Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

24th Sunday after Pentecost
(Remembrance Sunday)
Sunday 8th November 2026



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 47, TIS 138,vv1,4, TIS 432, TIS 380)

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

(Hymns: TIS 745, MP 456, MP 1116, MP 572)

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

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42. 44

Rev'd Timothy writes…



Our gospel parable this week seems to lead us into contemplating what the foolish bridesmaids got wrong and warning us to avoid their mistakes. But it is perhaps better to look at what the wise bridesmaids got right. They were prepared, ready for the possibility of a delay. It wasn't a big thing, just oil for their lamps, but they did think and knew that they needed to take responsibility.

The same is so for being a follower of God: we are not spectators who can just rub our lamps and tell the genie what we need. God asks us to participate, take responsibility for ourselves, to be involved and present and aware of the needs of the world around us.



Celebrate St Cecilia Day

A concert of music and praise

Holy Trinity Anglican Church,

68 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba

Sunday 22nd Nov 2026, 3:00pm

Featuring:

Organ solos, St Luke's Ekibin Choir

Guest soloists, Community singing.

Stay for afternoon tea after the concert.

Entry $8.00 Adults, children & students free.

Book at: https://www.trybooking.com/DRJPZ

Care Force Inala – Christmas Hamper Collection

The last day for dropping off items for Christmas is **TODAY Sunday 8th November.**

Advent Study – CARAVAN



A series of incarnational stories based on the birth of Christ but set in an Australian landscape, re framing and throwing new light on stories we think we know backwards.

Tuesdays 10am or Thursdays 7pm starting 24/26 November.
Study book from ABM costs $12. Contact Rev'd Timothy or June.

Readings for 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 Joshua gathers the people at a moment of decision: 'Choose today whom you will serve.' Faith has been handed to them through memory, story, and covenant, but now it asks for their own response. This reading invites us to consider the commitments that shape our lives.

Psalm 78:1–7 calls the community to remember and to tell the story of God's faithfulness. Faith is passed on through generations, through memory and practice. What we tend now may become light for those who come after us.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Paul writes tenderly to a community grieving those who have died: we are not without hope, even in the face of death; God holds what we cannot.

Matthew 25:1–13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids invites us into a different kind of readiness: not frantic or fearful but formed over time. Oil cannot be borrowed at the last moment; it must be gathered, slowly, in the quiet work of living. This story invites us to notice what is forming in us now.

First reading

A reading from Joshua

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of
Israel to Shechem, and summoned the
elders, the heads, the judges, and the
officers of Israel; and they presented
themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said
to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the
God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—
Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—
lived beyond the Euphrates and served
other gods. 3 Then I took your father
Abraham from beyond the River and led
him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many. I gave him
Isaac;

14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and
serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness;
put away the gods that your ancestors
served beyond the River and in Egypt,
and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are
unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this
day whom you will serve, whether the
gods your ancestors served in the region
beyond the River or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you are living;
but as for me and my household, we will
serve the Lord.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it
from us that we should forsake the Lord
to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord
our God who brought us and our
ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out
of the house of slavery, and who did
those great signs in our sight. He
protected us along all the way that we
went, and among all the peoples through
whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove
out before us all the peoples, the
Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore
we also will serve the Lord, for he is our
God.'

19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You
cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy
God. He is a jealous God; he will not

forgive your transgressions or your sins.
20 If you forsake the Lord and serve
foreign gods, then he will turn and do you
harm, and consume you, after having
done you good.’ 21 And the people said to
Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the Lord!’ 22
Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are
witnesses against yourselves that you
have chosen the Lord, to serve him.’ And
they said, ‘We are witnesses.’ 23 He said,
‘Then put away the foreign gods that are
among you, and incline your hearts to the
Lord, the God of Israel.’ 24 The people said
to Joshua, ‘The Lord our God we will
serve, and him we will obey.’ 25 So Joshua
made a covenant with the people that
day, and made statutes and ordinances
for them at Shechem.

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my
mouth;

2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former
times.

