



HOLY SPIRIT  
ALGESTER

# Holy Spirit News

## WELCOME | May 31, 2026

### FEATURED NEWS

SAT 13TH JUNE  
12PM

SOUP & BREAD  
IN THE HALL

YOU ARE  
INVITED TO A  
TIME OF  
FELLOWSHIP  
AND  
CELEBRATION

THANKS TO MOTHERS' UNION  
ALGESTER BRANCH



CAFÉ &  
CARWASH



DONATION

6TH JUNE  
8:30AM-12PM



\$10  
CARWASH

### MISSION PARTNER

**BCA**  
Bush Church Aid



### 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

Genesis means "beginnings," and over the next eight weeks we will journey through the beginnings of God's covenant family in our new series, Genesis: A Fallen Family and the Faithfulness of God. When people think of the book of Genesis, they think of the creation narrative and get bogged down in the creation vs. evolution debate. Rather than debating creation and evolution, this series focuses on the beginnings of God's promises to ordinary people and the extraordinary faithfulness of God toward them.

We begin with the call of Abram in Genesis 12:1-9. God calls Abram to leave behind everything familiar and trust him with an unknown future. Abram is not chosen because he is perfect or powerful, but because God is gracious and faithful. Through Abram and Sarah, God begins a story that will ultimately lead to Jesus Christ.

As we journey through Genesis, we will see both the failures and faith of this family. We will witness fear, deception, wrestling, suffering, and forgiveness. Yet through every moment, God remains faithful to his promises. From Abraham to Joseph, God is building a people who will bless the nations.

In Christ,  
Rev'd Chris

*Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus*

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**5 June** - Mainly Music 10am

**6 June** - Café & Car Wash 8.30am-12

**13 June** - Soup & Bread Lunch, Hall 12 noon

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

We will be running a series of confirmation classes starting in June, culminating in a visit by Bp John on Sunday 19 July. Please speak with Rev'd Chris if you are interested.

## ZOOM:

A reminder if you wish to link into our 9am Sunday Services via Zoom, the details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199826984>

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984

## COMMUNICATION:

If you have a concern or something's going on in your life, you can always speak to or email Rev'd Chris and don't assume that someone will share your situation. Chris's door is always open for a coffee/beer/wine catch-up.

## CAFÉ & CARWASH:

We are next open for business on Saturday 6 June, 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!

## SERMONS ONLINE:

Sermon videos are now online on our YouTube channel @holyspiritgester or on our website under the Grow tab.

## WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY:

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all parishioners, visitors, volunteers, contractors and staff.

- ◆ Following a recent incident in which a parishioner was injured, please do not place any objects in the church or on parish grounds without first discussing this with Rev'd Chris or the wardens [Kay O'Brien/Ruth Barton].
- ◆ If you are on site when the office is unattended, please ensure that Rev'd Chris or wardens are aware by sending a text message, email or in person. This is important for your safety so that insurance requirements are met in the unlikely event of an incident.
- ◆ Volunteers are asked not to undertake any task unless they are properly trained, authorised, and physically able to carry it out safely.

## SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH:

All members of the Parish are invited to share a soup and crusty bread lunch in the Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12pm. There will be 3 different types of soup and you are invited to have a taste of each one free of charge. The lunch will follow a Mothers' Union meeting and will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of MU in England in the United Kingdom. Why not come along and enjoy the fellowship?

Jenny Bullock



# Week 1

## Calling of Abraham

### **SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

#### **FAMILY TIME** **TALK**

Abram was asked by God to leave everything familiar and trust him. What is something new or unknown that can feel scary for you or your family?

#### **PLAN**

Go for a short family walk around your neighbourhood. As you walk, talk about places where you feel safe, happy, or uncertain. Remind one another that God went with Abram wherever he travelled, and God goes with us too.

#### **PRAY**

Place a small bag or pair of shoes in the center of the table as a reminder of Abram's journey. Take turns thanking God for times he has guided your family through change, challenge, or new beginnings. Pray that your family would trust God's promises and follow him faithfully wherever he leads.

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' *Exodus 34.6*

## A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 12, VERSES 1-9:

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name

of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## *For the Psalm* - THE SONG OF THE THREE:

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed is your holy and glorious name:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you who behold the depths:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF  
PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 13,  
VERSES 11-13:**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 28,  
VERSES 16-20:**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessed are you, O God, for you abound in mercy for your people: hear the prayers we bring for your world and for your church.

Blessed are you, O God our Creator, for you have brought to birth a universe of beauty and splendour.

We pray for the world:

for the safety and preservation of the earth;

for the peace and prosperity of nations;

for justice and reconciliation in this land;

for integrity and wisdom in all who govern.

Look with compassion on your creation and teach us how to live as one family.

Eternal God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, O God our Redeemer, for your love and forgiveness for your people is steadfast and sure.

We pray for the church:

for those who are your disciples in every nation;

for all who are newly baptised or confirmed;

for those appointed to lead your church;

for all who worship in this place.

Forgive our divisions and discord and teach us to live as members of one body.

Eternal God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, O God our Comforter, for you are with us always, in times of sorrow and in times of joy.

We pray for all in need:

for all who grieve the loss of those they love;

for all who feel sad or lonely or unwanted; for those in pain of body or anguish of mind;

for all who give comfort, care, hope or relief.

Keep company with those who suffer and teach us to live as a caring community.

Eternal God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, for you bring your people from death to everlasting life.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith:

for prophets, martyrs, teachers and evangelists;

for those who have taken your gospel to the corners of the earth;

for those whose anniversary occurs at this time;

for those whom we have loved who are at rest with you.

Teach us to follow you in obedience and trust, that we may come, with all your saints, to dwell with you in your community of love.

Eternal 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.**

*Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray' by Janet Nelson*

# ROSTERS

Date	31-5-26		7-6-26	
	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	Allan Berry	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Kids Church	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Aryan & Arjun	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Jayden Psalm-Jennifer	Norm Booth	Sandra Pearn
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Ava	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Kids Church	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Kids Church	Kay Morris	Kerry/Kathy
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Ian/Kiara	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	Aryan, Harlym, Nivya & Lilliana		Rhonda Nelson	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Malini Ramachandrom	
Kids Church		Rostered in Church		Jenny/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

## CONTACT INFO

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### READINGS TODAY

Genesis 12.1-9

The Song of the Three

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Matthew 28.16-20

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 15.1-21

Ps 33.1-12

Romans 4.13-25

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

### 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—March **\$18,636.15**

Budgeted Jan—March \$20,000.00

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### The Anglican Communion:

- Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- The Parish of Ipswich
- Anglican Men's Society

### Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Bush Church Aid (BCA) 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, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev, A4 Community Care, Peter, Maggie & Betty
- 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

Almighty and everliving God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
so that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before us,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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