

**FEATURED NEWS**

**WELCOME**

*Confirmation*  
**19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



Bishop John will be here for both services

**Confirmations will be at 9.00am Worship.**

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare.

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**

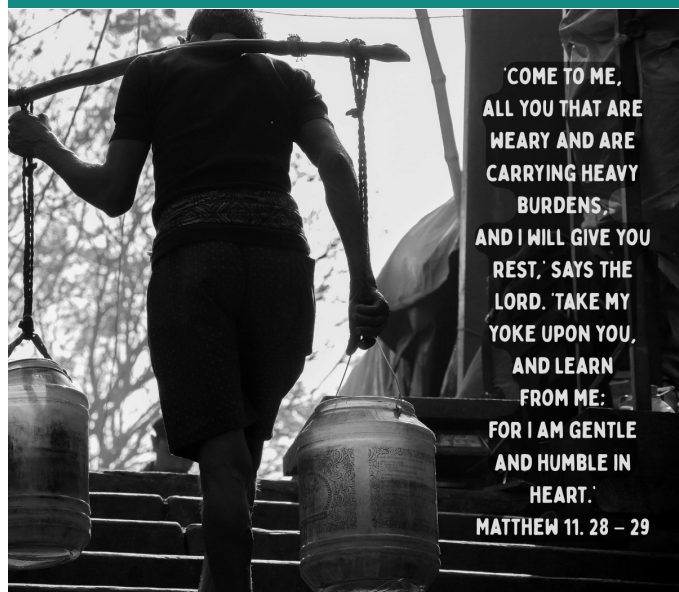
Twenty years after God first met Jacob at Bethel, Jacob finds himself alone on the banks of the Jabbok River, preparing to face the brother he had wronged years before. Before Jacob can face Esau, however, he must first encounter God.

In one of the most mysterious passages in Scripture, Jacob wrestles with God through the night. By morning, he has been given a new name, Israel, and leaves with both a blessing and a limp. Jacob discovers that true strength is not found in striving harder, but in surrendering to God.

Like Jacob, we often try to control our circumstances, solve our own problems, and rely on our own strength. Yet God lovingly meets us in our struggles, not to condemn us, but to transform us. He calls us to trust him, even when the future feels uncertain.

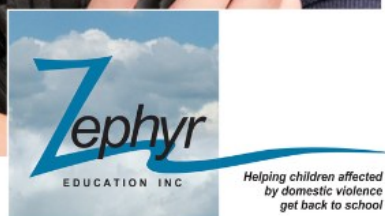
As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to stop striving for control and instead cling to Christ, who gives us a new identity as God's beloved children. Our struggles may leave their mark, but they also remind us of God's faithfulness. When we surrender to him, we discover that his strength is made perfect in our weakness..

In Christ,  
Rev'd Chris



**'COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST,' SAYS THE LORD. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME: FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART.**  
**MATTHEW 11. 28 - 29**

**MISSION PARTNER**



# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**16 July** - Coffee & Chat 10am

**17 July** - Mainly Music 10am, Term 3 begins

**18 July** - Ladies Breakfast 8.30am

**18 July** - Commissioning Service, St Barnabas, 3pm

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

## CONFIRMATION:

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare for Confirmation: Megan, Kiara, Danika, Joshua, Anika, Ava, Simon, Benjamin, Jennifer, Victoria and Prisha.

## COFFEE & CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 16 July at 10am in the hall. Coffee & Chat has been organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and socialise.

If you know someone who could benefit from a time of fellowship, entertainment and great food, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.

## 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>

## BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversaries of Halow and Nolan McNally & Emma and Lucas Fazakarley.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

## LADIES BREAKFAST:

A Ladies Breakfast is booked for Saturday 18 July, 8.30am at Degani in Calamvale. We will be sitting outside so come prepared!

A clipboard is available in the foyer for names. This is a great way to begin your day with yum food and great company!



# Week 6

## Israel Named

### **SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

#### **FAMILY TIME** **TALK**

Jacob tried to solve his problems by himself, but God showed him that real strength comes from trusting Him. When is it hard for you to trust God instead of trying to fix everything on your own?

