



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | August 23, 2026

FEATURED NEWS



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'You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.'
Matthew 16. 15 – 16



MISSION PARTNER

4Voices

Providing judgment-free
support for women facing
domestic violence,
homelessness, digital and social
isolation.

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 easy to look at the world around us and see the things that are wrong with other people. We notice their failures, their attitudes and their choices, and it can be tempting to think, "At least I'm not like them."

But Romans 3 brings us back to reality. Paul says that "Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin" (3:9), and that "there is no one who is righteous, not even one" (3:10). Before God, the ground is level. None of us can claim that we are good enough, religious enough or successful enough to stand before God on our own merits. The law shows us our sin; it cannot save us. It acts like a mirror, revealing our need for God's mercy. For us as disciples of Jesus, this should produce humility rather than judgement. We come before Christ not as people who have made ourselves righteous, but as people who have received grace. This week, when you are tempted to judge or compare yourself with someone else, remember the great leveller: we all need Jesus. Let God's grace humble you, shape your relationships and help you extend to others the same mercy you have received.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 August - Mainly Music 10am

31 August - Men's Dinner 6.30 for 7pm

5 September - Café & Car Wash 8.30-midday

17 September - Coffee & Chat 10am

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 2-4pm

MEN'S DINNER:

We are getting together for a Men's Dinner on Monday 31st August, 6.30 for 7pm, at the Algester Sports Club.

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

RU OK DAY - FOOD DONATIONS:

'RU OK Day' is on Thursday 10th September 2026. Nina Chong, the school Chaplain at Algester State School, has asked us once again to assist with her Staff Appreciation Morning Tea. She is looking for sandwiches, slices, cakes etc, but they don't have to be home made.

If you could help the Mothers' Union by bringing items to the church from Sunday 6th September until Thursday 10th September, please let Jenny Bullock know. Phone: 0439 847 979 or jennybullock@live.com.au

BAREFOOT LAWN BOWLS SOCIAL AFTERNOON:

On Saturday 21 November from 2pm-4pm we are having an afternoon of barefoot lawn bowls & nibbles at the Algester Bowls Club. The cost is \$25 per person and must be paid in advance. This covers games and nibbles [buffalo wings, pizza & spring roll].

There is a clipboard for names in the church foyer. Cut-off date is 29 August.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS AWARENESS:

Simple actions to help prevent injuries and keep shared areas safe.

- ♦ Clean up spills immediately and place wet floor signs where needed [these can be found in the church kitchen].
- ♦ Keep walkways clear of items, cords and other trip hazards.
- ♦ Report any hazards you notice as soon as possible.
- ♦ Wear footwear that is appropriate for the task you are doing.

EXPLORING AI TOGETHER

A shared learning day exploring how artificial intelligence is shaping our world and the life of the Church

Exploring AI Together is a practical and accessible education day designed specifically for the Anglican Church Southern Queensland. Through presentations, discussion and reflection, participants will explore what AI is, how it is already affecting our work, and how we might engage with it wisely, responsibly and faithfully.

The day will be particularly relevant for:

- Clergy and parish leaders
- Parish councillors and wardens
- Synod members
- Members of diocesan commissions and committees
- Anglican school council members
- Anyone interested in how emerging technologies are shaping ministry and society

No technical knowledge is required.

Website link for more details: anglicanai.org



Saturday 29 August 2026
St Francis College, Milton
9:30am - 3:30pm

RSVP HERE:



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WEEK 5

The Great Leveller

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Why is it easy to notice other people's mistakes but harder to notice our own? What does Romans 3:9–20 teach us about how God sees all of us?

PLAN

This week, choose one practical way your family can show grace to someone who is struggling or has made a mistake. Look for an opportunity to encourage rather than criticize, forgive rather than hold a grudge, and serve rather than judge.

PRAY

Thank God that we do not have to be perfect or prove ourselves to him. Ask Jesus to help your family be humble, recognise your own need for God's grace, and show the same grace and mercy to others.

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Matthew 16.15–16

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 8 - CHAPTER 2, VERSE 10:

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.'

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the

midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,
- 2 **Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.**
- 3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed
us,
and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean
over us.
- 4 **But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their
teeth.**
- 5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare
of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we have gone
free.
- 6 **Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 3, VERSE 9-20:

What then? Are we any better off? No, not at
all; for we have already charged that all, both
Jews and Greeks, are under the power of
sin, as it is written:

‘There is no one who is righteous, not even
one;

there is no one who has understanding,
there is no one who seeks God.

