



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
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FEATURED NEWS

CAFÉ & CARWASH



\$10 CARWASH



DONATION

**6TH DEC
8:30AM-12PM**

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

We have come to the end of our series in Hebrews, and we finish on this Christ the King Sunday as we look at Hebrews 11:1-12, 12:1-2.

Hebrews 11 gives us a sweeping vision of what faith looks like. We hear the stories of men and women who lived trusting in God's promises, promises they could not yet see. Their lives remind us that faith is not wishful thinking, that all the hardship will go away. But confidence in the character of God. They still endured hardship, as they waited for something greater, something eternal.

Then, at the beginning of Hebrews 12, the writer turns our eyes to the one who is the fulfilment of all those hopes: Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He is the King who reigns not through power or force, but through self-giving love. He endured the cross for the joy that was set before him, the joy of bringing us home to God. As we fix our eyes on him, we find strength to run with perseverance, just as the saints before us did.

Today, this truth comes alive as we celebrate the baptism of young Harrison. In baptism we declare that Christ the King claims us as his own. Just as the people of faith in Hebrews trusted God's promises, we now entrust Harrison to the powerful, tender care of Jesus. Baptism reminds us that faith is a journey, a race we do not run alone. Christ goes before us, beside us, and within us. As we finish this series, may we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus, our greater King, who has run the race ahead of us and now invites us to follow him into the fullness of life.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 November - Mainly Music 10am
3 December - Service for DV victims 9.30am
6 December - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
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

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

ONLY 1 MORE WEEK TO GO to bring in food items 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. The last Sunday to bring in donations is **November 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

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.

THANK YOU:

Members of the AMUA would like to thank all parishioners who donated food or funds to the morning tea last Thursday for St John's Year 12 Retreat. Because of your generosity, the kids were more than satisfied with a delicious morning tea and the staff and students alike were most appreciative.

CAROLS



CAROLS & GLOW STICKS

DECEMBER 14, 2025 AT 6.30 PM,
FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS!

Merry CHRISTMAS!



CHRISTMAS EVE

Family service 6:30pm

Midnight mass 11:30pm

Carols commencing 30min before both services

CHRISTMAS DAY

Family service 8am

"TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A
SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS
THE MESSIAH, THE LORD."
LUKE 2:11

Week 8

TOGETHER WITH THE SAINTS

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9.9

A READING FROM JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 23, VERSES 1-6:

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord . Therefore, thus says the Lord , the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord . Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord . The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

FOR THE PSALM: SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE
HEBREWS, CHAPTER 11, VERSES 1-12 AND
CHAPTER 12, VERSES 1-2:**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside

every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 23,
VERSES 33-43:**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, first-born of all creation, you are righteous and merciful and answer when we call on you: hear our prayers for the world and for the church.

We give you thanks and praise that through you and for you creation was made:

we pray for the peoples of the world.

Remember, Jesus, those in positions of responsibility in every land;

those who suffer poverty, salvation and disease;

those who endure torture, imprisonment or exile from their homes.

Jesus, for the peace of the world, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that through you we are rescued from the power of sin:

we pray for your worldwide church.

Remember, Jesus, those who suffer persecution for their faith;

those who worship and minister in this parish;

those who are teachers, pastors and priests to your people.

Jesus, for the salvation of the world, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you the love of God is seen to dwell:

we pray for this community.

Remember, Jesus, those on the fringes, the forgotten and the unwanted;

those without work and those whose work is not valued;

those whom we love, our families, our friends and ourselves.

Jesus, for the reconciliation of your people, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

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.

Jesus, for the mission of your church, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you we see the compassionate heart of God:

we pray for all who are in need.

Remember, Jesus, those in loneliness, grief or despair;

those in sickness or pain, and all who will die this day;

those who bring comfort, hope and care to others.

Jesus, for the healing of your people, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that for us you have broken the bonds of death.

We remember all who have died in your love:

those whose lives have been faithful and true;

those who have not known or believed in you;

those from this parish and all whom we have loved.

Help us to follow in the footsteps of your saints and, when we fail you, forgive us, that, when the deep night of death is past and morning dawns, we shall be with you and all your saints in Paradise.

Jesus, first-born from the dead, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

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	23-11-25		30-11-25	
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	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Harlym & Anika
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Kay Morris	Nivya, Anika, Dean
Reader 1	Kay O'Brien	Carol Booth	Norm Booth	Niya; Psalm: Harlym
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter	Sama O'Brien	Danika
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	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	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Norm Booth	Rhonda/Ian	Adrian Scott	Kiara
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>		Joshua, Ava & Jayden	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		Children to stay in church		Rostered 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

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm - Song of Zechariah

Hebrews 11.1-12; 12.1-2

Luke 23.33-43

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13.9-14

Matthew 1.1-17

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 Oct **\$63,114.90**

Budgeted Jan to Oct \$75,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- The Diocese of Tasmania
- The Parish of Annerley
- Anglicare SQ The Glebe Retirement Village {Toowoomba}
- St Francis Theological College, Milton

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, Daphne, Betty, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Lorraine, Gwen, Bev, Kye
- 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

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of
good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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