



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | August 30, 2026

FEATURED NEWS

**CAFÉ &
CARWASH**



**\$10
CARWASH**



DONATION

**5TH SEP
8:30AM-12PM**



MISSION PARTNER

4Voices

**Providing judgment-free
support for women facing
domestic violence,
homelessness, digital and social
isolation.**

WELCOME

Welcome! We're delighted that you have been able to join us for worship and we pray that you might find a place to belong. We'd love for you to complete one of our Welcome Cards. If you are a baptised member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion. Please join us after the service for refreshments!

FROM THE VICAR

Romans 3:21 begins with two wonderful words: "But now."

Paul has spent the first three chapters showing us the reality of sin. None of us can stand before God claiming that we are good enough. The law reveals our sin, but it cannot make us righteous. We cannot earn our way into God's presence. But now, God has done what we could never do for ourselves.

Romans 3:22 tells us that the righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. We are "justified freely by his grace" (v.24). Our right standing with God is not something we achieve; it is something God gives us because of what Jesus has done.

At the cross, we see both the justice and love of God. God does not ignore our sin. Instead, Jesus takes our place and deals with our sin completely. That changes how we live.

We don't obey God to earn his love, we obey because we have already received it. We don't need to prove that we are better than others. We can live with humility, forgive freely, admit our failures and extend grace.

This week, ask yourself: Am I still trying to prove myself, or am I learning to live from the grace I have already received in Christ?

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

31 August - Men's Dinner 6.30 for 7pm

4 September - Mainly Music 10am

5 September - Café & Car Wash 8.30-midday

9 September - Holy Communion Service 9am with MU Branch Meeting to follow

15 September - Parish Council meeting 7pm

17 September - Coffee & Chat 10am

Save the Date:

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 2-4pm

MEN'S DINNER:

We are getting together for a Men's Dinner on Monday 31st August, 6.30 for 7pm, at the Algester Sports Club.

Please add names to clipboard in the foyer or RSVP to Hugh 0412 091 479.

RU OK DAY - FOOD DONATIONS:

'RU OK Day' is on Thursday 10th September 2026. Nina Chong, the school Chaplain at Algester State School, has asked us once again to assist with her Staff Appreciation Morning Tea. She is looking for sandwiches, slices, cakes etc, but they don't have to be home made.

If you could help the Mothers' Union by bringing items to the church from Sunday 6th September until Thursday 10th September, please let Jenny Bullock know. Phone: 0439 847 979 or jennybullock@live.com.au

BAREFOOT LAWN BOWLS SOCIAL AFTERNOON:

On Saturday 21 November from 2pm-4pm we are having an afternoon of barefoot lawn bowls & nibbles at the Algester Bowls Club.

The cost is \$25 per person and must be paid in advance. This covers games and nibbles [buffalo wings, pizza & spring roll].

There is a clipboard for names in the church foyer. Cut-off date is today.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS AWARENESS:

Simple actions to help prevent injuries and keep shared areas safe.

- ♦ Clean up spills immediately and place wet floor signs where needed [these can be found in the church kitchen].
- ♦ Keep walkways clear of items, cords and other trip hazards.
- ♦ Report any hazards you notice as soon as possible.
- ♦ Wear footwear that is appropriate for the task you are doing.

CAFÉ & CARWASH:

We are next open for business on Saturday 5 September, 8.30am-12!

If you're out and about, why not drop in for a special coffee and selection of delicious sweet treats and enjoy our hospitality!

We will also be holding our Car Wash on this morning so make a note and save your dirty car till then!

COFFEE & CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 17 September at 10am in the hall. Coffee & Chat has been organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and socialise.

If you know someone who could benefit from a time of fellowship, entertainment and great food, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.



WEEK 6

The Righteousness of God

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Read Romans 3:21–31 together. Talk about what it means that we are made right with God through Jesus, not because we are “good enough”

PLAN

Choose one way your family can live from God’s grace this week. Perhaps forgive someone, encourage someone who is struggling, serve someone without expecting anything in return, or admit when you have done something wrong and ask for forgiveness.

