



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | March 15th 2026

FEATURED NEWS

WALKING THE WALK WITH +JOHN



Come and Join
Bishop John on his 7th
Holy Week Pilgrimage

MONDAY 30TH MARCH
SUNNYBANK TO PARK RIDGE
St Barnabas, Sunnybank
9am departure
Church of the Holy Spirit, Algester
10:30am for a 11am departure

SERMONS ONLINE



www.holyspiritalgester.com/sermons
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Anglicare
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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

As we continue our Lenten series "No turning back—unpacking our baptismal vows," we hear the solemn question: Do you renounce Satan? In Matthew 4:1–11, Jesus is led into the wilderness where he is tempted by the devil. At every turn, he refuses the lies placed before him, choosing trust in God over power, pride, and self-gratification. To renounce Satan is to reject all that opposes God's will, sin, deceit, and voices that draw us away from Christ. It is a conscious decision to stand against evil and to cling to the truth of God's Word. Jesus shows us how: he resists temptation not by his own strength alone, but by trusting and speaking God's truth.

In our baptism, we declared that we renounce the devil and all his works. Each day we are called to live out that promise, to recognise temptation, to turn from it, and to choose the way of Christ. Lent is a time to be honest about the spiritual battles we face. Yet we do not stand alone. The same Jesus who overcame temptation walks with us, strengthens us, and leads us into victory. So today we renew our vow: to renounce evil, to resist temptation, and to follow Christ faithfully, no turning back.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 17 March** - Parish Council Meeting
- 19 March** - Coffee & Chat 10am
- 20 March** - Mainly Music 10am
- 23 March** - MU Wave of Prayer 10am
- 29 March** - KidsChurchPizza & Movie Night 4.30pm

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 23 May - Parish Dinner

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL 2026:

- Kay O'Brien - Priest's Warden
- Ruth Bullock - People's Warden/Nominator
- Dianne Bocquee - Parish Nominator
- Ian Nelson - Parish Nominator
- Rhonda Nelson - Synod Rep
- Malini Ramachandrom - Synod Rep
- Linda Reid - Treasurer
- Rosemary Kake - Parish Councillor
- Rachel Hayers - Parish Councillor
- Mitchell le Grange - Parish Councillor

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

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

COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 19 March 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.

GREETING CARDS:

The AMUA greeting cards have been restocked and now include a lovely selection of birthday cards for women and children. A few **Easter cards** are also available.

Unfortunately there has had to be a price increase, so that each card now costs \$2.

Mothering Sunday today - Retiring Collection:

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Mothering Sunday, a day on which Christian people traditionally visit the church they were baptised in and on which they honour their mother.

Members of the AMUA in Algester will celebrate this day by participating in the Services, by providing morning tea and by conducting a Retiring Collection. All money collected will be given to the MU Overseas Target Project 2026-27 involving teaching adults literacy in the Solomon Islands. Women on the Islands of Ysabel, Malaita and Guadalcanal will be given the opportunity to enhance their literacy skills so that they may become more independent and self-reliant.

Please bring in a cash donation for this project on Sunday 15th March 2026 [today].

SCAM:

This is to alert you to a scam, pretending to be Rev Chris or another parish priest, and asking recipients to purchase Apple gift cards, or provide gift card details. No-one from the Anglican Church will ever ask you to do this. It's very important:

- do not respond to the email or message
- do not purchase gift cards/provide gift card details
- do not click on links or open attachments in the message
- delete the email

Just remember that if you do get an email such as this, ring/speak to Rev'd Chris before doing anything. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the Wardens if you have any concerns.

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

If you'd like to give electronically to our missions each month, we have a new account:

Algester Anglican Parish, BSB: 704 901
Account#: 00015767

Alternatively, we have Mission Giving envelopes available in the foyer.

A painting depicting a baptism scene. A group of people in white robes are standing in a shallow river. The scene is set in a lush, green landscape with trees and a bright sky. The water is calm, reflecting the figures and the surrounding environment.

Week 4

DO YOU RENOUNCE SATAN

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

A READING FROM 1 SAMUEL, CHAPTER 16, VERSES 1-13:

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and

made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:**

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

6 **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 8-14:

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 4, VERSES 1-11:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In Christ Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness and suffering; therefore, with boldness, let us seek God's grace.

We pray for the church - by your grace, make us children of light, reflecting the glory of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

We pray for the earth - renew in us a vision of the world restored, shining with the splendour of your glory, unstained by the sin of human greed.

We pray for all nations - raise up new leaders among us, new shepherds who will defend the weak and lead us all in paths of peace.

We pray for this community - help us to notice our neighbours in need. Give us the courage and compassion to see them all as your beloved children.

We pray for loved ones - accompany those who walk in darkness; protect those who are facing danger; comfort those who live in fear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, we thank you for the support given to the three Dioceses of the Solomon Islands where literacy skills are being taught to enable women to become more independent and self-reliant. We are encouraged by the way they respond by becoming more effective members in their churches, communities and families.

Thank you, Lord, that the result will be more stable families and a decrease in domestic violence. We pray that you will enable the local teams to carry out this ministry effectively in their local communities and we pray that people will give generously to this cause today.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share our love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship; and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus name, **Amen.**

God of Life-giving Creation, you call us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

Bless the work of Anglicare across this vast and ancient land. Strengthen Anglicare and us to serve with compassion, build hope, and seek justice. Sustain us in our work and lead us in reconciliation and healing. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our servant leader and friend. **Amen.**

To you, O God, we entrust these prayers, knowing that you alone can provide grace to help in our time of need; in the name of our great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Saviour. **Amen.**

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.

ROSTERS

Date	15-3-26 [Mothering Sunday]		22-3-26	
	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev Daniel Hobbs	Rev Daniel Hobbs	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Rev Daniel Hobbs	Rev Daniel Hobbs	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Julie Elliker	Kathy Carter	Robert Kake	Lorraine Jones
Greeter	-	Lesley/Malini	-	Malini
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry
Reader 1	Kay O'Brien	Lorraine Jones	Michael Po Saw	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	MU members	MU members	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Cecilia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	Rhonda Nelson		Ian Nelson	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/Kerry
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 dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution will make a significant difference to maintaining the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

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READINGS TODAY

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8-14

Matthew 4.1-11

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8.6-11

Matthew 16.21-28

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 2025 **\$77,149.00**

Budgeted 2025 \$90,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church of Kenya
- The Diocese of Melbourne
- The Parish of Tara
- Liturgical Assistants in parishes and schools
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Anglicare 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, Betty, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev
- 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 God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For more information: (07) 3132 7888 or visit www.holyspiritalgester.com