



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

## Weekly Bible Readings

**Twenty-Second Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Sunday 25 October**

[Deuteronomy 34:1–12](#) or

[Leviticus 19:1, 2, 15–18](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:1–8](#)

[Matthew 22:34–46](#)

**Monday 26 October**

Isaiah 58:7–12

**Tuesday 27 October**

John 15:9–17

**Wednesday 28 October**

Acts 5:1–11

**Thursday 29 October**

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

**Friday 30 October**

1 Thessalonians 4:7–12

**Saturday 31 October**

Psalms 43

**Twenty-Second Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Sunday 1 November**

**All Saints Day**

Joshua 3:7–17 or

Micah 3:5–12

1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

Matthew 23:1–12



## Devotion

### The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:37–40

During my PhD years, I worked the night shift in a chicken factory. It was a place where people from many backgrounds gathered, each carrying their own struggles and hopes. In that cold and noisy environment, God taught me something deep about love and mercy through a co-worker named Jackie, a transgender woman. Jackie often faced bullying from male co-workers, especially those who considered themselves religious. Their comments were harsh and their jokes cut deeply. Jackie often kept her head down, simply trying to get through each shift.

As her team leader, I chose to treat her fairly and respectfully, not because I agreed with every part of her life, but because she was a person loved by Jesus Christ. Over time, she noticed the difference and asked why I never judged her like the others. I told her honestly that any kindness she saw in me was simply my attempt to live in my Saviour's mercy.

In Matthew 22:34–46, Jesus summarises the Law: to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These words are beautiful, but they also expose our limits. We cannot love God perfectly and we cannot love our neighbour perfectly. But these passages point us to Christ—the only One who has fulfilled them. His life, death and resurrection are the living expression of the Great Commandment — arms stretched wide on the cross for sinners.

Because Christ has fulfilled the Law for us, we live in His mercy. That mercy shapes how we meet people, especially those who live outside God's ways or do not know Him: not to judge but to embody mercy. When I worked with Jackie, I realised that judgment closes doors, but mercy opens them. Respecting her dignity did not mean accommodating sin, but I can love her—just as Christ has loved me. It meant reflecting Christ's compassion in a broken world.

As Lutherans, the Great Commandment becomes not a heavy burden but a gracious gift. We love because Christ first loved us. We show mercy because Christ has shown mercy to us. We walk gently because Christ has walked gently with us. In Christ, we are freed to live reconciled lives—lives that honour God and bless our neighbour. We do not love perfectly, but we love faithfully, trusting the One who has fulfilled the Law on our behalf.

Pastor David Lazarus





# Announcements



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
*Celebrate*  
**150**  
*YEARS*  
of Our Congregation  
— 1876 - 2026 —  
*Celebrating 150 Years of  
Faith, Fellowship &  
God's Faithfulness*

Join us as we celebrate 150 years  
of our congregation, giving thanks  
for God's faithfulness, grace and  
blessings through generations.

**SUNDAY**  
**1 November**  
**9.30 a.m.**  
Followed by a  
*Finger Food Brunch*

*Honouring our past,  
celebrating our present,  
and looking forward  
with hope.*

**FOR ENQUIRIES:**  
**Pastor Mark Gierus**  
**0407 121 533**

**150 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS –  
*To Him Be the Glory!***

**BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOONGOOLBA**

Who remembers this wooden Manse sign? Perhaps you made it for our first manse. It has been hiding in the storage area under the stairs in the church office for many years. If you know something about it, share it with Helen or Sue Specht as we work out its next "home".



## Joint TLCA and Encounter Prayer meeting

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Part of the “Change” we reflected on from Matthew 21:33–46 of last Sunday's sermon is allowing God to redirect us. It begins with listening: hearing God's voice through Scripture, prayer and community.

With this in mind, I warmly invite you to join us for our weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday at 5:00 pm.

Join Zoom Prayer Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85347280937?pwd=UKs8eOHZfTVqVzhBbgyykjKe8uRhFl.1>

Meeting ID: 853 4728 0937

Passcode: GLP3py

Let us come together to pray, listen and seek where God may be redirecting our church — the areas where He is inviting us to welcome His messengers, release our grip on comfort and step into new fruitfulness.

Blessings,

Pastor David Lazarus

## Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Sunday School will resume on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Thank you,

Michael

## 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.

# Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



## Please continue to pray with us:

- Thank God for Ps Michael A for his leadership of the Sunday School and the thriving of the children under his teaching.
- Praise God for the large number of parents and children attending Bright Sunday to celebrate children at Encounter last week.
- Pray for the hearts and minds of people at the College and the wider community to be ready to hear the gospel.
- Pray for the strengthening of the joint ministry of TLCA and Encounter for the people who need to hear the gospel.
- Pray for the adjustment for Pastor David, Annie and Jennifer as they adjust to living on the Gold Coast; and be prepared for the summer ahead.
- Pray for Pastor David and Chaplain Tala as they minister to the two congregations with diversity of needs that you will support and protect them.
- Pray for the health and wellbeing of all those who serve you faithfully at TLCA, church council members and volunteers, and at Encounter, all the mission support team members.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer individually and together online.

Team Encounter

## Joint TLCA and Encounter Prayer meeting.

It was great that Pastor David shared about embracing change last Sunday. One change is that the Encounter church plant prayer meeting is now the **Joint TLCA and Encounter Prayer meeting**.

We met as one body in Christ on Tuesday, 20 October, online to pray for the two congregations, the college and the wider community. Please join us on Tuesdays at 5 pm by clicking this link. Join us as often or whenever you can. It only goes for 30 minutes.

