



FEATURED NEWS

**CAFÉ &
CARWASH**

DONATION

**7TH FEB
8:30AM-12PM**

**\$10
CARWASH**

AUSTRALIA DAY

TODAY WE GIVE
THANKS TO GOD FOR
THIS LAND AND ALL
PEOPLE WHO LIVE
HERE



MISSION PARTNER

Church Missionary Society



A world that knows Jesus

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

Matthew 4:12–25 marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and it begins not in a place of power, but in the shadow of darkness. Jesus goes to Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's promise that "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." God's saving work does not wait for perfect conditions; it breaks into ordinary places and troubled times. Jesus' first proclamation is simple and urgent: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Repentance here is not about shame, but about turning, turning away from what diminishes life and turning toward God's reign of grace, justice, and hope. The kingdom is not a distant dream; it is near, present, and unfolding in Jesus himself. As Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, he calls ordinary fishermen Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They are not scholars or religious elites. Yet Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Their response is immediate. They leave nets, boats, and even family, trusting that life with Jesus will be worth the cost. Discipleship begins with a simple step of obedience and trust. The passage ends with Jesus teaching, proclaiming good news, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. Word and deed belong together. The kingdom Jesus announces is not only spoken; it is embodied in compassion, restoration, and hope. This week, we are invited to hear Jesus' call anew: to turn toward God, to follow Christ, and to participate in bringing light where there is darkness, hope where there is need, and healing where there is brokenness.

In Christ, Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 6 February** - Mainly Music , 10am - Term 1
7 February - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
8 February - Kids Church resumes
11 February - Holy Communion Service 9.30am. Everyone welcome.
- MU Branch Meeting
17 February - Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6.30pm
18 February - Ash Wednesday Services 9.30am and 7pm
19 February - Church Service 10am
21 February - Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
22 February - ONE Service only 8am followed by AGM

AGM & NOMINATION FORMS:

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday 22 February, following morning tea. We will have one service only at 8am on this day. Nomination forms are available now in the foyer.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Today is the last day of Summer Holiday Service time of 8am. We revert to our normal Sunday service times at 7am and 9am from next week [1st February].

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

If you'd like to give electronically to our missions each month, we have a new account: Algestor Anglican Parish, BSB: 704 901 Account#: 00015767

PARISH & MISSION GIVING ENVELOPES:

We have printed our own envelopes for 2026 in a bid to be economical. These will be available all year round from the foyer, on a 'take-as-you-need' basis.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2025:

Would leaders of the various ministry groups within the Parish please start thinking about their reports for the Report Booklet. We need these into the office end of January/beginning of February.

LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our first Ladies Breakfast for 2026 is booked for Saturday 21 February, 8.30am. A clipboard will be available next week with details.

MAINLY MUSIC:

Mainly Music will begin in 2026 on 6th February in the Church Hall commencing at 10 am. If you know any mums with children aged up to 5 years, please recommend this very worthwhile activity. Also pray for the families and helpers as they work to uphold the MM mission –together creating joy-filled communities of belonging where Jesus can be revealed.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny Bullock on 0439 847 979.

ZOOM:

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

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

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984



A vibrant, cartoon-style banner for "SUMMER HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES". The banner features a large, stylized sun with orange rays at the top. Below the sun, the word "SUMMER" is written in large, yellow, block letters with a brown outline. Underneath "SUMMER", the words "HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES" are written in orange, block letters with a brown outline. The background of the banner is a bright blue sky with white clouds. At the bottom of the banner is a green grassy hill with small white flowers. On the left side, a pineapple character wearing sunglasses and a swimsuit holds a beach ball. On the right side, a watermelon character wearing sunglasses and a swimsuit holds a surfboard. The overall theme is a fun, summer vacation.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON NOTES:

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.23

A READING FROM ISAIAH, CHAPTER 9, VERSES 1-4:

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 27.1-10

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- 2 **When the wicked, even my enemies and foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**
- 3 If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 **One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 **For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.
- 8 **And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 **My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 10-18:

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to

Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 4,
VERSES 12-25:**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for

people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, hear our prayers for your world and your church; hear us when we cry to you, be gracious and answer us.

We pray for the peoples of the world:
for those in places of war and unrest;
for those who suffer from famine or disease;
for those whose lands have been stolen and cultures destroyed;
for all with responsibility of government.

Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside cruelty, aggression and exploitation to find just and peaceable ways to live together on this earth.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our own land of Australia:
for its beaches and reefs, rainforests and mountains, wilderness and desert;
for its unique and marvellous ecology;
for its peoples here since the ancient dreamings;
for its peoples who have come in recent times.

Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside prejudice, bitterness and greed to care for one another and the treasures you entrust to us.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:
for those of all traditions who are baptised in the name of Christ;
for all who search for you and long to know you;
for the National Council of Churches;
for the clergy and people of this parish.

Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside division and discord and with common purpose proclaim your gospel in the world.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, whose will it is that everyone be saved, bless the Church Missionary Society and

those who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need:
for the lonely and the broken-hearted;
for those abandoned or without hope for the future;
for the sick and for those close to death;
for all who bring love and care to those who suffer.

Draw them to the radiance of your light, that they may find strength in their labour, comfort in their distress, hope in their despair and, at their life's end, peace.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age: for Andrew, Peter, James and John and for your disciples in every generation who have heard your call, left all and followed you.

May we, like them, be drawn to the radiance of your light and, with all your saints, come to see your face in your heavenly dwelling.

Loving God, 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	25-1-26	1-2-26	
	8.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	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
LA Leader	Robert Kake	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	Rhonda Nelson	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Reader 1	Carol Booth	Dinnar family	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Rosemary Kake	Dinnar family	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette/Malini/Cecilia	Kay Morris	Kerry Tovey
Music Leader	Ruth/Michael	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Ian/Rhonda	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	<i>Taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Kay O'Brien	Malini Ramachandrom	
Kids Church	In Recess School Holidays		Children remain 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 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1-10
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-25

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Micah 6.1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1.18-31
Matthew 6.9-15

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:

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Diocese of The Northern Territory
- The Parish of Kilcoy
- Anglicare SQ Meilene Residential Aged Care - Bundaberg
- All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Church Missionary Society [CMS].

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, 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

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you:
mercifully accept our prayers,
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do nothing good without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**