3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,

4 We will not hide from their children, but
declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his
mighty and wonderful works.

5 He established a law in Jacob and made
a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors to
teach their children,

6 That future generations might know,
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their
children;

7 So that they might put their confidence
in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his
commandments.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

9 Now concerning love of the brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have
anyone write to you, for you yourselves
have been taught by God to love one
another; 10 and indeed you do love all the
brothers and sisters throughout
Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to
do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live
quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to
work with your hands, as we directed
you, 12 so that you may behave properly
towards outsiders and be dependent on
no one.

13 But we do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may
not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those
who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the
archangel’s call and with the sound of
God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air;
and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

[18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Gospel reading at 7am

A reading from the gospel of John

[9] As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11] I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

[12] 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16] You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17] I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15:9-17

Gospel reading at 9am

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

[1] 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." [7] Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." [9] But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11] Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." [12] But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." [13] Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25:1-13

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Word for the Day

This parable (Matthew 25:1-13) can sound harsh at first. Some are ready. Some are not. The door is closed. But perhaps the heart of the story is not about exclusion, but about formation. Oil cannot be borrowed, not because others are unwilling, but because it represents something that is slowly gathered.

Faith is formed in the quiet practices of life: attention, compassion, prayer, presence. It is formed when we choose to love, when we stay awake to what matters, when we live honestly before God. Read alongside Joshua's call to choose and Psalm 78's call to remember, the parable invites us to notice what is shaping over time.

The invitation is not to be afraid of missing out, but to attend to how we are living now. Because readiness is not something we achieve at the end, it grows within us day by day. What is being formed in us, even now.

Ideas for Reflection

- What practices are shaping your life right now?
- Where do you feel spiritually empty, tired, or stretched thin?
- What might help you cultivate a steady, living faith?
- What small act of trust, attention, or love might you tend this week?
- What might our community do to help one another keep our lamps burning?

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Thank you from Sue Johnson

Sue thanks the congregation of St Luke's for supporting her so generously so she could attend the Special Olympics Australia National Games 2026 held in Melbourne in October.

At the National Games, Sue won a gold medal in the teams event in 10 pin bowling. Congratulations Sue.

St Luke's Theatre Society presents…



Book now at www.stlukestheatre.asn.au

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The World

Pray for our elected representatives, Julie-Ann Campbell, Mark Bailey and Steve Griffiths and their work of community building in our local area.

The Anglican Communion

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
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The Parish of Nanango: Robert Chippendale
Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim: Principal – Michelle Carroll; Chaplain – Kathrin Koning; Chair of College Council – Peta Grenfell; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Parishes in the Western Region (Bush Ministry Fund).

Local Schools and colleges

St Elizabeth's Primary, St Francis Xavier, Red Hill Special School

Our parish

Give thanks that the final diocesan approvals have been received enabling Little Angels Tarragindi to open in January.

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

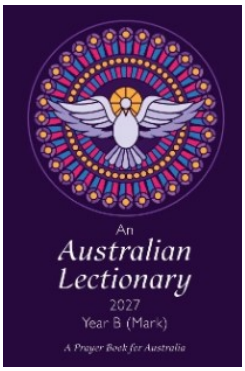
8 November: Robert James McDonald, Patrick Chiswell; *9 November*: William Frederick Major James, Thomas Victor Collingwood, Geoffrey Thomas Beames; *10 November:* Lillias Grace Rowe; *11 November:* Mary Sarah Gayford, Gordon Ronald Draydon, John Jeffrey; *14 November:* Sophia Maud Petersen.

Children's Church

This Sunday and every Sunday during school terms.

2027 Lectionary

Still available. Contains details of readings for Sunday and mid-week services. Cost is $17. Contact Rev'd Timothy.



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 4 Jan 2027*

littleangels.qld.edu.au

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

Services This Week:

Thursday-Friday
6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 10th November
1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis Salisbury

Sunday 15TH November:
25th Sunday after Pentecost
7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's
9am: Family Communion and Children's Church (with Zoom stream)

Readings: Judges 4:1-10, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

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