

Parish Press

Sunday September 14th 2025

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sentence

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15.10

Prayer of the Day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28	Page (OT) 544
Psalms 14	Page (OT) 385
1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12.19a	Page 162
Luke 15.1-10	Page 59

Today's services are

9.30am Sung Holy Communion followed by morning tea

This week we pray for all who live in Wilcyrus Street, Surrey Hills

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1.5

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Mark's Reflection

The Gospel of Luke is often called the “Gospel of the Lost and Found.” Again and again, Jesus reveals God’s heart for those who are lost — not just in the sense of being physically misplaced, but spiritually, emotionally, and morally adrift.

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables:

- The lost sheep,
- The lost coin,
- The lost (or prodigal) son.

Each story underscores a simple but profound truth: God seeks out the lost with relentless love, and heaven rejoices when even one is found. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one. The woman sweeps the house until her coin is recovered. The father runs to meet his returning son, not with punishment but with embrace, robe, and feast.

What Luke highlights is not the failure of the lost, but the joy of being found. God’s initiative takes centre stage — God is the one searching, lifting, restoring, forgiving. To be “found” is to rediscover who we are: beloved children, never beyond the reach of God’s mercy.

This challenges us too:

- To recognize when we ourselves are lost — in pride, in fear, in neglect of others — and to let God find us.
- To share in God’s joy by welcoming back those who have wandered, rather than judging or excluding them.
- To live with the same open arms as the Father, who rejoices more in restoration than in resentment.

In Luke’s Gospel, being found is not just a return to where we were, but a transformation. The son comes home not as a servant but as a son restored. The community celebrates, and God’s kingdom breaks in with joy.

God bless,

Mark

Reminders

Just a reminder that during September we will be only having the 9.30am service on Sunday mornings. Our Wednesday services continue during September, but there will be no services on a Thursday.

DEFIB Training

Fr Jim has kindly been able to arrange some training for us at Holy Trinity is the use of our Defibrillator Machine, as well as how we respond to a congregational emergency such as someone collapsing.

If this is something that you would like to be involved in, please contact us at the office office@holytrinity.sh letting us know what days suit you best, and if you would rather a morning or afternoon.

ART BY MARK EXHIBITION

Later this month, Holy Trinity will be hosting an Art Exhibition for our very own Vicar Mark! Art by Mark is a showcase and sale of selected artworks by Mark to raise support for education in Bindoy, Negros Oriental, Philippines. Entry \$10

The exhibition opens on Friday, September 26th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with a special evening viewing from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It continues on Saturday, September 27th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Taste and Treasures Market

The next Treasures and Trinity Market is next Saturday, 20th Sep.

For more details, please contact our Market Coordinator Natasha. treasuresandtastes@gmail.com

Set up is 3pm on Friday.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Joy Hayman, Mark.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Joyce Dodd, Ellen Scrivens, David Maudsley, Sarah Cargill, Ena Mann, Ruth Lee.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday

9.30-12.30pm Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Service of
Thanksgiving and Healing
followed by morning tea

Thursday

10am Parish Prayer Service
9.30-12.30pm Office Hours
7-10pm Choir Practice

Friday

3pm Market set up

Saturday

9am-1pm Trinity Market

Sunday

9.30am Sung Holy
Communion followed by
morning tea

Readings this week

Monday	Luke 7.1-10
Tuesday	Luke 7.11-17
Wednesday	Luke 7.31-35
Thursday	Luke 7.36-50
Friday	Luke 8.1-3
Saturday	Luke 8.4-15

Sunday

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1
Psalm 79.1-9
1 Timothy 2.1-10
Luke 16.1-13

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