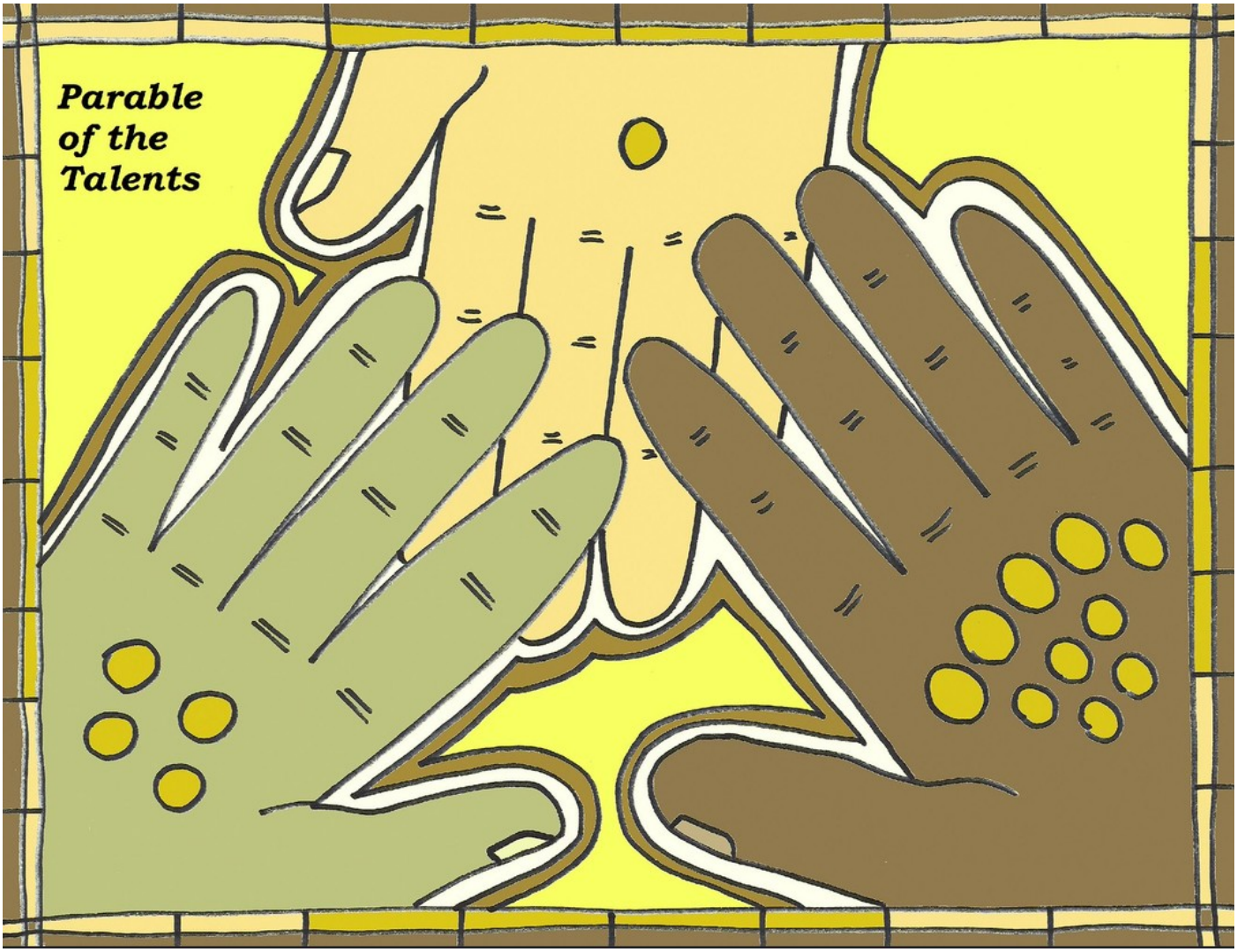
Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 15th November 2026



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 594, JP 570, TIS 222, MP 428)

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

(Hymns: TIS 547,vv1,2,5, MP 1, MP 1087, TIS 537)

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

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Rev'd Timothy writes…



As we continue to read through Matthew 25 we have another parable about the waiting for Jesus' return. And the message is once again that we need to be active in our waiting. Just as in last week's parable, the wise women we active in keeping their oil lamps full, the first two servants in this week's parable are active in doing what their master expected of them whilst he was away. The third servant did not do this. He just waited passively and, just as the foolish women last week, was condemned.