#### **PLAN**

Make a simple paper footprint for each member of your family. On each footprint, write or draw one worry, challenge, or situation that you want to trust God with this week. Place the footprints somewhere visible, such as on the fridge or near the front door, as a reminder to walk each day trusting God rather than relying only on yourselves.

#### **PRAY**

Gather around the footprints and take turns thanking God for always being with you, even when life feels difficult. Pray for each person and the challenge written on their footprint, asking God to give them courage, wisdom, and peace. Finish by praying, "Lord Jesus, help us to follow You each day, trusting You to lead us wherever You call us. Amen."

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’

*Matthew 11.28–29*

## A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 32, VERSES 22-31:

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till day-break. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered.

Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

*Psalm 45.10-17*

- 10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:  
forget your own people and your father’s house.
- 11 **The king desires your beauty:  
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.**
- 12 The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:  
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
- 13 **The king’s daughter is all glorious within:  
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.**
- 14 In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:  
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
- 15 **They are led with gladness and rejoicing:  
they enter the palace of the king.**
- 16 In place of your fathers you shall have sons:  
and make them princes over all the land.
- 17 **And I will make known your name to every generation:  
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 7, VERSES 14-25:

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do

what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 11,  
VERSES 15-19, 25-30:**

Let anyone with ears listen!

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord, Author of Life,*

We praise you that in this noisy and confusing world your unchanging Word rings true, that we can always rely on your faithfulness. When conflicting messages tell us what is right and how to live our lives, thank you that we can live in the truth and strength of your uncompromising love. When there is a barrage of lies telling us we are delusional to believe in you, that we can rely on the truths that you have written down for us and that we can trustfully take them into our hearts. Praise you Lord and by your Spirit give us persistence to demonstrate your truth to the world. Strengthen and empower us as your Church to be messengers of the hope and assurance that you promise. Help us keep focussed on you, your truth, your will, your word, to resist the lies and to abide in your love.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*God of Life-giving Creation,*

We thank you for Zephyr Education and their work with children affected by domestic violence. Bless their mission to provide school uniforms and supplies, and to restore dignity and hope. Be with every child they support—bring healing, courage, and peace. Strengthen those who serve through Zephyr, and guide us as partners in their work, that together we may reflect your love and justice.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Father of all,*

Lord, may your spirit of discernment descend that we may recognise what is evil and what is not, what is good and from you and what is not, what is according to your will and what is not. Protect innocents in all conflicts. Protect

leaders and those in authority genuinely doing your work; expose and confound those who are pretending, enlighten those who are genuinely misguided.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Almighty God,*

Help us look to your word regularly and faithfully, to rightly discern your will and live according to your teachings. Life is messy Lord, particularly when we try to muddle through under our own understanding and do not fully comprehend our nature and your will. Help us pay attention and listen to your Spirit; help us find the willingness to trust you and find life and peace.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Loving God, source of all healing,*

Be with all those on our hearts with healing and comfort. May they, and those caring for them, know your presence and gentle support. Father, you heal on every level, spiritually, emotionally and physically, yet the outcome may not always be what we expect. Whatever your will Lord, help those for whom we pray face their futures with confidence, serenity, faith and peace.

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 Ian Nelson*

# ROSTERS

Date	5-7-26		12-7-26	
	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	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones
Reader 1	Dinnar family	Kathy Carter	Norm Booth	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Lilliana Brandon	Sama O'Brien	Shereen Alwin
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Kay Morris	Kerry/Kathy	Kay O'Brien	Rachel/Cheryl
Music Leader	Ross Dinnar	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Rhonda 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

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## READINGS TODAY

Genesis 32.22-31

Ps 45.10-17

Romans 7.14-25

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 40.1-23

Ps 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

## 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 Church of South America
- The Diocese of Bathurst
- The Parish of Pittsworth
- St Francis College - current Formation students

### Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Zephyr 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,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that, loving you above all things,  
we may obtain your promises  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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