



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

September 20, 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

Romans 5:12–21 reminds us that our lives are deeply connected to the choices of others. Through Adam, sin and death entered the world. But Paul's focus is not simply on what has gone wrong. His focus is on what God has done about it through Jesus. Paul repeatedly says that the gift is "not like the trespass" and speaks of how much more God's grace has been given to us. One act of disobedience brought condemnation, but one righteous act of obedience brings justification and life. At the cross, we see both the seriousness of sin and the overwhelming love of God. Sin and death do not get the final word. Grace does. "Where sin increased, grace increased all the more" (Romans 5:20).

This changes how we live. We don't live trying to earn God's love or acceptance. In Christ, we have already received grace. So, the question for us this week is: What would it look like for grace to reign in my life? Perhaps it means forgiving someone, being patient with someone who is difficult, admitting when we are wrong, welcoming someone who feels on the outside, or choosing kindness when we could choose frustration. Because grace has been given to us, we are called to become people who give grace to others.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 October - Café & Car Wash

8.30am-midday

9 October – Mainly Music Term 4

23 October – School Chaplaincy Trivia Night

24 October -Fashion Parade

Save the Date:

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls

4.30pm-6.30pm

2027 BIBLE STUDY/SERMON SERIES:

If there are any themes, topics, or books in the bible you might like to look at next year in our bible studies/sermon series, please let Rev'd Christ know so he can consider these with the Rev'd David, Rev'd Scott, and Rev'd Matt, when they meet next month to plan 2027.

SMALL GROUPS:

Small Groups are an amazing opportunity to explore the bible, pray for and support one another, deepen friendships, and help each other grow as disciples of Jesus. We have a variety of Small Groups who meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join one please talk to Rev'd Chris.



WEEK 2

One Righteous Act

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Paul says that Adam's one act brought sin and death, but Jesus' one righteous act brings grace, forgiveness and life. How has God shown his grace to our family? What is one way we can show grace to someone else this week?

PLAN

Choose one person this week who might need some extra grace, a family member, friend, neighbour or someone at school or work. Look for a practical way to show them kindness, patience, forgiveness or encouragement.

PRAY

Thank God that his grace is greater than our sin. Thank Jesus for his obedience and for the life we have through him. Ask God to help your family receive his grace and then share that grace with others this week. Amen.

SENTENCE:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2.8–9

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 16, VERSES 2-15:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 105.1-6, 37-45

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**
- 3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- 4 **Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**
- 5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 **O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**
- 37 He brought Israel out with silver and with gold:
and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.
- 38 **Egypt was glad at their going:
for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.**
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering:
and fire to lighten the night.
- 40 **The people asked, and he brought them quails:
and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.**
- 41 He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed:
and ran in the parched land like a river.
- 42 **For he had remembered his holy word:
that he gave to Abraham his servant.**
- 43 So he led out his people with rejoicing:
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

**44 He gave them the land of the nations:
and they took possession of the fruit
for which other peoples had toiled,**

**45 So that they might keep his statutes:
and faithfully obey his laws. O praise the Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
ROMANS, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 12-21:**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 20,
VERSES 1-16:**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Faithful Lord, we thank You for Your abundant grace and unending love. We thank You for the beauty of our land, for our freedom, for family, for friends and for Your comforting presence in our times of need. May we always strive to be your disciples, showing generosity of spirit, love, faith, obedience and trust.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Faithful Lord, we pray for our world and the diversity of its peoples. Call all leaders to be your disciples Lord, so they may follow your example of humility, generosity and love.

We pray for the people of Nepal as they continue the recovery from devastating floods.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Faithful Lord, we pray for the church and all clergy, especially Rev'd Chris, as they lead and guide us in our spiritual journey. We give You thanks for all who serve to ensure we enjoy the blessing of communal worship.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Faithful Lord, we pray for our community, for those who are looking for work, trying to secure a home, for families in conflict, the lonely, the poor and the hungry. May they be encouraged by faith, placing their trust in God to provide.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Loving and compassionate God, we give you thanks for the work of Orange Sky, for their vans, their volunteers and their vision to bring dignity, care and kindness to people experiencing homelessness and hardship. Bless all who come to wash their clothes, to have a shower, and to find friendship in honest conversation. May they know they are seen, valued and loved by you. Guide us as a church to support them faithfully, that together we may be a sign of your kingdom, where all are welcomed and restored.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Faithful Lord, we ask that You embrace all those in need, be it physical or mental and for those on our prayer list. May they feel Your love and closeness. Watch over those who are isolated, marginalised and shunned, calm their fears and help them to find peace.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

Faithful Lord, we pray for the bereaved that they rest in Your loving arms. For all who mourn may they know the peace and comfort that only You can bring.

For your love and goodness.

We give you thanks, O God.

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 Kay O'Brien

ROSTERS

Date	20-9-26		27-9-26	
	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	Robert Kake	Allan Berry	Ian Nelson	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter		Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee	Joan Harvey	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Rosemary Kake	Rhonda Nelson	Robert Kake	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Kay O'Brien		<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Ian Nelson	
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 dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution will make a significant difference to maintaining the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

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READINGS TODAY

Exodus 16.2-15
Ps 105.1-6, 37-45
Romans 5.12-21
Matthew 20.1-16

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 17.1-7
Ps 78.1-4, 11-16
Romans 6.1-14
Matthew 21.23-32

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Diocese of Anglican Church of Australia
- The Diocese of Riverina
- The Parish of East Brisbane
- Men's Sheds
- West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Orange Sky 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, Nicole
- 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

Loving Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to be the servant of others as he was
the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Offerings Jan—Aug **\$52,250.35**

Budgeted Jan—Aug \$53,333.33

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