But note here that the servants who were active in their waiting were not all the same. Because the master entrusts different amounts to different servants, we should not assume that every member of the church must carry an equal load of responsibility to be considered faithful. The servant who doubles two talents is judged to be just as good and faithful as the one who doubles five. Indeed, even the servant given only one talent could have proved faithful by earning a little interest on what had been entrusted to him. The question the parable asks us is not "Have you carried as much of the load as the person sitting next to you?" but "Have you carried out your responsibility in a manner appropriate to your abilities and situation?" We all have our part to play in exhibiting kingdom values in the world. No matter how small or incapable we may think we are, God has given each of us a gift.

St Paul characterises those who wait actively in his letter to the Thessalonians thus

> *...since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)*

Faith, love and hope: these are the 'talents' that we are given and which we share.

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 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1–7 In a time of fear and uncertainty, God calls Deborah and Barak to act with courage. Their story reminds us that faith is not always loud, but it is willing to move when God calls. Courage begins with the first step.

Psalm 123 lifts its eyes to God in dependence and hope. This is not passive waiting, but trust that keeps looking toward mercy.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 is a call to live as people of the day, awake and aware, encouraging one another in hope.

Matthew 25:14–30 This difficult parable tells of servants entrusted with much, and one who buries what he has been given. Some hear fear in his action; others hear a courageous refusal to serve a harsh and grasping master. Either way, the story asks searching questions about trust, courage, and how we use what has been placed in our hands. As we listen, we might notice where fear holds us back, and where faithfulness calls us to act differently.

First reading

A reading from Judges

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in
the sight of the Lord , after Ehud died.
2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of
King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in
Hazor; the commander of his army was
Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.
3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord
for help; for he had nine hundred
chariots of iron, and had oppressed the
Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess,
wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.
5 She used to sit under the palm of
Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in
the hill country of Ephraim; and the
Israelites came up to her for judgement.
6 She sent and summoned Barak son of
Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and
said to him, ‘The Lord , the God of Israel,
commands you, “Go, take position at
Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from
the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of
Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the
general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by
the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his
troops; and I will give him into your
hand.” ’ 8 Barak said to her, ‘If you will go
with me, I will go; but if you will not go
with me, I will not go.’ 9 And she said, ‘I
will surely go with you; nevertheless, the
road on which you are going will not lead
to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera
into the hand of a woman.’ Then Deborah
got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.
10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali
to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors
went up behind him; and Deborah went
up with him.

Judges 4:1-10

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand
of their master:

or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.

5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I

knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26] But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:14-30

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Word for the Day

This is one of those stories that can feel uncomfortable. A servant buries what he has been given. Perhaps he is afraid. Perhaps he has come to believe that the master is harsh, demanding, and unforgiving. Or perhaps he sees the system clearly and refuses to take part in making more for one who already has much. The parable does not settle easily, and perhaps that's part of its work.

However we hear the servant' s action, the story presses us to ask what fear, trust, courage, and faithfulness look like in our own lives.

What we believe about God shapes how we live. If we believe God is harsh, we may shrink back. If we believe God is generous, we might risk something. Not everything all at once, but maybe something. A word of kindness. A step of courage. A gift offered. A possibility planted.

Deborah and Barak are called to act in a time of fear. The Thessalonian community is called to stay awake and encourage one another in hope. Jesus' parable asks what might grow when trust becomes stronger than fear. Faith may not be about doing more, but about trusting enough to live what we've been given: to risk kindness, to risk generosity, to risk love.

I wonder what is waiting to grow in us, if we dare to trust.

Ideas for Reflection

- What has God placed in you that you have been hesitant to use?
- Where does fear hold you back from living fully?
- What small step of trust could you take this week?

- How might our community help people recognise and grow their gifts?
- Where might kindness, courage, or love be waiting to grow?

