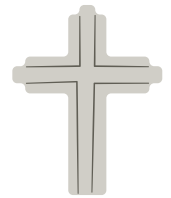
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Be a light for those lost in the darkness



Prayer Focus

Sunday 11 October, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on Psalm 23 - the Psalm of the day.
- For our new Pastor David Lazarus, his wife Annie and children JC and CJ. Thank you for sending them to us. We pray for them as they settle in to their new home. Bless them in their work in our congregation. We also pray that Pastor David will receive his Blue Card soon so that he can begin his work.
- For the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- Our Volunteers: those who offer private prayer after Holy Communion
- For our Featured Ministry This Week: Neighbourhood Connect Groups
- 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**.
- 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.

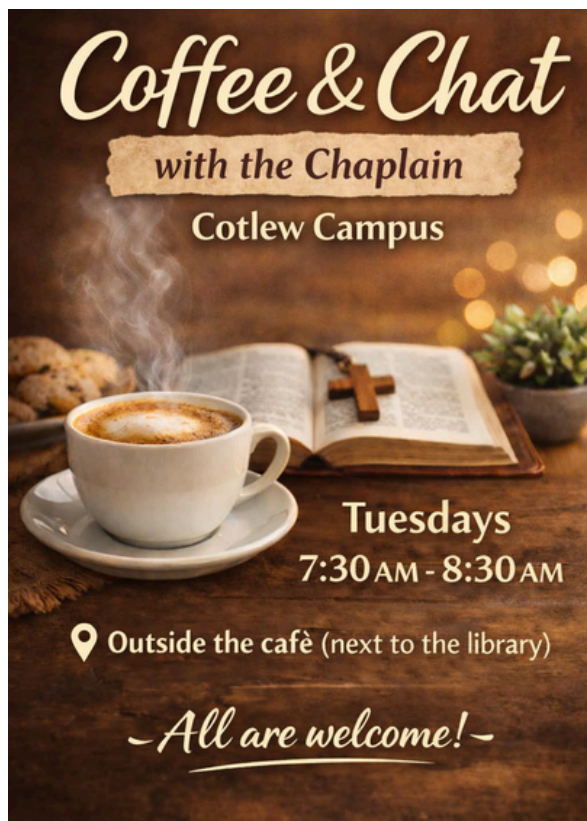
This week we pray for our members by name: **Frank and Judy; Gerhard and Janet**.

Amen

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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





Offering Options

Regular Electronic Transfer (RET).

LLL: Ashmore Trinity Lutheran Church:

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974



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

The church also has a designated **QR code**.

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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.

What's Happening this Month?

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1. Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	2.	3.	4. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
5.	6. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	7.	8.	9. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	10. Sister Space 9.00am Host: Heather Bunyan 	11. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
12.	13. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	14.	15.	16.	17.	18. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
19.	20. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	21.	22.	23. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	24.	25. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
26.	27. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	28.	29.	30.	31.	