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# ENCOUNTER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

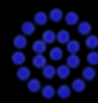


ENCOUNTER THE GOD WHO WANTS TO ENCOUNTER YOU

## 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



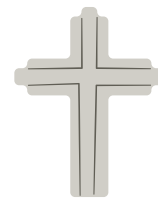
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*Be a light for those lost in the darkness*



# Prayer Focus

Sunday 25 October, 2026  
Twenty-second Sunday after  
Pentecost



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

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 1](#) the Psalm of the day.
- For our new Pastor **David Lazarus, his wife Annie and children Jenniver 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. Praise that Pastor David now has his Blue Card and can begin his work in our church.
- For the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- Our Volunteers: Church Council
- For our Featured Ministry This Week: Facebook Administrators
- 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 Rose; Fay Schulz; Jo-ann Lerner**.
- 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.

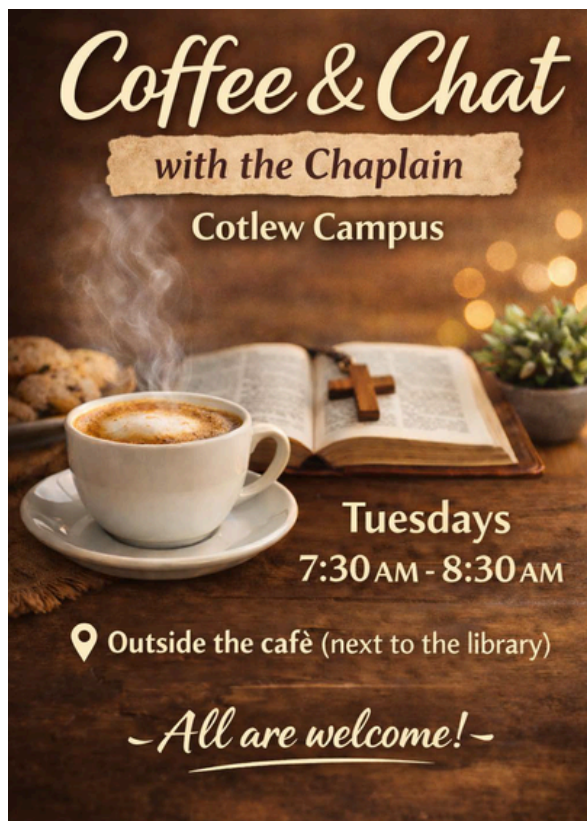
This week we pray for our members by name: **Tala and Josephine Aufai, their children Ezrae, Lisa and Wesley; David Alfson and children Angel, Raphael, and Harlen.**

**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)





## 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**.

Offerings to either Encounter church or Trinity church can now be made by card transactions.

(Fees apply)



Visit LLL's Privacy Notice: [lll.org.au/donate](http://lll.org.au/donate)

**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.<br><b>Coffee, Chat and Craft Group</b><br>10.00am<br> | 2.                                                                                                                                                         | 3.                                                                                                                                                                                   | 4.<br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter<br>worship 4.00pm  |
| 5.  | 6.<br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b>  | 7.  | 8.                                                                                                                                        | 9.<br><b>Games and Chat</b><br>Trinity Southport Hall<br>10.00 am<br>    | 10.<br><b>Sister Space</b><br>9.00am<br><br>Host: Heather Bunyan<br>5 Crampton Court Parkwood<br> | 11.<br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter<br>worship 4.00pm |
| 12. | 13.<br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b> | 14. | 15.                                                                                                                                       | 16.                                                                                                                                                        | 17.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18.<br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter<br>worship 4.00pm |
| 19. | 20.<br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b> | 21. | 22.                                                                                                                                       | 23.<br><b>Games and Chat</b><br>Trinity Southport Hall<br>10.00 am<br> | 24.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 25.<br>Trinity Worship<br>9.00am<br><br>Encounter<br>worship 4.00pm |
| 26. | 27.<br><b>Church Plant Prayer Meeting</b><br><br><b>Coffee &amp; Chat with the Chaplain</b> | 28. | 29.                                                                                                                                       | 30.                                                                                                                                                        | 31.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |

## Contact details and Pastor's availability

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### **Pastor David's working hours**

- Tuesday–Wednesday: in the office, 8:00 am–4:00 pm
- Tuesday: Zoom Prayer Meeting (for Trinity and Encounter Church), 5:00–6:00 pm
- Thursday–Friday: home and hospital visitation

Please contact either Helen or Sue Fysh or me to arrange a meeting or visitation. I will normally be available at the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, except where I have a prior booking. Please feel free to come, sit with me, talk with me and share with me.

## Survey

1. Why do you come to Trinity?
2. Why do you stay at Trinity?
3. Do you know why Trinity worships the way it does?
4. In five years' time, what kind of church would you like Trinity to be?
5. If you were in my shoes as the pastor, what would be your highest priority?
6. If you could change one thing to make Trinity a better church, what would it be?

As I mentioned in my Sunday sermon, I have developed a six-point survey, but it is not a written survey. I don't want people simply to fill out a form. I want to hear their voices because God often speaks through His people, through their stories, hopes, concerns and dreams for the church.

This "survey" is really a conversation that helps us listen together for the places where God may be redirecting our church, where He may be inviting us to welcome His messengers, release our grip on comfort and step into new fruitfulness.

So please:

- Invite me to your Bible study.
- Invite me to your group.
- Invite me to your home for a cuppa.

Your voice matters. Your story matters.

Tell me where you see God redirecting us.  
Tell me where you sense the vineyard needs tending.  
Tell me where you believe fruit is ready to grow.

Pastor David Lazarus