Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 25th October 2026



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 143, MP 187,vv1,3, MP 132, TIS 561)

Sunday 9 am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: MP 254, MP 921, MP 1012, MP 376)

***** https://go.stlukesekibin.org.au/zoom or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the office for the password.***

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22.37-40

Rev'd Timothy writes…



Our gospel passage this week includes a familiar passage that we say every week (at our 7am service); Jesus' response to the Pharisee's question of what is the greatest commandment. Jesus quotes two passages from the Torah (the first five books of the Old testament/Hebrew Scriptures): Deuteronomy 6:5 (the *Shema* – love God) and Leviticus 19:18 (love your neighbour). This was thus not a new idea. The *Shema* was a prayer that pious Jews recited daily, and the command to love your neighbour had been described by other rabbis as the central message of the Torah.

This interpretation was not disputed. The Pharisees knew it, the people knew it. So why did a lawyer ask Jesus the question? We are getting towards the end of the gospel narrative, and tensions are rising. They are trying to trap Jesus. If he answers that the greatest commandment was to love God (Deuteronomy 6:5) then they can claim that this is what they had been doing, that they were right. If Jesus did not say this then they could accuse him of sacrilege. But what Jesus does is to agree with the primacy of the command to love God, but that there is more to this; to love your neighbour is something that springs from this. To love God means to love your neighbour.

This is a reminder to us that following Jesus is something that leads us into action. This is why the church throughout the centuries has been in the forefront of medicine, education, social care.

All Soul's Day (2nd November) is traditionally a day when we remember those who have died in the previous year (and longer ago), giving thanks for the gifts that they shared with us.

We will keep this in the parish next **Sunday 1st November at 6pm** with a special service of Evening Prayer at which we will have an opportunity to light candles in thanksgiving. If you are unable to come, but would like someone remembered, please add their name to the list at the back of church, or contact the Parish Office by email or phone.



Readings for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 Moses stands at the edge of the promise, able to see but not enter. It is a moment of both fulfilment and limitation. Faithfulness is not always about arriving; sometimes it is about trusting the story continues beyond us.

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 holds together human fragility and God's enduring faithfulness. Life is fleeting, yet held within the presence of the One who has been our dwelling place across generations. The psalm calls us to live wisely within the time we are given.

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 Paul describes ministry not as authority or performance, but as gentleness: like a caregiver offering not just words, but their very self. Love here is relational, vulnerable, and embodied.

Matthew 22:34–46 When asked for the greatest commandment, Jesus gathers everything into love, love of God and love of neighbour. These are not separate, but inseparable. Love becomes the centre from which all other commandments find their meaning.

First reading

A reading from Deuteronomy

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of
Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of
Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the
Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead
as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of
Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of
Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the
Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley
of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far
as Zoar. 4 The Lord said to him, 'This is the
land of which I swore to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it
to your descendants"; I have let you see
it with your eyes, but you shall not cross
over there.' 5 Then Moses, the servant of
the Lord , died there in the land of Moab,
at the Lord 's command. 6 He was buried
in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite
Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial
place to this day. 7 Moses was one
hundred and twenty years old when he
died; his sight was unimpaired and his
vigour had not abated. 8 The Israelites
wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for
thirty days; then the period of mourning
for Moses was ended.

9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit
of wisdom, because Moses had laid his
hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed
him, doing as the Lord had commanded
Moses.

10 Never since has there arisen a prophet
in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew
face to face. 11 He was unequalled for all
the signs and wonders that the Lord sent
him to perform in the land of Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants and
his entire land, 12 and for all the mighty
deeds and all the terrifying displays of
power that Moses performed in the sight
of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.

3 You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.

5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.

13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.

14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.

15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
or the years we have suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

9 You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. 11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, 12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as

what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had
silenced the Sadducees, they gathered
together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer,
asked him a question to test him. 36
'Teacher, which commandment in the law
is the greatest?' 37 He said to him, ' "You
shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul, and with all
your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first
commandment. 39 And a second is like it:
"You shall love your neighbour as
yourself." 40 On these two
commandments hang all the law and the
prophets.'

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered
together, Jesus asked them this question:
42 'What do you think of the Messiah?
Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The
son of David.' 43 He said to them, 'How is
it then that David by the Spirit calls him
Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your
feet' "?

45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he
be his son?' 46 No one was able to give
him an answer, nor from that day did
anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.

Matthew 22:34-46

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Word for the Day

Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment. But instead of choosing one, he binds two together: love God, and love your neighbour.

Something shifts. These are no longer separate. We cannot love God while turning away from our neighbour; and when we love our neighbour with honesty, courage, and care, something of God's life is revealed among us.

This love is not abstract. It is lived. It shows up in how we speak, how we listen, how we use our time, and how we respond when it would be easier not to. It is present in the gentleness Paul describes, in ministry that offers not only words but self. It is present in Moses' faithfulness at the edge of what he will not live to see.

Perhaps love is not only the centre of faith, but the centre of life itself.

And perhaps the question for us is not whether love matters, but what might change if we lived as though love truly held everything together.

