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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25TH OCTOBER 2026

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

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

COLLECT

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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading Deuteronomy 34.1-12

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 106, Verses 1-6 and 20-24

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;

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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:
for 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!

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

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.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22.34-46

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.

HYMNS - EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS

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8am - Gradual 222; Offertory 650; Recessional 275

9:30am - Introit 456; Gradual 222; Offertory 650; Recessional 275

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Love God and Others'.

Next Sunday's Readings

Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10; 34.22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

We respectfully acknowledge the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship and minister and pay respects to elders past and present.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS - All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptised, communicant members of all Christian denominations, are very welcome to receive Holy Communion and any person welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and wish to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please speak to a sides person.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have enjoyed our week of celebration thus far. It is a delight to give thanks for 178 years of ministry here at St John's.

I often try to imagine what Bishop Short's voice must have sounded like as he preached on this psalm and all the priests since then!!! I often think of all the people who have worshipped here, served here and encountered God or simply passed through. I think of all the wardens, councillors, ministers and clergy. All the flower arrangers, sacristans, cleaners, polishers, choristers, organists. And I give thanks for them all. I give thanks for our history and heritage.

Today as we gather in neighbourly love, our readings are a blessed gift. We have ended our journey through Exodus and move on to Deuteronomy. Moses seemed unwilling to leave his work; but that being finished, he manifested no unwillingness to die. But the Lord also promised that Moses should have a view of it and showed him all that good land. Moses brought Israel to the borders of Canaan and then died and left them.

In Psalm 90 we are reminded that God is our refuge.

As we continue our study of 1Thessalonians, we consider that mildness and tenderness greatly recommend religion and are most conformable to God's gracious dealing with sinners, in and by the gospel. This is the way to win people. We should not only be faithful to our calling as Christians, but in our particular callings and relations. Our great gospel privilege is, that God has called us to his kingdom and glory. The great gospel duty is, that we walk worthy of God. We should live as becomes those called with such a high and holy calling. Our great business is to honour, serve, and please God.

Our Gospel is most familiar: Jesus said, "You must love your neighbour as yourself". Only when we accept ourselves as fundamentally good, (because that's how we were created): and begin to love ourselves, will we be able to start loving other people as the Lord commanded.

Those who are filled with self-loathing and self-hatred are not going to be able to love others. They will project these feelings onto others. They will blame and castigate others for what they do not like in themselves.

An old man was sitting on a bench at the edge of town when a stranger approached. 'What are the people in this town like?' the stranger asked.

'What were they like in your last town?' replied the old man.

'They were kind, generous, and would do anything for you if you were in trouble'.

'Well, I think you will find them much the same in this town'.

Sometime later a second stranger approached the old man and asked the same question. What are the people in this town like?

And the old man replied: What were they like in the town you have come from?

It was a terrible place', came the answer. To tell you the truth, I was glad to get out of it. The people there were mean, unkind, and nobody would lift a finger to help you if you were in trouble'.

'I'm afraid', said the old man, 'you'll find them much the same in this town'.

The main point of this story is: we see other people not as they are but as we are. If we see people in a bad light, it is a sign that we are ill at ease with ourselves. A man who is not at peace with himself, spreads that sense of uneasiness to those around him.

‘Unless we love ourselves, we cannot love others properly. So, to begin with we must love ourselves. But if we love ourselves in the wrong way, then we become incapable of loving anyone else. Few love themselves in such a way as to be able to love others properly.

There is an idea that love of self is wrong, even sinful. There is, of course, a form of self-love which is wrong. We call it selfishness or egoism. But there is a form of self-love which is healthy and good, and without which we cannot really love others.

You can’t fly without wings. You can’t grow without roots. We can’t offer warmth to others if our own fireplace is cold and empty. We can only love with the amount of love that is in us. Whether we are conscious of it or not, we do love others precisely as we love ourselves.

It’s very important, then, to have a healthy love and respect for ourselves. This is where love starts, but of course it is not meant to end there. All true love of self-overflows in the form of love of others and of God.

It’s easy to love certain people because they are lovable. But not so easy to love others, who are clearly and obviously flawed. But that is the real test of love. Where there is no love, sow love, and you will reap love. Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love. That’s what Jesus meant when he said: “You must love your neighbour as yourself”.

Here’s to the next 178 years of loving in this place!!!!

Blessings
Karen

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, clergy and people.

The Parish of Secret Harbour - Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Paul Watson and wife Diane.

Praise:

God’s provision for all our needs; for so many answered prayers; for the operations of our two Op Shops & the dedicated volunteers; for the growth in our Bible study groups; and for new people who joined us in the past year.

