

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

What does it mean to have faith in Jesus? Romans 4 points us to Abraham, who "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Romans 4:3). Abraham did not earn his relationship with God through good works or religious achievement. He trusted God's promise.

Paul reminds us that the same is true for us. We cannot earn our way into God's family. We are justified by faith and rescued by grace. Romans 4:4–8 reminds us that the blessed person is the one whose sins are forgiven. Our relationship with God rests not on our performance, but on what God has done for us in Christ.

This changes how we live. We are a family of forgiven sinners, and so our churches should be places where grace, forgiveness, welcome and hope are visible. Our faith should reflect the character of the God we trust.

Abraham trusted "the God who gives life to the dead" (4:17). As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live with that same confidence and hope.

And just as conversations about faith can begin in the most ordinary places, even beside a new fence, we should remain open to opportunities to speak about Jesus.

How might God be opening a door for you this week?

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9 September - Holy Communion Service
9.30am with MU Branch Meeting to follow
11 September - Mainly Music 10am
15 September - Parish Council meeting 7pm
17 September - Coffee & Chat 10am

Save the Date:

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 2-4pm

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

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.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversary of Gabriella Edwards and Simeona Lubang.

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.

2027 BIBLE STUDY/SERMON SERIES:

If there are any themes, topics, or books in the bible you might like to look at next year in our bible studies/sermon series, please let Rev'd Christ know so he can consider these with the Rev'd David, Rev'd Scott, and Rev'd Matt, when they meet next month to plan 2027.



WEEK 7

Justified by Faith

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

What does it mean to trust God, like Abraham did? Can you think of a time when you had to trust God even when you didn't know what would happen?

PLAN

Look for an opportunity this week to show someone God's love—perhaps by welcoming someone, forgiving someone, helping someone, or sharing why your faith in Jesus gives you hope.

PRAY

Thank God that we don't have to earn his love. Ask God to help your family trust his promises, live as part of his family, and be ready to share the hope of Jesus with others.

READINGS

SENTENCE:

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’
says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.’

Matthew 18.20

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 12, VERSES 1-14:

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it

as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 149

- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**
- 3 Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4 **For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation.**
- 5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 **Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,**
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8 **To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.
Praise the Lord.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 4, VERSES 1-25:

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who

without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness irrespective of works:

‘Blessed are those whose iniquities
are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the one against whom the Lord
will not reckon sin.’

Is this blessedness, then, pronounced only on the circumcised, or also on the uncircumcised? We say, ‘Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.’ How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being

fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 18,
VERSES 10-20:**

‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Everlasting God, Lord of compassion and gracious understanding, we come with an openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you, for your goodness.

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Creator God, we pray for our world, where through television, we see the misery and tragedy brought about by wrong choices and brought into our homes day by day. We pray for wisdom and compassion in all negotiations and decisions taken by our world and local leaders; and ask that there be humility in leadership and responsibility for right action shared by all. At this time we especially pray for the people of Nepal, rescue teams and those who grieve.

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for:

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- The Parish of Camp Hill – Norman Park
- Wolston Correctional Centre
- Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay

In our church community we pray for:

Rev'd Chris and family, Liturgical Assistants and all who help with ministry here at Algester. We give thanks that our Parish is so blessed to have you. We pray for the Wardens and Parish Council and give thanks for all those who have been called to your service Lord and pray that the Parish Council will continue your work here in Algester.

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Loving and compassionate God, we give you thanks for the work of Orange Sky, for their vans, their volunteers and their vision to bring dignity, care and kindness to people experiencing homelessness and hardship. Bless all who come to wash their clothes, to have a shower, and to find friendship in honest conversation. May they know they are seen, valued and loved by you. Guide us as a church to support them faithfully, that together we may be a sign of your kingdom, where all are welcomed and restored.

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God, we raise before you those from our church who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and for those we know within our families and circle of friends especially those on the prayer list.

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

Faithful God, forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week, show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live.

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 Ross Dinnar

ROSTERS

Date	6-9-26		13-9-26	
	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	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 1	Dinnar family	Shereen Alwin	Norm Booth	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Sandra Pearn	Sama O'Brien	Shereen Alwin
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Dianne Bocquee
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Kerry	Kay O'Brien	Rachel/Cheryl
Music Leader	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	Ross Dinnar		<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Dianne Bocquee	
Kids Church		Kerry/Niya		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

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READINGS TODAY

Exodus 12.1-14

Ps 149

Romans 4.1-25

Matthew 18.10-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 14.19-31

Ps 114

Romans 5.1-11

Matthew 18.21-35

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- The Parish of Camp Hill - Norman Park
- Wolston Correctional Centre
- Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Orange Sky 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

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst
of so many and so great dangers
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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