

FEATURED NEWS



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nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8. 38 – 39

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

Every great coach knows that success is built on strong foundations. Before winning championships, athletes first master the basics. The same is true of the Christian life. We never outgrow the gospel; instead, we spend our lives growing deeper into it.

This Sunday we begin a new seven-week series through the first four chapters of Romans, one of the Bible's greatest letters. Paul writes to a church he has never visited, introducing himself not by his achievements, but by his calling: a servant of Jesus Christ, set apart for the gospel. His identity, purpose and confidence are all found in Christ. At the heart of this week's reading is Paul's bold declaration: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). The gospel is not simply good advice or helpful teaching, it is God's power to transform lives. It changed Paul from a persecutor into a preacher, and it continues to change hearts today. As we journey through Romans together, may we rediscover the beauty and power of the gospel. May it strengthen our faith, shape our daily lives as disciples of Jesus, and give us confidence to share the hope we have with others.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

31 July - Mainly Music 10am

31 July - 'Strive to be Kind Day'

1 August - Café & Car Wash 8.30am-midday

9 August - Mary Sumner Day, Retiring Collection

ZEPHYR EDUCATION:

During July the AMUA is collecting for Zephyr Education. Please make a donation to the baskets in the church foyer. We are looking for lunch boxes, drink bottles and children's pyjamas, socks and underwear.

SERMONS ONLINE:

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

STRIVE TO BE KIND DAY:

On Friday 31st of July for Strive to be Kind Day, we are showing neighbourly love and kindness to the parents of the children at Goodstart Daycare at drop off time in the morning with a cuppa on us. Come along and connect with members of our wider parish community and support this initiative.

CAFÉ & CARWASH:

We are next open for business on Saturday 1st August, 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!

GREETING CARDS:

The AMUA greeting cards have been restocked and now include a lovely selection of birthday cards for women and children. Unfortunately there has had to be a price increase, so that each card now costs \$2.

MARY SUMNER DAY AND THE RETIRING COLLECTION:

On 9th August each year the AMUA celebrates Mary Sumner Day to remember a woman, Mary Sumner, who founded the Mothers' Union organisation almost 150 years ago in England. On this day there are around 4 million members of MU in 84 countries across the world, all trying to serve God by improving the lot of families and women.

Each year in Algester AMUA members facilitate a retiring collection for Anglicare SQ on the Sunday closest to Mary Sumner Day. This year falls on the exact day, so on 9^h August 2026 please bring some cash to church and donate to the retiring collection.



WEEK I

The Power of the Gospel

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Paul says, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God” (Romans 1:16). What does the word power make you think of? Can you think of ways God's power changes people's lives today?

PLAN

Build a tower together using blocks, LEGO, cups or cards. What happens if the foundation is weak? Then rebuild it with a strong base. Talk about how the gospel is the strong foundation for our lives, helping us trust Jesus, make good choices, and love others every day.

PRAY

Place a Bible in the middle of the table and have each family member place a hand on it. Pray together: "Lord Jesus, thank you for the good news of the gospel. Help us to build our lives on you every day. Give us courage not to be ashamed of following you, and help us share your love with others through our words and actions. Amen."

READINGS

SENTENCE:

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Romans 8.38–39

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 29, VERSES 15-28:

Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’ So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 105.1-11

- 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.**
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 **He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,**
- 9 The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 **And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
- 11 Saying ‘I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance’.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 1-17:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace

and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish —hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 13, VERSES 44-58:

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of

great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, we pray for all nations of the world. Grant wisdom to leaders, bring peace where there is conflict, and help all people to live with justice, compassion, and hope.

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, strengthen Your Church throughout the world. Fill Your people with faith, love, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel and serve others with humility.

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, bless our families, friends, neighbours, and this community. Guide us to be instruments of Your love and peace in our daily lives, growing together in faith and kindness.

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for Zephyr Education and their work with children affected by domestic violence.

Bless their mission to provide school uniforms and supplies, and to restore dignity and hope.

Be with every child they support—bring healing, courage, and peace. Strengthen those who serve through Zephyr, and guide us as partners in their work, that together we may reflect your love and justice.

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, we lift before You all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened. Bring them healing, comfort, strength, and the assurance of Your loving presence.

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give You thanks for all who have gone before us in faith. May they rest in Your eternal peace, and may their witness inspire us to follow Christ faithfully until we are united with You in glory.

Lord, 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 Shereen Alwin

ROSTERS

Date	26-7-26		2-8-26	
	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	Allan Berry	Lorraine Jones	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Robyn Brodie	Allan Berry
Reader 1	Joan Harvey	Carol Booth	Dinnar family	Kathy Carter
Reader 2	Kay O'Brien	Shiprah Allu	Norm Booth	Lorraine Jones
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Robyn Brodie	Allan Berry
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Kerry/Kathy
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Shereen Alwin		<i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Malini & Rachel	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny/Niya		Kerry/Niya/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

Genesis 29.15-28

Ps 105.1-11

Romans 1.1-17

Matthew 13.44-58

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 32.22-31

Ps 17.1-7, 16

Romans 1.18-32

Matthew 14.13-21

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania
- The Diocese of Wangaratta
- The Parish of Tamborine Mountain
- Anglicare SQ Symes Grove Residential Aged Care - Taigum

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Zephyr 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, Bev, Maggie, Betty, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Ian Smith, Glenn
- 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,
the protector of all that trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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