Pray for:

☒ That our church will continue to produce strong and fruitful disciples of Jesus.

☒ The Girl Guides group who are using our church hall. That we will connect with the families and see some coming to church.

☒ For God to raise up the next generation of leaders in our church – parish councillors, wardens, home group leaders, youth & children’s leaders.

Diocesan Ministry: Vocations to Ordained Ministry.

For the World:

☒ That all employers will implement best practice policies for safe work practice.

☒ That viable solutions to global warming will be found and implemented.

☒ For a greater tolerance amongst people of different faiths, cultures and politics.

☒ For those who have lost their loved ones through accidents that they may find consolation in God and look to Jesus the perfecter of our faith.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Kimng’oror Health Centre - Administrator/Clinical Officer - Edward Kimaru.

Septonok Retreat Centre - Patron - Canon Henry Kerich.

Please pray for:

☒ Thank God for the outgoing Board of Management whose term ended .

☒ That we make the most of every opportunity among our friends, neighbours, family, co-workers and others we come around and reflect Christ in all we say and do. Pray also that people may use wisdom over emotions in all decisions they make.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for God’s restoring spirit over women and girls who have been abused or neglected.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer Gracious God and Father, As we welcome a new day and a new month, we pray that You will put a song in our hearts and on our lips to celebrate the glorious freedom won for us by Jesus in his death and resurrection. Freedom from sin and guilt; freedom to be who we are meant to be in Christ. May our joyful response be to join our MU brothers and sisters across the world ‘to proclaim liberty to the captives and let the oppressed go free.’ We give thanks for all that MU has done in Your name and pray with hope and confidence that it will continue to serve You and show Your love now and in the future. Amen.

Mission of the Month - Compassion

Compassion is a global neighbourhood committed to releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Children are the hardest hit by poverty, the least able to change their circumstances, and at the heart of Jesus’ ministry. In response to God’s call Compassion gives hope to the hopeless, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant, non-coercive way. While Compassion is a distinctly Christian organisation, they assist children and their families living in poverty regardless of their beliefs, gender or background. Programs are delivered in partnership with local churches in developing countries. For further detail on Compassion, please visit their website <https://www.compassion.com.au>

NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Martha's Soup Kitchen - Mon 12pm-1pm.

Prepare for Worship Meeting - Monday 4pm in the D/W Hall.

Communications Committee Meeting - Tuesday 3rd Nov. at 4pm via Zoom.

Thursday at 3 - We have gathered anew to consider Living the Questions – a study using a DVD and written material, that explores the writings of the Bible and the mysteries of faith and life.

This study will run for 5 more weeks. Our Advent studies, from Companions on the Way, will commence on 26 November and finish on 17 December. Come and join us! We meet in the DW Hall at 3 pm.

If you have any questions please speak to Jenny Taylor or Rev. Karen.

Emergency Relief - Hi everyone Thanks for your previous donations which we very much appreciated.

We urgently require the following items:

- 1 litre full cream long life milk.
- 1kg plain or self-raising flour.
- 1kg white rice.

Thank you and best wishes from the ER team.

Ministry opportunities - The Church cleaning team and Op Shop are looking for extra volunteers to join them. Please contact our Op Shop Manager, Wardens or Revd. Karen.

Church Watch Fridays from 11am-2pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with this ministry please speak to Revd. Karen or one of our Wardens.

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Prayer Chain - A parish prayer chain has been re-established. If you have prayer requests please contact Revd. Karen (0434 702 343), who will communicate with other members of the team. Prayer requests will not be discussed by prayer chain members and will be kept in confidence. If you wish for prayers to continue for more than one week, please contact Rev. Karen again. The importance and power of prayer is intrinsic in our faith.

Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for God. “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7(NRSV).

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday at 11am. The format is flexible, but follows The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer by David Adam and includes a time of silent prayer, up to 20 minutes for regulars. The service is chosen as a result of discussion about matters on the hearts of those attending, and the contemplation based on a mantra taken from the psalm. The service usually takes less than an hour. The books are supplied, and contemplative time can be modified for those new to this form of prayer. You are most welcome to come and try a new experience! Cherry O'Donnell.

PEACE OF MIND - Regardless of age, an enduring power of attorney (EPA) , an enduring power of guardianship (EPG) and an advanced health directive (AHD) can be accessed at <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/enduring-power-of-attorney> and are recommended to be in place to provide peace of mind to our families. Do you have a will?

AND FUNERALS - Information to assist you make your wishes known re funeral arrangements can be accessed via the Parish Office. The completed information is for your family and/or support persons to ensure your wishes are carried out.

Containers for Change

We are now registered with the “Containers for Change” scheme. Our Member Number is C11770281. Would you kindly consider donating your refunds to St John’s?