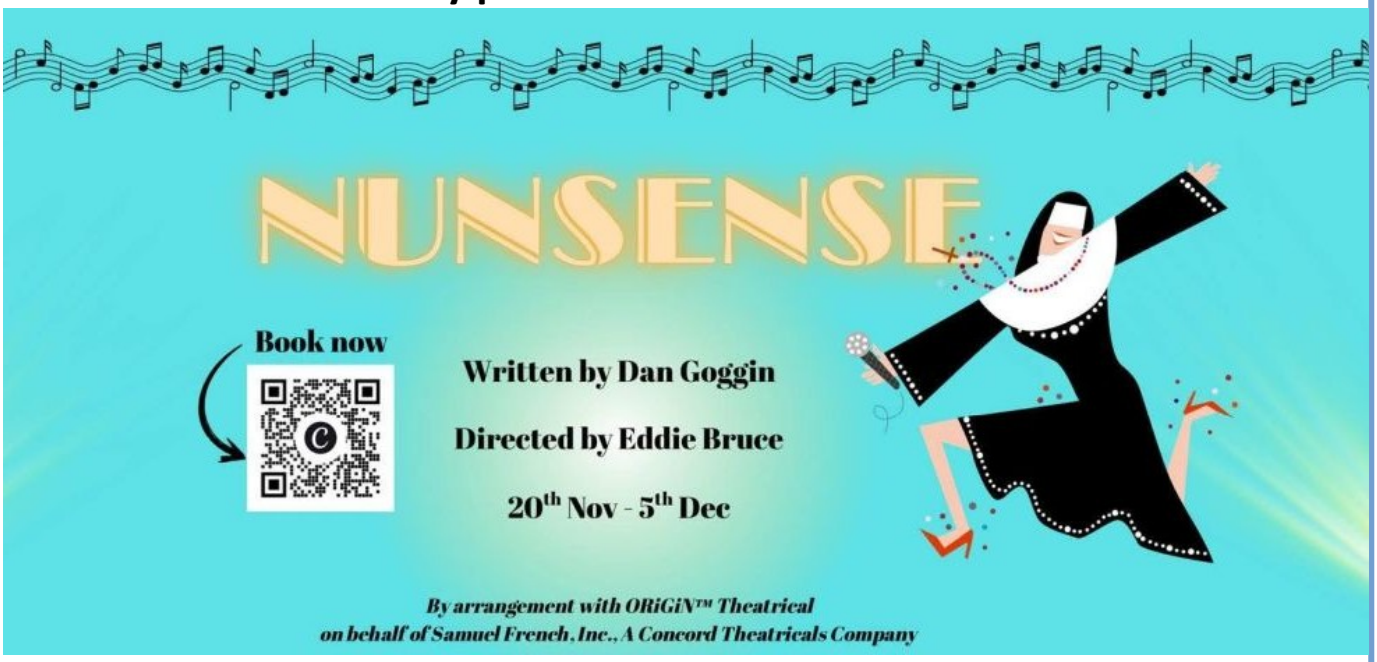
Ideas for Reflection

- Where has love become small or safe in your life?

- Who is your neighbour right now?
- What might it mean to love more honestly this week?
- Where are you being invited to love through listening, patience, courage, or practical care?
- What helps our community place love at the centre of its decisions?

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St Luke's Theatre Society present…



Book at www.stlukestheatre.asn.au

Care Force Inala – Christmas Hamper Collection.



This year Careforce Inala are preparing Christmas hampers to give to people in need. We at St Luke's are collecting non-perishable food items – especially Christmas themed food – tinned hams etc, toys.

They are also starting to accept good quality second hand clothing, shoes, and linen. Cash donations are always very welcome.



The Moy's will be delivering all goods to Inala on Monday 9th November and so the last day for dropping off items will be **Sunday 8th November.**

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The World

Continue to pray for positive negotiations and ceasefires in the conflict situations throughout the world.

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of Central Africa
The Diocese of The Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
The Parish of Lutwyche: Jenny Simson, Allan Shephard
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Our missionary partners

David and Zoë Browne, Bush Church Aid in Gladstone.

Local Schools and colleges

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary

Our parish

Give thanks for the work of our musicians and choir.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Scott L, Tim Vassella, Leonie Collins.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

25 October: Rita Simpson; *26 October:* Noel Charles Wood; *28 October:* Janelle Lesley Paech; *29 October*: Charles William Wood; *30 October*: Guy Hedley Allen; *31 October:* Betty Doris Brunckhorst, Constance Patricia Toombes.

St Luke's Connect

Wednesday 28th October, from 9.30am at St Luke's.

Service in church followed by a time of fellowship.

This month 'froctober' (or patterned shirts for the men!)



Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: **C10686424**

Also part of St Luke's

Little Angels Tarragindi

Anglican Childcare *opening soon:*

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stlukestheatre.asn.au

Services This Week:

Thursday-Friday
6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 27th October
1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis

Wednesday 28th October
9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday 1st November:
All Saint's Day
7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's
9am: Family Communion and Children's Church (with Zoom stream)
6pm: Evening Prayer at St Luke's

Readings: Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10,22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

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