

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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## WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong. St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

Fr Daniel Hobbs - Parish Priest

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## Pastoral Message

The above photo, taken in 1972, is of my great-grandmother holding me after my baptism at the church of St Martin and St Meriadoc in Cornwall, England. My great-grandmother was chosen to be my godmother as she was a devout Christian. Of course, I have no recollection of this special occasion as I was only 6 months old; not old enough to talk, let alone take a vow to God.

Unable to take a vow myself, my parents and godparents were willing to answer on my behalf and accepted the responsibility of guiding me in prayer, example, friendship and love. They promised to encourage me in the life of faith within the Christian community. How blessed am I that the people who loved me felt it necessary to bring me up within the Christian tradition? This beautiful tradition of baptising our children is a transmission of Christianity across my family, which anchors us all in faith.

My great-grandmother, grandmother and mother have been the most significant influence on my spiritual life. I marvelled at how they held firm in their belief, thanking the Lord for their blessings and leaning into Him in times of pain and trouble. I hoped that one day I would have such faith.



## October Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday Lota House 10.30am

Tuesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

### Sunday 2nd - Conf. & St Francis

Sirach 3.17-23

Ps. 16

Galatians 6.14-18

Matthew 11.25-30

### Sunday 9th - Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Ps. 66.1-11

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Luke 17.11-19

### Sunday 16th - Pentecost 19

Jeremiah 31.27-34

Ps. 119.97-104

2 Timothy 3.10-4.5

Luke 18.1-14

### Sunday 23rd - Pentecost 20

Joel 2.23-32

Ps. 65

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Luke 18.15-30

### Sunday 30th - Pentecost 21

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4

Ps. 119.137-144

2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

Luke 19.1-10

With that hope and countless questions, I now marvel at my own faith in the Lord. Having a relationship with God has changed how I live my life. There is freedom in faith; I no longer feel bound by the world (Matt. 6:24). Freedom gives me time to be a blessing to others, filling my spirit with joy (Lk. 6:38).

October, the month I was born, is the same month I will confirm what my mother and godparents initiated 50 years ago. I can confidently, truthfully take my vows to God. Confirming that I will turn to Christ; I will reject all evil, I will repent of my sins, I will reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust, and I will renounce all that is evil. What a blessing it is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation!

I thank all of you at St Paul's for journeying with me as I discern my ministry vocation. The encouragement, support, and kindness you have shown is genuinely appreciated.

May we stay on the narrow path together, holding each other up when things get a little tight (Matt. 7:14).

With Blessings,  
Heidi.

## October Ministry & Notices

2nd Confirmation & Feast of St Francis with Bishop John

8th Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Memorial Service 10am

8th Cursillo 10.30am speak with Jen

10th Parish Council 7.15pm

20th Tatters & Chatters Craft Group 9.30am

25th Mothers Union Eucharist & Meeting 9.30am

## For Our Prayers

Please hold in prayer those who are unwell at this time or have asked for our prayers: David, Nancy, Merrilyn, Michael C, Gloria, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle & Lowie, Harline, Peter and Jean, David and Jody and Bev.

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