

FEATURED NEWS



MISSION PARTNER



Anglicare
Southern Queensland

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 communicant member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion.

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

FROM THE VICAR

Romans 12:1-21 shows us spiritual gifts and their purpose within the framework of mission. The passage emphasizes the diversity of gifts given to believers by the grace of God and highlighting the importance of using these gifts for the edification of the body of Christ.

"Fruit-Full-Ness" takes on a profound significance in this context, representing the abundance of spiritual gifts intended to bear fruit for the mission of God. Just as each part of the body serves a unique function, every believer is given distinct gifts made for specific roles in fulfilling God's mission on earth.

We are invited to contemplate on our own gifts and their alignment with the mission of God. Are we utilizing our talents and abilities in service to others, spreading the message of love, grace, and redemption? Are we actively seeking opportunities to contribute to the growth of the body of Christ and the transformation of the world?

Recognizing that our gifts are for mission should compel us to step out in faith, embracing our callings with passion and dedication, knowing that through our shared efforts, we can make an impact in fulfilling God's redemptive plan for humanity.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 April - Men's Dinner 7pm

18 April - Church Service 10am

20 April - Open Prayer morning 9am-12

4 May - Café & Car Wash 8.30am

16 May - Coffee and Chat 10am

21 May - Parish Council meeting 7pm [no April meeting]

GREETING CARDS:

Please have a look at the assorted greeting cards in the box on the table at the back of the church. Each one has a Christian message and is priced at \$1.20.

These cards are supplied by the Anglican Mothers' Union.

1st-15th APRIL:

Rev'd Chris is away. Rev'd Simon will be taking services on the 7th & 14th April.

CHURCH SERVICE - 18 APRIL:

This is being organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and attend a church service and socialise.

A light morning tea will follow.

If you know someone who could benefit from this please pass on or bring them along.

This church service will be offered on the third Thursday, every alternate month.

OPEN PRAYER MORNING - 20 APRIL:

The church will be open from 9am to midday on the third Saturday morning each month.

If there is a time when you need to spend time in quiet prayer or would like someone to pray with you, please take advantage of the open church.

PHOTOCOPY PAPER:

Once again we are extremely low on A4 white photocopy paper in the office. Any donations would be warmly received.

SMALL GROUPS:

Small Groups are an amazing opportunity to explore the bible, pray for and support one another, deepen friendships, and help each other grow as disciples of Jesus.

We have a variety of Small Groups who meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join one please talk to Rev'd Chris.

FRUIT-FUL-NESS:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE BIBLE

Our new 7 week series began last Sunday. If you haven't already got your copy of this bible study, they can be found in the foyer.

MEN'S DINNER:

A Men's Dinner has been organised for Monday 15 April at the Lucky Tree Tavern, King Ave, Durack [used to be called Durack Tavern], 6.30 for 7pm. A clipboard is available for names in the foyer.

Contact: Hugh 0412 091 479

PEWSHEET:

It has come to our attention it would be helpful to have some large print pewsheets. Therefore there will be a couple available each week in the foyer. We will print more if the demand is there.



For God

WEEK 1

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON NOTES:
Fruit-Full-Ness - For Mission -

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3.19–20

A READING FROM ACTS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 12-20:

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: PSALM 4

1 'Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

2 'Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:

how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

3 'Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:

when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

4 'Tremble, and do no sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

5 'Offer the sacrifices that are right: and put your trust in the Lord.

6 'There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:

the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'

7 'Yet you have given my heart more gladness:

that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

8 'In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 12, VERSE 1-21:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renew-

ing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 24,
VERSES 36B-48:**

Jesus himself stood among [his disciples] and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving Lord we thank you for the opportunity to gather here in your name, for this beautiful land, for our freedom and safety, for family and friends. We bring these prayers to you with humble and contrite hearts.

We thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit. Help to equip us for the mission you want us to do.

Spirit of the living God
hear our prayer.

For families who live where there is war and oppression, injustice and poverty. Bring peace to this troubled world.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

For homes of peace and love, reflecting your love for us all. We pray especially for all those living in broken homes or unsafe situations.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

For all who are travelling, we ask Lord that you keep them safe, protect them from danger and be their companion on the way.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

For a time of rest and rejuvenation for all who are holidaying, particularly Rev'd Chris and family.

Spirit of the living God,

hear our prayer.

For children to grow up to know and love you.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for wisdom and strength for all Clergy, integrity and compassion for world leaders and major decision makers.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

For all who know the pain of illness of body, mind or spirit and for all who care for them.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have run the race and kept the faith. May we also share in your heavenly kingdom.

Spirit of the living God,
hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers as we sing the prayer our saviour taught us.....**Our Father in Heaven.....**

Prayers adapted from A Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia. Kay O'Brien.

ROSTERS

| Date | 14-4-24 | | 21-4-24 | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Roster | 7.00am | 9.00am | 7.00am | 9.00am |
| Worship Leader | Rev'd Simon Tang | Rev'd Simon Tang | Rev'd Christopher Bate | Rev'd Christopher Bate |
| Preacher | Rev'd Simon Tang | Rev'd Simon Tang | Rev'd Christopher Bate | Rev'd Christopher Bate |
| LA Leader | Rosemary Kake | Dianne Boquee | Harry McGuire | Harry McGuire |
| LA Assistant | | | Robert Kake | Lorraine Jones |
| Greeter | - | Joan Harvey | - | Kerry Tovey |
| Sidesperson | Kay O'Brien | Sandra Pearn | Rosemary Kake | Rhonda Nelson |
| Reader 1 | Sue Reade | Jenny Bullock | Rosemary Kake | Sandra Pearn |
| Reader 2 | Norm Booth | Joan Harvey | Margurita Smethurst | Dianne Bocquee |
| Offertory | Kay O'Brien | Sandra Pearn | Rosemary Kake | Rhonda Nelson |
| Chapel Prayers | - | Sandra Pearn | Margurita Smethurst | Dianne Bocquee |
| Morning Tea | Kay Morris | Volunteers? | Sharon/Hugh | Jenny/Ruth |
| Music Leader | Ruth Barton | Ruth Barton | Michael Po Saw | Ruth Barton |
| AV Operator | Adrian Scott | Rhonda/Ian | Kay O'Brien | Malini/Chris |
| Prayers of the people | Kay O'Brien | | Ian Nelson | |
| Counting | Ruth Barton | | Rhonda Nelson | |
| Kids Church | | School Holidays | | Jenny/Kerry |

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

Acts 3.12-20

Psalm 4

Romans 12.1-21

Luke 24.36b-48

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

Galatians 5.16-26

John 10.11-18

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Please consider your capacity and commitment to give to the work of this parish, by creating a recurring transfer.

ABN: 93 894 007 519

Giving for Feb **\$ 6,826**

Budgeted Amount \$ 7,500.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia
- The Parish of Nambour
- Clergy with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese
- St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Ascot

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, Susan, Tammy, John, Murray, Sharlene, Peter, Cameron, Sally, Russ, Jenny & Bough, Peter, Robert, Mary, Daphne, Joyce, Pam, Sean, Allan & Varrie, Betty, Brian, Karen & Robert, Steve & Julie, John
- 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

Gracious Father,

who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,

and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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