



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | June 28, 2026

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

There are moments in life when we feel we have reached the end of ourselves. Our mistakes catch up with us, relationships become strained, and the future seems uncertain. That is exactly where we find Jacob in Genesis 28. He is running from the consequences of his own deception, alone in the wilderness with nothing more than a stone for a pillow. Yet it is there, not in success, but in failure that God meets him.

Jacob's dream of a stairway reaching to heaven reminds us that God is never distant. Rather than condemning Jacob, God promises His presence, protection, and faithfulness. These promises are not earned but given by grace. Jacob responds by worshipping and entrusting himself to the God who has already committed Himself to him.

The same invitation is extended to us today. Jesus identifies Himself as the true "ladder" between heaven and earth, the One through whom God comes to meet broken people. We do not need to climb our way back to God; in Christ, God has come to us.

Whatever wilderness you may be walking through, remember this wonderful promise: God is with you, He has not abandoned you, and His faithfulness is greater than your failures.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

26-28 June - SYNOD This Weekend

2 July - Men's Dinner 6.30pm for 7pm

4 July - Café & Car Wash 8.30am-12 noon

16 July - Coffee & Chat

18 July - Commissioning Service, St Barnabas, 3pm

19 July - Bp John presiding at both services. Candidates to be Confirmed at 9am Service.

ZOOM:

A reminder if you wish to link into our 9am Sunday Services via Zoom, the details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199826984>

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984

COMMUNICATION:

If you have a concern or something's going on in your life, you can always speak to or email Rev'd Chris and don't assume that someone will share your situation. Chris's door is always open for a coffee/beer/wine catch-up.

SERMONS ONLINE:

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

MEN'S DINNER:

We are getting together for a Men's Dinner on Thursday 2 July, 6.30 for 7pm, at the Lucky Star Tavern in Sunnybank Hills.

Please add names to clipboard in the foyer or RSVP to Hugh 0412 091 479.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE:

The Commissioning Service for Rev'd Simon Tang as Priest-in-Charge at Sunnybank Parish will take place on Saturday 18 July, 3pm at St Barnabas, 189 Lister St, Sunnybank. All welcome. RSVP via the link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/commissioning-of-the-reverend-doctor-simon-tang>

ZEPHYR EDUCATION:

Zephyr Education is an Australian charity dedicated to helping children affected by domestic and family violence. Founded in 2013 it provides essential supplies such as uniforms, textbooks, school bags and laptops to children who have to change schools due to domestic violence. The organisation aims to ensure that these children resume their education as quickly as possible, often within 48 hours of arriving at a shelter.

In July each year the AMUA Algester Branch collects items throughout the Parish to donate to Zephyr Education. Containers for the following items are placed in the church foyer from the beginning of the month. We are looking for lunch boxes, drink bottles, children's pyjamas, children's socks and children's underwear. At the end of July I will transport our donations to Zephyr's headquarters in Brisbane. If you can manage it, please donate to this very worthy cause.

On Thursday 23rd July 2026 a representative of the Zephyr organisation, Kelsey Powell, will visit our church as a guest speaker. All members of the parish at Algester are invited to attend the gathering which will start at 7.15 pm in the church. Please bring your questions for Kelsey and stay for a chat and light supper afterwards.

Jenny Bullock



Week 5

Jacob's Ladder

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Have you ever felt alone, scared, or like you had made a mistake? How does it make you feel to know that God met Jacob in the middle of his wilderness and promises to be with us wherever we go?

PLAN

Create a simple "God Is With Us" door hanger or fridge sign together. Decorate a piece of card and write the words from Genesis 28:15: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." Hang it on your front door or place it on the fridge this week as a daily reminder that no matter where your family goes, school, work, sport, or home God goes with you.

PRAY

Sit together and invite each family member to share one place or situation this week where they need God's help (school, work, friendships, health, or a difficult decision). After each person shares, everyone responds together, "Lord, be with us." Finish by praying: "Heavenly Father, thank You that You never leave us. Help us to trust You instead of trying to do everything in our own strength. Remind us each day that You are with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name. Amen."

READINGS

SENTENCE:

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6.23

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 28, VERSES 10-22:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in

peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 **How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 **Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
Lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 **And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 6, VERSES 12-23:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you,

since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 10,
VERSES 40-42:**

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their

reward.’

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Most generous God, you are ever ready to give good gifts to your children: receive our prayers for the world and for the church.

We pray for the nations of the world, for an end to war and for peaceable solutions to conflict, for wise government and a just sharing of the resources of the earth.

Hear our prayers for those who are tortured or held in prison;

for those taken from their families and land;
for your little ones who are dying of hunger and thirst.

Show us your face in these your children, and help us to minister to them as we would minister to you.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for visionary leadership and for faithful discipleship, for unity between Christians, for the mission of the church throughout the world.

Hear our prayers for all who are ministers of your gospel;

for all who unsettle us with your words of truth;
for your little ones who are crying out for words of forgiveness and grace.

Show us your face in these your children, and help us to listen to them as we would listen to you.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, for loving nurture of children and care for the vulnerable, for respect for individuals and concern for the well-being of all.

Hear our prayers for those who are strangers or newcomers here;

for those who are homeless, destitute or without work;
for your little ones who are hurting from rejection and abuse.

Show us your face in these your children, and help us to welcome them as we would welcome you.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we give thanks for the gift of our lives and for your life in us.

We give thanks for the many contexts of ministry you call us to, and in all things ask for a greater openness to the guidance of your Spirit.

We thank you for the resources you have blessed us with and pray that you help the work of the Bush Ministry Fund, so that communities throughout the Western Region can flourish and people can be nurtured and drawn more deeply into relationship with you.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need or distress, for comfort for the grieving and for hope for the despairing, for companionship for the lonely and relief for those in pain.

Hear our prayers for those who are shut away from society, the disabled and frail;

for those who long for a comforting touch or a kindly word;
for your little ones who are starved of love and affection.

Show us your face in these your children, and help us to care for them as we would care for you.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have died in the faith, for all good and holy people who have recognised you in their midst.

Show us your face and let us hear your voice, that we also may welcome you into our lives, and, with all your saints, receive from you the gift of everlasting life.

God of grace, 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 taken from 'Let Us Pray' by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	28-6-26		5-7-26	
	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	Kathy Carter	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Rosemary & Rose	Dianne Bocquee	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Reader 1	Joan Harvey	Carol Booth	Dinnar family	Kathy Carter
Reader 2	Kay O'Brien	Shiprah Allu	Joan Harvey	Lilliana Brandon
Offertory	Rosemary & Rose	Dianne Bocquee	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Cecelia plus helper	Kay Morris	Kerry/Kathy
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Videos
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Ian/Kiara	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		Ian Nelson	
Counting	Dianne Bocquee		Malini Ramachandrom	
Kids Church		School Holidays - in recess -		School Holidays - in recess -
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 28.10-22

Ps 13

Romans 6.12-23

Matthew 10.40-42

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 32.22-31

Ps 45.10-17

Romans 7.14-25

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

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—March **\$18,636.15**

Budgeted Jan—March \$20,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- The Parish of Nerang
- Anglicare SQ Edwin Marsden Tooth Memorial Home - Manly

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Bush Ministry Fund (BMF) 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, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev, A4 Community Care, Peter, Maggie & Betty
- 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,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to suffer death upon a cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
delivered us from the power of the enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of
his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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