

10 October 2021

TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

God's Word is our  
greatest treasure!

verse for the week

The word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate joints from bones. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

## Caring Conversations

share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What is your favourite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it? How is the Bible different from other books?

2

Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is 'alive and working'. How have you experienced this to be true?

3

What is the difference between sword and spirit? Why does the word need to separate them?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
M	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15;	Seek good and not evil
T	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
W	Proverbs 31:8 and 9	Defend the poor
T	Luke 18:18-30	A rich man
F	Leviticus 19:25-16	God's commandments
S	Psalms 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom
S	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord God, help us to hear your word today so that it does your good work in our lives. Amen

### BLESSING

May God's favour rest on you and all you do. May his love satisfy all your needs and fill you with joy.

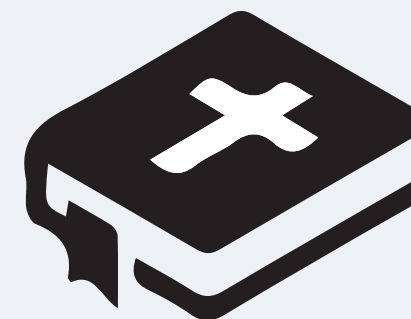
## Creative Response

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is 'alive and working'.

Gather together various Bibles from your home. Look up some of the verses for this week and compare the different versions, noting what is similar and different.

Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that can help us. Share your favourite Bible verse/ passage and highlight it in others' Bibles.

Place your Bible in a visible place, as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.



### mealt ime prayer

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive, and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.

## Service



In Mark 10:29-31 Jesus points out that his followers prosper with many family members and family possessions. Being part of the church gives us a large, even global, family that presents us with a wealth of relationships to do God's work and will. Practise home hospitality, welcoming fellow Christians into your dwelling as a way to share your possessions and wealth with them. Sharing a simple meal is a way to share the wealth of the kingdom of God. Use the Mealt ime Prayer as part of your time of breaking bread together.