HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
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FEATURED NEWS





MISSION PARTNER



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

Have you ever felt God calling you to do something, but you really didn't want to do it? Perhaps it was reaching out to someone, having a difficult conversation, or stepping outside your comfort zone. Sometimes following God's call isn't easy, especially when it leads us somewhere we would rather not go.

In Jonah 1, God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh and speak against its wickedness. But Jonah has other ideas! Instead of obeying God, he runs in the opposite direction, boarding a ship to Tarshish. He seems to think he can escape God's presence and avoid the task he has been given. Yet even in Jonah's disobedience, God does not abandon him. God sends a great storm, reminding Jonah that he cannot simply run away from the One who made the sea and the dry land.

Jonah's story invites us to consider how we respond when God calls us. Do we listen and trust him, or do we sometimes run in the opposite direction? The good news is that God remains at work, even when we get things wrong. As we begin this series, may we have the courage to hear God's call, trust his purposes, and follow wherever he leads.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6 November – Mainly Music 10am
7 November – Café & Car Wash 8.30am
11 November – Holy Communion Service followed by MU Branch meeting 9.30am
17 November – Parish Council Mtg 7pm
19 November – Coffee & Chat 10am
19 November – Hosting St John's Anglican College Year 12 Retreat
21 November – Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 4.30pm-6.30pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

It would be appreciated if we could start bringing food items to the church from now on so we can make up Christmas Hampers for delivery to families in plenty of time for Christmas. We have also made contact with chaplains at local schools with the offer of hampers which has already been taken up, along with their thanks for our kind offer. A basket will be available in the foyer to leave items. The last Sunday to bring in donations is 29 November.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Whether you have been attending for years or have recently made this your church home, we would love for you to join our Parish Roll. Registering helps us care for our church family, stay connected, and keep you updated on parish life and community events. Please take a few moments to fill out your details at www.holyspiritalgester.com/membership or see Ruth.

DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSTERS:

If you are usually on the Roster and intend being away during the December/January period, please email the office so Rosters can be planned. Many thanks!

LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our last Ladies Breakfast for the year will be held on Saturday 21 November, 8.30am at Degani, Calamvale. This is a great way to start the day before the busyness takes hold, with yummy food and good company! Please add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.

COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our final Coffee & Chat for the year is on Thursday 19 November 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 good, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversary of Harrison Kelly.

MOTHERS' UNION ALGESTER:

The MU Annual General Meeting was held last month and the following ladies have taken up the following positions:
President: Kay O'Brien
Vice President: Jenny Bullock
Treasurer: Dianne Bocquee
Secretary: Rhonda Nelson
Congratulations to all.



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES*:

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Have you ever been asked to do something you didn't want to do? What did you do? Jonah tried to run away when God called him to go to Nineveh. Why do you think Jonah didn't want to listen to God?

PLAN

This week, look for one way your family can listen to God and respond to his call. It might be helping someone in need, being kind to someone who feels left out, or inviting someone to join you at church. Choose one thing to do together as a family.

PRAY

Dear God, thank you that you call us to follow you and be part of your work in the world. Please help us to listen to you, trust you, and have the courage to obey, even when it is difficult. Thank you that you never give up on us. Amen.

READINGS

SENTENCE:
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5.10*

A READING FROM JONAH 1:

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.
But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, 'What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.'
The sailors said to one another, 'Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.' So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, 'Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?' 'I am a Hebrew,' he replied. 'I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.' Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, 'What is this that you have done!' For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.
Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?' For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:
Psalm 34.1-10, 22

[1] I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
[2] **Let my soul boast of the Lord:**
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
[3] O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
[4] **For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:**
and he freed me from all my fears.
[5] Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
[6] **Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:**
and saved me from all my troubles.
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
[8] **O taste and see that the Lord is good:**
happy are they that hide in him!
[9] Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.

**10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.**
22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 1-3:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 1-12:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

PRAYERS

Loving Lord, we thank you for this day. We thank you for the freedom we have to gather here to worship and to praise you. We thank you for our faith, our families and our friends.

On this All-Saints Day we remember all who have gone before us in the journey of faith. Help us and all who follow, to run the race as they did, holding firm to the end. Grant to them and to us your eternal blessing.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always and, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus, our friend and example, you journeyed with us on earth, you taught and healed your people. You rejoiced and grieved with your friends and you withdrew for prayer and communion with your Father, our Lord. Teach us to model our lives on you. Help us to recognise the importance of balancing the busyness of our daily lives with time spent with family and friends. Help us to remember that we also need time and space to experience your presence with us and to prayerfully offer all that we do to your glory.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always and, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our community; For the neighbours in our streets, whether we know them or not. For the local businesses and schools. We pray that we can all live together in harmony and that acceptance and tolerance of any differences will be the defining factor of our lives. Sometimes it can be easy to think that hate and division are the ruling forces at work in our society, but time and again we see that peace and courage is also on display and for that Lord, we thank you.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always, and in your mercy.
Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the Archbishop's appeal.
Loving God of earth and ocean, you call your Church to watch, to learn, and to act. Bless the work of climate care in the Solomon Islands - the careful keeping of records, the planting of trees, and the building of shelter against rising seas. Refresh dry land with rain in due season. In Vanuatu, deepen knowledge and wisdom: strengthen the provision of clean water, nurture right habits, and open minds through learning. May communities discover their gifts and flourish in dignity, resilience, and hope.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always, and in your mercy.
Hear our Prayer.

We pray for all those in our society who are suffering, marginalised, anxious or lonely. We know that it is not your will that we should be anxious, but often we are. Please help us to remember your example and to be generous with our time, our support and our prayers. Help us to leave our worries with you because we know that you care for us.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always, and 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 compiled by Sandra Pearn

ROSTERS

Date	1-11-26		8-11-26	
	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	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry
Reader 1	Dinnar family	Ian Nelson	Norm Booth	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Shereen Alwin	Sama O'Brien	Malini
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Kay Morris	Malini & helper pse	Kay O'Brien	Rachel/Cheryl
Music Leader	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Ian/Rhonda
Prayers of the people	Sandra Pearn		*Prayers taken from Let Us Pray*	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Malini/Rachel	
Kids Church		Jenny/Malini		Kerry/Jenny
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

Jonah 1
Ps 34.1-10, 22
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jonah 2
Ps 78.1-7
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18
Matthew 25.1-13

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Mission Partners:

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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—Aug $52,250.35
Budgeted Jan—Aug $53,333.33

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- The Anglican Church of Australia
- The Parish of Millmerran
- Anglicare Southern Qld (ASQ)
- Anglican Schools Office, Church House

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner, Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal.

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, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, PoiPoi Hemana Poetolu
- 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

God our Father,
whose will it is to bring all things to order
and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ:
may all the peoples of the world,
now divided and torn apart by sin,
be brought together under his sovereign rule of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.