HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
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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

What do you do when life gets difficult? Do you turn to God, or do you try to work things out on your own? Sometimes it takes hitting rock bottom before we realise just how much we need God.

In Jonah 2, we find Jonah in a rather unusual place, inside the belly of a great fish! After running away from God's call, Jonah finds himself at rock bottom, with nowhere else to turn. And it is here, in the darkness, that Jonah finally prays.

Jonah's prayer is a reminder that we can call out to God wherever we find ourselves. Even when we have made poor choices, turned our backs on God or feel completely overwhelmed, God is still there. Jonah recognises that his rescue comes not from his own efforts, but from the Lord: "Salvation comes from the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

As we continue our series, Will you allow God to be God? Jonah challenges us to stop trying to control everything and instead trust God with our lives. We may not always understand what God is doing, but we can be confident that his grace reaches us even in our darkest moments.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 November – Holy Communion Service at 9.30am followed by MU Branch meeting
13 November – Mainly Music 10am
15 November – Choir Practice 4.30pm-6.30pm
17 November – Parish Council 7pm
19 November – Coffee & Chat 10am
19 November – Hosting St John's Anglican College Year 12 Retreat
21 November – Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
21 November – Choir Practice 10am - 12pm (choir will start around 10.15 after Ladies Breakfast)
21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 4.30pm-6.30pm
28 November – Choir Practice 8am - 10am
13 December – Family Carols 6:30pm
20 December – Champs, Cheese & Carols 7pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Please start bringing food donations to church as we prepare Christmas Hampers for local families. We have also offered hampers to local school chaplains. Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer. The final Sunday for donations is 29 November.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Whether you have been attending for years or have recently made this your church home, we would love for you to join our Parish Roll. Registering helps us care for our church family, stay connected, and keep you updated on parish life and community events. Please take a few moments to fill out your details at www.holyspiritalgester.com/membership or see Ruth.

DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSTERS:

If you are usually on the Roster and intend being away during the December/January period, please email the office so Rosters can be planned. Many thanks!

LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our last Ladies Breakfast for the year will be held on Saturday 21 November, 8.30am at Degani, Calamvale. This is a great way to start the day before the busyness takes hold, with yummy food and good company! Please add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.

CHAPLAIN REQUEST:

Nina, chaplain at Algester School, is seeking help with 5 stationery packs (approx. $150 each) after missing out on Scripture Union funding. To contribute, please speak with Rev'd Chris or place a donation in a labelled envelope in the offertory bowl. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION ALGESTER:

Mothers Union will be holding its monthly Holy Communion service on Wednesday, 11th November at 9.30am (Remembrance Day). All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend.
Once again students from St John's Anglican College will be attending our church on 19th November for their annual Year 12 Retreat. The Mothers Union will be providing morning tea for this occasion and would greatly appreciate any contributions from parishioners. This could include slices, biscuits, fruit or savoury items. Please ensure the food is delivered to the church before 9.00am on the 19th. Thank you for your support.



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES*:

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Have you ever been in a situation where you needed help? Who did you turn to? Jonah prayed to God when he found himself in trouble. Why is it sometimes hard to ask God for help?

PLAN

This week, make a family prayer jar. Decorate a jar and place it somewhere everyone can see. Throughout the week, write down things you need help with or people you want to pray for. Take time together to pull out a few notes and pray for them as a family.

PRAY

Dear God, thank you that we can always call out to you, wherever we are and whatever we are facing. Thank you that you never abandon us, even when we make mistakes. Help us to trust you, turn to you when life is difficult, and remember that our salvation comes from you. Amen.

READINGS

SENTENCE:
Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

A READING FROM JONAH 2:

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,
'I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?"
The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for ever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!'
Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:
Psalm 78.1-7

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.
3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,
4 We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.
5 He established a law in Jacob
and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
6 That future generations might know,
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 4, VERSES 9-18:

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose

again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 25, VERSES 1-13:

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

PRAYERS

Ever-loving God, in every generation you have cared for your children, and your mercy is everlasting: hear the prayers we bring for your world and for your church.
We pray for the peoples of every land: for all who suffer the horrors of war, for soldiers, civilians and refugees; for all who endure the effects of famine, disease and natural disasters; for all who govern and those who administer law. We give you thanks for all who work to bring an end to oppression and suffering, remembering especially those who have given their lives that others might live.
Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of justice and peace;
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church throughout the world: for all priests and pastors, teachers and youth workers; for the newly baptised and for those whose faith has grown cold; for all who worship or minister in this parish. We give you thanks for all who bring to others your gospel of salvation, remembering especially those who work in places that are dangerous, remote or unresponsive.
Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of righteousness and truth;
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the communities in which we live: for those without work and those with too much responsibility; for those who are forgotten, unwanted or abused; for our families, our friends and all whom we love.
We give you thanks for all whose work enriches this community, remembering especially all who give their time to care for the needy, the elderly and the young.
Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of forgiveness and love;
in your mercy,
hear our Prayer.

We pray for the Archbishop's appeal.
Loving God of earth and ocean, you call your Church to watch, to learn, and to act. Bless the work of climate care in the Solomon Islands - the careful keeping of records, the planting of trees, and the building of shelter against rising seas. Refresh dry land with rain in due season. In Vanuatu, deepen knowledge and wisdom: strengthen the provision of clean water, nurture right habits, and open minds through learning. May communities discover their gifts and flourish in dignity, resilience, and hope.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress: for the destitute and those who despair for the future; for the broken-hearted and all who mourn for loved ones; for those in mental torment, for the sick and for the dying. We give you thanks for all who bring comfort, hope and relief to your people, remembering especially all medical staff, chaplains and pastoral workers.
Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of compassion and healing;
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have served you faithfully to their life's end. Keep us ever watchful and ready for the day of your coming, that we may hear with joy the archangel's call, and, with all who have died in Christ, rise to meet you.
Loving God, we wait for your coming in glory;
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	8-11-26		15-11-26	
	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	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Allan Berry	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Carol Booth	Julie Elliker	Kathy Carter
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Malini	Joan Harvey	Shereen Alwin
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry	Robyn Brodie	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Rachel/Cheryl	Jeanette Clark	Jenny/Ruth
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Ian/Rhonda	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	*Prayers taken from Let Us Pray*		Shereen Alwin	
Counting	Malini/Rachel		Dianne/Mitch	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Kerry/Jenny
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

Jonah 2
Ps 78. 1-7
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18
Matthew 25.1-13

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jonah 3
Ps 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Mission Partners:

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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—Aug $52,250.35
Budgeted Jan—Aug $53,333.33

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Province de L'Englise Anglicane Du Congo
- The Diocese of Bunbury
- The Parish of Nanango
- Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
- Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner, Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal.

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, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, PoiPoi Hemana Poetolu
- 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

Blessed Lord,
you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.