All have turned aside, together they have
become worthless;

there is no one who shows kindness,
there is not even one.’

‘Their throats are opened graves;
they use their tongues to deceive.’

‘The venom of vipers is under their lips.’
‘Their mouths are full of cursing and
bitterness.’

‘Their feet are swift to shed blood;

ruin and misery are in their paths,
and the way of peace they have not known.’

‘There is no fear of God before their eyes.’

Now we know that whatever the law says, it
speaks to those who are under the law, so that
every mouth may be silenced, and the whole
world may be held accountable to God. For
‘no human being will be justified in his sight’
by deeds prescribed by the law, for through
the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 16, VERSES 13-20:

Now when Jesus came into the district of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who
do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And
they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but
others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one
of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do
you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered,
‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you, but my Father in
heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered
the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the
Messiah.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Awesome God, You are the creator and sustainer of this world and all living things. We come today with thanks and praise for the abundance of good things that you have provided. Each morning the sun rises anew and provides us with light and warmth for a new day, bringing new hope and new opportunities. We thank you for these Lord. You hold all history of the whole world in your hands; all of time, from the beginning until eternity. Help us to look beyond the small demands of our anxious present, and trust You to guide us to our eternal home. Loving Lord : **hear our prayer**

God of love, You are the author and creator of all that we share on this earth, and we thank you for the diversity of the gifts you have blessed us with. Help us to love one another because of our differences, so that we can be one body of faith and rejoice in each person's part in that whole. Help us to be good care-takers of the earth and its resources. Help us, and all the people around the world, to live in peace, trust and goodwill with each other. And please guide our leaders to seek the good welfare of all people, and justice for all nations, as we share this life together. Loving Lord : **hear our prayer**

All-knowing God, we pray that you will govern and direct your holy Church with your wisdom, and so bring your people together in unity of spirit and truth. Enlighten and encourage your Ministers with knowledge and understanding, so that with the example of their teaching and lives we may all be bold to declare your gospel in the power of your Spirit. We pray for your

blessing on our Primate, our Archbishop and Regional Bishops. We thank you for them, and for Rev. Chris, as he ministers in your Name in this parish. Please bless and guide our Parish Council as they strive for the safety and future of this place of worship.

Loving Lord : **hear our prayer**

Lord of love and compassion, we give you thanks for the ministry of 4 Voices and for their commitment to walk alongside women and girls who feel unhappy, threatened or alone. We pray for every woman who seeks safety, hope and dignity. May they be met with kindness, wisdom and love. Strengthen the hearts and hands of all who serve through 4 Voices, may their work be filled with your grace and guided by your Spirit. Loving Lord : **hear our prayer**

Ascended Lord Jesus, you have overcome the power of death, and rose again to your rightful place of honour. We pray for all who are bowed down under the heavy weight of illness, hardships, sorrow, injustice, distress, and war. As you have loved us, help us to love the unloved and share with those who have nothing. Help us to find ways to share the abundance of your mercies with those who need the comfort of your love and mercy.

Loving Lord : **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.

ROSTERS

Date	23-8-26		30-8-26	
	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	Julie Elliker	Lorraine Jones	Robert Kake	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kids Church
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Joan Harvey	Kids Church
Reader 1	Michael Po Saw	Shereen Alwin	Julie Elliker	Kids Church
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Kids Church
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Joan Harvey	Kids Church
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Cecilia	Jeanette Clark	Kids Church
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Ian/Kiara
Prayers of the people	Carol Booth		<i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Ruth Barton	
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

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READINGS TODAY

Exodus 1.8—2.10

Ps 124

Romans 3.9-20

Matthew 16.13-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 3.1-15

Ps 105.1-6, 23-26

Romans 3.21-31

Matthew 16.21-28

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—June **\$38,358.65**

Budgeted Jan—June \$40,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of the Province of West Africa
- The Diocese of Tasmania
- The Parish of Beenleigh
- Anglicare SQ Home and Community, North Coast Region
- St Francis Theological College, Milton

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner 4Voices 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, Karen, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Gwen, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Maggie, Betty, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler
- 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

Creator God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest
in you:
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,
that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come
may see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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