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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

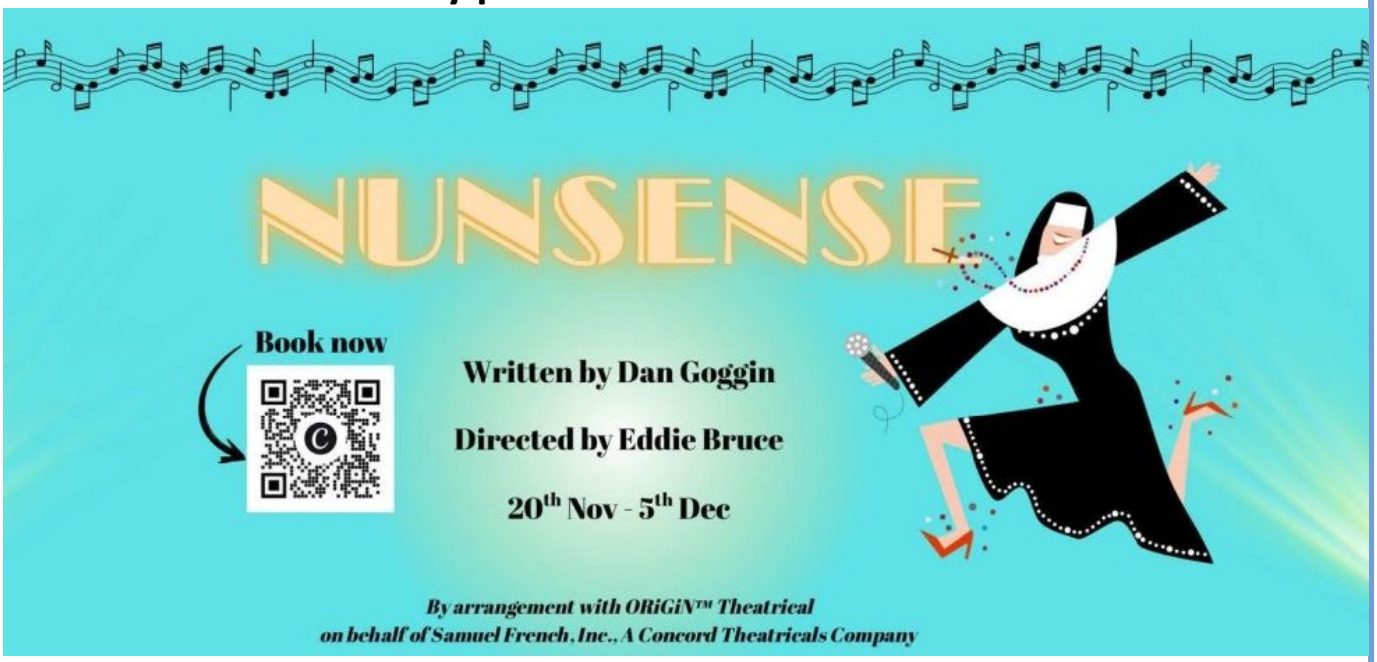
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Stay for afternoon tea after the concert.

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St Luke's Theatre Society presents…



Opens this week!

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day
Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The World
Pray for those parts of the world that are at risk of severe weather events because of the developing super El Niño.

The Anglican Communion
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
The Diocese of Melbourne: †Ric Thorpe; Assistant Bishops – †Paul Barker, †Megan Curlis-Gibson, †Ben Wong & †Nigel Pope; Clergy and People
The Parish of Palmwoods:
Anglican Men's Society
St Paul's School, Bald Hills: Principal – John O'Sullivan Williams; Chaplain – Nicki Colledge; Chair of School Council – Dan O'Connor; staff & students

Our missionary partners
The Church Missionary Society and missionaries sent from the QNNSW branch.

Local Schools and colleges
Yeronga High, Mansfield High, Holland Park High, Mt Gravatt High, Brisbane State High

Our parish
Continue to pray for Mel Ware and her team as they prepare to launch Little Angels Tarragindi on 4th 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
16 November: Richard John Isaac, Beryl May Collingwood; *19 November*: Charles Wells, Betty McKinnon; *21 November:* Mabel Ethel Crittall.

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2027

If you would like to order a copy of this calendar, featuring photos of Anglican churches throughout Australia, as well as listing all the festivals of the liturgical year, please add your name to the list in church, or contact the parish office. Cost is $18.

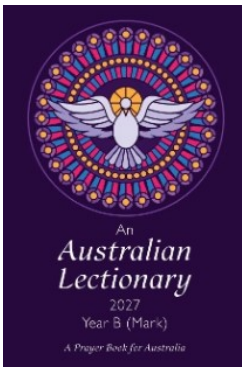


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2027 Lectionary

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



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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

Sunday 22nd November:

Christ the King

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion and Children's Church (with Zoom stream)

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

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