PRAY

Thank God that Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. Ask God to help you stop comparing yourself with others and instead live with humility, grace and confidence in Jesus. Pray that your family would grow as disciples who live each day from God’s love and grace .

READINGS

SENTENCE:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16.24-25

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 1-15:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should

go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."'

God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 105.1-6, 23-26

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**
- 3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- 4 **Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**
- 5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**
- 23 Then Israel came into Egypt:
and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
- 24 There the Lord made his people fruitful:
too numerous for their enemies,**
- 25 Whose hearts he turned to hate his
people:
and to deal deceitfully with his servants.
- 26 Then he sent Moses his servant:
And Aaron whom he had chosen.**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO
THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 21-31:**

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 16,
VERSES 21-28:**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, in every age you have heard the cries of your people and come to deliver them. Hear us now as we bring our prayers for your world and your church.

We pray for all in places of conflict or hardship, for victims of ethnic and religious hatreds, ideological conflict, economic exploitation or environmental disaster. Deliver us from hostility and greed, that we may share with justice the bounty of the earth and live peaceably with all people. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for your followers in every land, for the churches of this community, for your ministers and people who worship in this place and all who bring your love to others. Deliver your church from discord and apathy, that setting aside all that would keep us from you, we may faithfully proclaim your gospel. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, for our families and friends, for those with whom we work and learn, for those with political and legal authority and for those who are unnoticed and unheard. Deliver us from prejudice and self-interest, that we may be a loving and hospitable community. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of love and compassion, we give you thanks for the ministry of 4 Voices and for their commitment to walk alongside women

and girls who feel unhappy, threatened or alone. We pray for every woman who seeks safety, hope and dignity. May they be met with kindness, wisdom and love. Strengthen the hearts and hands of all who serve through 4 Voices, may their work be filled with your grace and guided by your Spirit. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need, for the homeless and the hungry, the rejected and the lonely, for those weighed down by anxiety, grief or pain. We pray for the sick and for all who care for them. Deliver us from bitterness and despair, from callousness and indifference, that we may have strength to bear our own adversity, and with generous hearts share the joys and sorrows of your people. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the lives of your faithful people, for all who have followed you to their life's end. May we, with your disciples of every age, take up our cross and follow you, that, being prepared to give not less than all for you, we may find eternal treasure in your presence. Holy God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taken from 'Let Us Pray' by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	30-8-26		6-8-26	
	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Robert Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Kids Church	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Aryan & Arjun	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Danika Ps: Harlym	Dinnar family	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Rosemary Kake	Jayden	Joan Harvey	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Kids Church	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Kids Church	Kay Morris	Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Ian/Kiara	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>		Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Malini Ramachandrom	
Kids Church		Rostered in Church		Kerry/Niya
Baptism				

The heart of any thriving church community lies in the dedication of its volunteers who generously offer their time and skills. Currently, our church roster is in need of additional helping hands to support various essential tasks and ministries during our worship services. By joining the roster, we can continue to strengthen our church's mission and positively impact the lives of those we serve. We warmly welcome and encourage you to become an integral part of our

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READINGS TODAY

Exodus 3.1-15

Ps 105.1-6, 23-26

Romans 3.21-31

Matthew 16.21-28

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 12.1-14

Ps 149

Romans 4.1-25

Matthew 18.10-20

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Mission Partners:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0001 5767

Please consider your capacity and commitment to give to the work of this parish, by creating a recurring transfer.

ABN: 93 894 007 519

Offerings Jan—June **\$38,358.65**

Budgeted Jan—June \$40,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Parish of Buderim
- Anglicare SQ & Indooroopilly Parish

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner 4Voices and their ongoing work.

Our Community:

- Pray for the homeless, the lost, the lonely and those in need.

Our Parish:

- The Leadership team and each other as we follow God in our mission.

Those in need:

- Those known to us: Katherine, Noelene, Tammy, John, Karen, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Gwen, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Maggie, Betty, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, Nivya
- We pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- We pray for all who are suffering from conflict and natural disasters.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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