Direct Giving via Electronic Banking -

Thanks again to those who are continuing to support the church in one form or another. Could I please ask that those that are electronically transferring money to the church follow the following instructions.

Ordinary Direct giving - quote the word “Donation” in the reference section and deposit into Anglican Community Fund.

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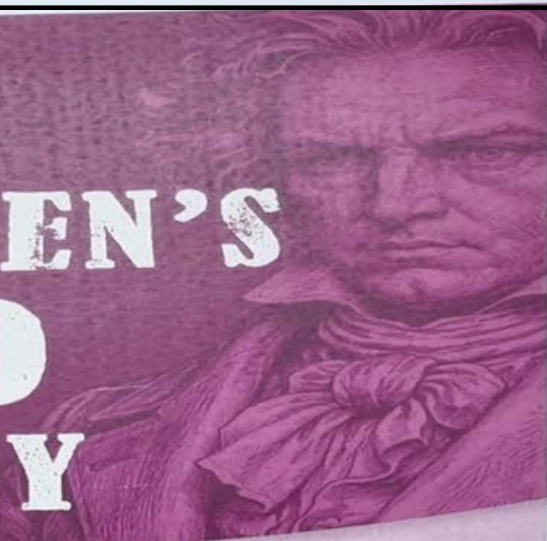
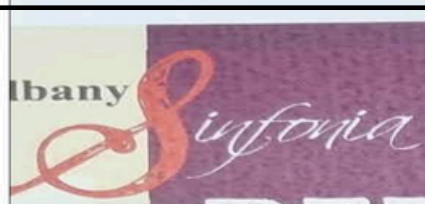
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'IF WE HATE, HATRED WILL DEVOUR US'

ANGLICAN LEADER OFFERS PRAYERS FOR MEMBER FOR INDI, CALLS FOR PEACE

The leader of the Anglican Church of Australia has urged Australians to guard their hearts against hatred, as the country mourns an attack on Indi MP Helen Haines.

Bishop Mark Short, Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, offered prayers for Ms Haines and her family, and said this was a grave moment in Australia's political history.

"Hatred wants to devour us, and we must not let it," he said. "Every person must guard their heart against hatred, which is a deadly virus that infects relationships and societies."

Politicians from all parties have condemned the growing hatred in Australian political discourse, and have warned that violence has no place in politics.

Bishop Mark called on Australians to be peacemakers who speak graciously to people with different views to their own— even those who oppose them aggressively.

"We have forgotten as a society Jesus's command to 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you'. These words were first spoken to people frustrated by injustices, just as many of us are today. But hatred and violence are never the answers— if we hate, hatred will devour us."

Bishop Mark urged Australians to see that their greatest enemy was not their political opponents, but the hatred within their hearts.

"As our political debate becomes increasingly heated, we all have a part to play in bringing the temperature down. We can all search our own hearts to see where hatred is lurking, and take steps to fight the infection.

"If social media is causing you to hate and despise others, cancel your account. If your words are full of anger and violence, keep a close watch over the doors of your mouth. Find the peacemakers and learn from them. Seek peace and pursue it."

Bishop Mark urged Christians to pray for our elected representatives and for peace.

"May God grant safety, wisdom, courage and perseverance to our elected leaders, and may all Australians seek peace and work together to address injustices.

"We pray especially for the member for Indi, Helen Haines, her family and friends, asking that the God of all comfort would uphold them at this time.

"We give thanks for first responders, emergency personnel and the medical staff caring for her."

FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

Sarah Colyer (Communications Officer) – 0491 879 676

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

25TH NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER

BUT I WILL SING OF YOUR STRENGTH, IN THE MORNING I WILL SING OF
YOUR LOVE; FOR YOU ARE MY FORTRESS, MY REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.
PSALM 59:16

**RESPOND
INFORM
SUPPORT
EMPOWER**

**UNITE
PRAY**



**Almighty and everlasting
God,
We pray to you for those
who suffer from gender-
based violence.
We pray for the victims of
such abuse and ask that
you will heal, renew and
guard them.
We ask that they will bring
their cares to you who care
for them.
We pray that we may see
the end to such evil and a
new day of peace and
sacrificial love.
And this we ask in the name
of our Lord Jesus. Amen**


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Worship at St John's:

Sunday 8:00am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9.30am - Live streamed Sung Eucharist

Sunday 7.00pm - Live Streamed Compline

Tuesday 12.30pm - Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

Monday - Friday - Morning and Evening Prayer live streamed at 8am & 5pm.

Order of St Luke Healing Service is held on the **2nd Thursday** of every month at **9.30 am** in the Lady Chapel.

Live streaming access.

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