

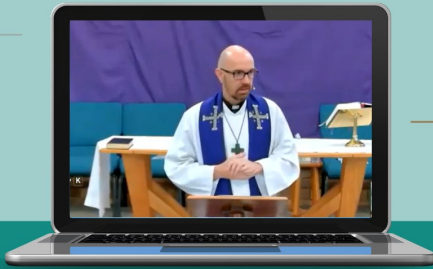


HOLY SPIRIT  
ALGESTER

# Holy Spirit News WELCOME | March 22nd 2026

## FEATURED NEWS

### SERMONS ONLINE



www.holyspiritatgester.com/sermons  
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### CAFÉ & CARWASH



\$10  
CARWASH



DONATION

4TH APRIL  
8:30AM-12PM

## 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 baptised member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion. Please join us after the service for refreshments!

## FROM THE VICAR

Over the past weeks in our Lenten journey, we have walked through our baptismal vows turning to Christ, repenting of sin, rejecting selfishness, and renouncing evil. Now we come to a deeper question: Will you strive to live as a disciple? This is not just about what we do, but who we are becoming.

In Matthew 16:21–28, Jesus makes it clear that following him is not comfortable or convenient. When Peter resists the idea of suffering, Jesus challenges him, exposing the temptation to follow God without surrender. Instead, Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him. To be a disciple is to become an apprentice of Jesus, to be with him, become like him, and do as he did. This is not a one-time decision but a daily commitment. It means reordering our lives around Christ, even when it is costly.

Jesus reminds us that in losing our life for his sake, we truly find it. This is at the heart of discipleship: surrender leads to freedom, and sacrifice leads to life.

So, the question remains: will you strive not just in words, but in the shape of your life to follow Jesus?

In Christ,  
Rev'd Chris

*Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus*

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 23 March** - MU Wave of Prayer 10am
- 27 March** - Mainly Music 10am [End Term 1]
- 29 March** - KidsChurch Pizza & Movie Night  
4.30pm
- 4 April** - Café & Carwash 8.30am
- 4 April** - Easter Spring Clean in the Church

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

- 30 March** - 9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Walk with Bishop John
- 31 March** - 9am Morning Prayer  
7pm Chrism Service St John's Cathedral
- 1 April** - 9am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Communion Service
- 2 April** - **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
9am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Agape Meal & Service followed  
by Gethsemane Watch till midnight
- 3 April** - **GOOD FRIDAY**  
9am Good Friday Service
- 5 April** - **EASTER DAY**  
6am Sunrise Service  
7am Traditional Service  
9am Family Service

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday 23 May** - Parish Dinner

## 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.

## 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.

## OPEN HOUSE:

Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa will be served at Ian & Rhonda Nelson's home, 16 Macaranga St, Algester, after the 9am Good Friday Service.

## EASTER SPRING CLEAN: SATURDAY 4 APRIL

There will be a working Bee on Easter Saturday to prepare the inside of the Church for Easter. [Bear in mind it is also Café & Carwash morning].

Jobs in the church include:

- Brass cleaning
- Cleaning windows
- Dusting/vacuuuming/polishing
- Putting the sanctuary back together

## WAVE OF PRAYER:

The AMUA will hold a WAVE OF PRAYER on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March starting at 10 am in the church. At this gathering, members will pray for a variety of communities and people across the world. All parishioners are welcome to attend. After the service we will have lunch together and enjoy MU fellowship. Please bring along some food for us to share.



Week 5

# WILL YOU STRIVE TO BE DISCIPLE

**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

## READINGS

### SENTENCE:

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' John 11.25–26

### A READING FROM EZEKIEL, CHAPTER 37, VERSES 1-14:

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and

stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *Psalms 130*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 **O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.**
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 **But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.**
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.

- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the  
morning.**
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the  
Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO  
THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 8, VERSES 6-11:**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 16,  
VERSES 21-28:**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Almighty God,*

Our prayers can be 'as dry as old bones' yet you call us to persist, but you do not leave us alone in our struggle. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit to help us 'flesh out' the bones of our faith, to engage us emotionally and spiritually and help us to own and live our discipleship day to day. May your breath be our breath as we strive to follow Jesus.

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

*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.

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

*Lord, Author of Life,*

We call on you from the depths of dissolution and you are always there to hear us. We wait and wait; sometimes we are weary and impatient and need to be reminded to trust and look for your light to break over us. Help us look to your word regularly and faithfully, to rightly discern your will and walk according to your instructions. Life is messy Lord, particularly when we try to do it under our own power, help us pay attention and listen to your Spirit; help us find the willingness to trust you and find life and peace. Thank you Lord, that even when we fail, you do not abandon us but sustain us.

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

*Father of all,*

There is so much going on in the world right now, it is hard to know who or what to believe. It is easy to fall into polarised thoughts, confusion or disbelief. Lord, may your spirit of discernment descend that we may recognise what is evil and what is not, what is good and from you and what is not, what is according to your will and what is not. Father, we pray for speedy resolutions of conflicts round the globe. Protect innocents in the conflicts in Africa, Middle East and Eastern Europe. Protect those genuinely doing your work; expose and confound those who are pretending, enlighten those who are genuinely misguided.

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

*Loving God, source of all healing,*

Be with all those on our hearts with healing and comfort. May they, and those caring for them, know your presence and gentle support. Father, you heal on every level, spiritually, emotionally and physically, yet healing may not always be what we expect. Whatever your will Lord, help those for whom we pray face their futures with confidence, serenity, faith and peace.

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 Ian Nelson*

# ROSTERS

Date	22-3-26		29-3-26	
	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	Robert Kake	Lorraine Jones	Rosemary Kake	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Malini	-	Kids Church
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry	Kay Morris	Kids Church
Reader 1	Michael Po Saw	Carol Booth	Julie Elliker	Kids Church
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter	Robert Kake	Kids Church
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry	Kay Morris	Kids Church
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Cecilia	Jeanette Clark	Kids Church
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		Kids Church	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Dianne Bocquee	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry		Rostered in Church
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

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8.6-11

Matthew 16.21-28

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

1 Corinthians 12.1-12

Matthew 21.1-11

## 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 Korea
- The Diocese of Sydney
- The Parish of Toowoomba
- St Lawrence's Parish Care Program, Caboolture
- St John's College UQ

### 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

We thank you, heavenly Father,  
that you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
we pray that  
as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us  
to joys eternal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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