



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
WELCOME | Nov 16th 2025

FEATURED NEWS

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday
22 November 8:30am
@ Little Dreamer Café
cnr Kameruka St &
Beaudesert Rds, Calamvale

Christmas Hampers



Its that time again
to bring food donations for
Christmas Hampers

MISSION PARTNER

ARCHBISHOP'S NOVEMBER APPEAL

St Mark's
Children's Learning Centre
Philippines



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

It is good to be back worshipping with you after my trip to New Zealand for my auntie's funeral. In times of grief, we are reminded again of our deep need for hope that is secure, lasting, and anchored in something far greater than ourselves.

This week in our Hebrew series we turn to Hebrews 9, which invites us to lift our eyes from the earthly to the heavenly. The writer reminds us that while the old covenant tabernacle was beautiful, it was still "made with hands" bound to this creation and therefore temporary. But Christ, our great High Priest, has entered a greater and perfect sanctuary, not of this world, where time and decay hold no power.

The heart of this passage is the incredible effectiveness of Jesus' sacrifice. The blood of animals could only ever provide outward, temporary cleansing. People were declared clean, but their consciences remained burdened. In contrast, Christ offers not the blood of another, but his own life freely, perfectly, once for all. His sacrifice reaches where no ritual ever could: deep into the human heart, cleansing our consciences and restoring us to God.

Because Jesus' redemption is eternal, so is our hope. We do not live from sacrifice to sacrifice, striving to stay clean or earn God's favour. We live from Christ's finished work secure, forgiven, and set free to serve and worship him with joy.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

18 November - Parish Council 7pm
20 November - Coffee & Chat 10am
20 November - Hosting St John's Year 12 Retreat
22 November - Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
3 December - Service for DV victims 9.30am
14 December - Family Carols from 6.30pm
21 December - Champagne, Cheese & Carols 7pm
24 December - Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm
24 December - Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm
25 December - Christmas Day Service 8am

COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our final Coffee & Chat for the year is on Thursday 20 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 food, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.

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 is available in the foyer to leave items. Last Sunday to bring in donations is **Nov 30th**.

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

If you'd like to give electronically to our missions each month, we have a new account: 704 901 00015767

LADIES BREAKFAST:

This is happening **this Saturday 22 November**, 8.30am at Little Dreamer Café, cnr Kameruka St & Beaudesert Rds, Calamvale. This is a great way to begin your day, with yum food and great company! A clipboard is available in the foyer to book your seat!

DONATIONS AGAIN! - NEEDED THIS WEEK:

On 20th November 2025 Rhonda will host another Coffee and Chat in the Hall for our older members of the community. Members of Mothers' Union usually supply morning tea for this event. On that same day Year 12 students from Forest Lake College are again visiting the church for activities arranged by Rev'd Juliana. The Mothers' Union has been asked to supply morning tea for them as well. Once again, that is a lot of food and hungry adolescents!

If members of the Parish could help provide sandwiches or slices/cakes for this Thursday please talk to Jenny Bullock or ring her on 0439 847 979. It does not have to be home-made and could be put in the church fridge either today or Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 18th before 9 am. Your donations would be very much appreciated.

SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

On 3rd December Rev'd Chris will lead a Service in the church starting at 9.30 am to remember and pray for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. The AMUA Algester branch supports the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign which runs from 25th November each year. So please put Wednesday 3rd December into your diary and come along to this important service.

Week 7

BETTER THAN SACRIFICES

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. 2 Thessalonians 3.16

A READING FROM ISAIAH, CHAPTER 65, VERSES 17-25:

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord —
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord .

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

FOR THE PSALM: SONG OF ISAIAH

‘Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed
gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS, CHAPTER 9, VERSES 11-28:

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been

defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. Where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Hence not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you.' And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 21, VERSES 5-19:

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, we come together today as your people with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. We praise you Oh Lord, for who you are: the Alpha and Omega, all powerful loving God, Redeemer, Saviour and friend. We thank you Lord that before we knew you, you chose us, in our mother's womb, to love you and to worship you. You have provided us with gifts beyond measure: the world we live in and the very air we breathe. As we see the unrest in the world and watch with horror the devastation of cities and displacement of people, due largely to mankind's greed, it can be hard to remember that you are in control. Help us to hear your still, small voice of calm and find our peace and comfort in you.
Almighty and everlasting God: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your church, of which we are a part, and for Rev'd Chris as he leads us. We pray that you will bless him with discernment and wisdom and pray today for everyone who would seek to turn and follow you. May your word be a lamp unto our feet as you lead us along the narrow road that leads to life eternal.
Almighty and everlasting God: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for everyone living in our community and pray that you will lead us to those who need a helping hand or encouragement, as we go about our daily tasks. It is so easy Lord, to feel overwhelmed by the enormity of need we hear about daily, so we pray that you will guide and equip us to do what we can, with what we have, where we are.
Almighty and everlasting God: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks Lord for all the hard work and enthusiasm that has gone into St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. We pray that the students will be able to benefit from all the elements of their education, as well as being furnished with ways to be emotionally resilient and to live a life marked by spiritual growth. We give you thanks for the students, the teachers, the community and for all those donors who seek to turn the dream of education for the children of this community into a reality in Christ's name.
Almighty and everlasting God: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the knowledge and skill of doctors and nurses everywhere as they care for the sick. Equip them Lord with patience and compassion as they encounter many different people in their hour of need. We pray for those listed in our pew sheet and for any we hold dear in our hearts.

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 | 16-11-25 | | 23-11-25 | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Roster | 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 | Kathy Carter | Julie Elliker | Dianne Bocquee |
| Greeter | - | Kerry Tovey | - | Rhonda Nelson |
| Sidesperson | Robyn Brodie | Dianne Bocquee | Rosemary Kake | Kathy Carter |
| Reader 1 | Michael Po Saw | Ian Nelson | Kay O'Brien | Carol Booth |
| Reader 2 | Rosemary Kake | Sandra Pearn | Joan Harvey | Kathy Carter |
| Offertory | Robyn Brodie | Dianne Bocquee | Rosemary Kake | Kathy Carter |
| Chapel Prayers | | Dianne Bocquee | - | Carol Booth |
| Morning Tea | Sharon/Hugh | Jenny | Kay O'Brien | Malini/Cecilia |
| Music Leader | Michael Po Saw | Videos | Michael Po Saw | Videos |
| AV Operator | Kay O'Brien | Malini/Chris | Norm Booth | Rhonda/Ian |
| Prayers of the people | Sandra Pearn | | <i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i> | |
| Counting | Malini | | Rhonda Nelson | |
| Kids Church | | Kerry/Jenny | | Children to stay in church |
| Baptism | | | | 9am 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

Isaiah 65.17-25

Psalm - Song of Isaiah [APBA]

Hebrews 9.11-28

Luke 21.5-19

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm - Song of Zechariah

Hebrews 11.1-12; 12.1-2

Luke 23.33-43

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 to Aug **\$49,700.10**

Budgeted Jan to Aug \$60,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Newcastle
- The Parish of Wynnum
- EPIC Assist
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Archbishop's November Appeal, supporting primary education in the Philippines.

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, Liam, Maria, Daphne, Betty, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Lorraine, 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

Almighty God,

whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of
this world,

knowing that your kingdom shall come and your
will be done,

to your eternal glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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