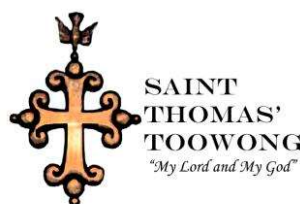


Anglican Parish of Toowong

Sunday 10th August 2025

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



At Toowong we are building an inclusive, Christ centred faith community that seeks truth, works for peace and justice, is generous and non-judgemental.

8.30am Sung Eucharist

Entrance Hymn:	231	At the name of Jesus
Gradual Hymn:	201	King of glory, King of peace,
Offertory Hymn:	613	Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Communion Hymn:	513	Bread of heav'n, on you we feed,
Final Hymn:	155	O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Sentence of Scripture

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **Matthew 24.42, 44**

Prayer of the Day

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Parish Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 15.1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.' But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.' Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Psalm 33.13-21

R: The earth is filled with the goodness of the Lord.

The Lord looks down from heaven

and surveys all the children of Adam:

he considers from his dwelling-place

all the inhabitants of the earth;
He who fashioned the hearts of them all:
and comprehends all that they do.
A king is not saved by a mighty army:
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength;
A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer:
nor can he rescue any by his great power.
But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him:
on those that trust in his unfailing love,
To deliver them from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
We have waited eagerly for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him:
for we have trusted in his holy name.
Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord:
even as our hope is in you.

R: The earth is filled with the goodness of the Lord.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews 11.1-3, 11.8-28

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept

the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Gospel Reading - Luke 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you,
the spirit to think and do always such things as are right,
that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you,
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we ask for your guidance as we minister in the name of your Son. Be with us as we strive to be a faithful community that is loving, compassionate, generous and inclusive. May we always be faithful in our witness to the resurrection of Jesus, and like Thomas proclaim Him to be our Lord and God. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Hope25 Collect

God of Hope you call on us to be witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

This Week

Sunday 10 August

Thursday 14 August

Friday 15 August

Sunday 17 August

8.30am Sung Eucharist – **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

10.00am – 2.30pm Parish Book Shop

7.15pm Choir Practice

12.00pm Eucharist

8.30am Sung Eucharist – **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Coming Events:

Sunday 24 August

Thursday 28 August

Tuesday 2 September

Friday 5 September

Saturday 6 September

Saturday 6 September

Saturday 4 October

Sunday 5 October

Sunday 9 November

Sunday 23 November

Sunday 30 November

Thursday 25 December

10am Parish Council Meeting

10 for 10.30am - St Thomas Book Club

6.30pm Men's Dinner

12 noon – Open Door Sandwich Club

11.30am – 2.00pm Free Men's BBQ at ANZAC Park, Toowong

Marriage of Lachlan and Esther

Book Fest starts

8.30am Dedication Festival

Remembrance Sunday

Christ the King

Concert – Amadeus Orchestra, Promusica & Parish Choir

Christmas Day

Parish Contacts

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Offerings can be made by direct debit to: Account Name - Toowong Anglican Parish

Account Number – 00004710

BSB - 704 901

Reference – Offering



When you redeem drink containers at a refund point, using our Scheme ID number allows the Parish to be paid directly. Or you can place clean bottles and cans (with tops removed) in the bins provided in the Function Room or near the lift in the car park (no white milk containers).

The Parish Scheme ID number is: **C10281626**

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Sunday Worship: 8.30am *Sung Eucharist*

Men's Dinner: 6.30pm on the first Tuesday each month except January.

Parish Book Shop: 10.00am to 2.30pm each Thursday. **Choir Practice:** 7.15pm Thursday

Weekday Service: *Eucharist* at 12.00pm every Friday except Public Holidays.

Open Door Sandwich Club: 12.00pm on the first Friday each month except January.

Men's BBQ: 11.30am – 2.00pm on the first Saturday each month at ANZAC Park, 100 Dean Street, Toowong.

The office email may be checked Thursday to Sunday.