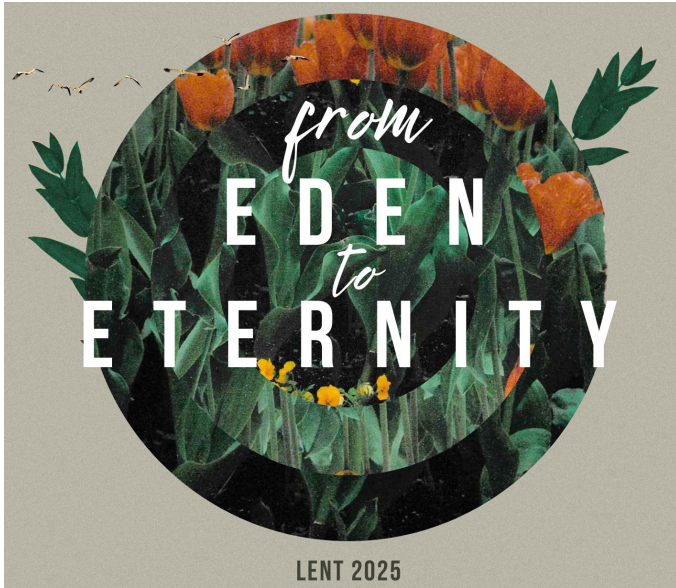




FEATURED NEWS



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

In Eden, humanity walked with God. But after sin entered the world, that closeness was lost. By the time of Moses, God's people longed for His presence, yet sin still stood as a barrier. In Exodus 26:31-35, God gives instructions for the Tabernacle, where He would dwell among His people. At its heart was the Most Holy Place, separated by a heavy curtain, a vivid reminder that access to God was restricted. Sin had created distance.

The curtain was both an invitation and a warning. God desired to be among His people, yet His holiness could not be approached carelessly. Only the high priest could enter, and only once a year, offering a sacrifice for sin. The Tabernacle pointed to both the problem and the promise, humanity's separation from God, but also His desire to dwell with us.

This curtain would remain for generations, until Jesus came. At His death, the temple curtain was torn in two (Matthew 27:51), declaring that through Him, the way back to God was now open. As we journey through Lent, we remember the barrier sin creates, but we also rejoice in the Savior who removes it, restoring us to God's presence forever.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

26 March - Holy Communion Service 9.30am

28 March - Mainly Music 10am

29 March - Working Bee 7am

30 March - Mothering Sunday & Retiring Collection

2 April - Combined Churches Prayer Night, Algester, 6.30-8pm

5 April - Café & Car Wash 8.30am

LENTEN MID WEEK SERVICE:

There will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am every Wednesday all through Lent.

RETIRING COLLECTION ON MOTHERING SUNDAY:

Sunday 30th March 2025 is Mothering Sunday or the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally it is a day on which people visit their mother church or the church in which they were baptised and on which they honour their mother.

On this day each year the AMUA facilitates a retiring collection across churches in the Brisbane Diocese to support the Overseas Target Project for the Mothers' Union worldwide. This year we are supporting the Melanesian Adult Literacy Project which will be implemented across three dioceses in the Solomon Islands. Please read the information sheet on the noticeboard for more details. If you wish to support this very worthwhile cause please bring some cash along to church on 30th March for the collection.

COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER NIGHT:

Organised through Scripture Union, we will be praying for Chaplaincy, Community & Religious Instruction. All welcome.

[Contact: Malini 0434 114 496]

WORKING BEE 29th MARCH:

Bring your spade, fork and wheel barrow as we get our grounds in order for Easter.

Job List:

- spread mulch
 - fill skip with green waste
 - clean wooden partition in front portico
 - poisoning of weeds
 - clean metal bench seat
 - pick up branches from grounds
 - remove large branch from storage shed
- ... plus don't forget sunscreen, drink bottle, gloves & hat!

LINEN WASHING:

We would like to thank Lyn Backlund for carrying out the job of washing our communion linen, along with keeping up our stocks of communion wine for the last couple of years. Lyn is stepping down from this task; we appreciate your time and effort Lyn!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Just a reminder we still have envelopes for our giving for 2025 in the foyer.

A Lenten Reflection...

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- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
 - Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
 - Give up worry; trust divine Providence
 - Give up discouragement; be full of hope
 - Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
 - Give up hatred; return good for evil
 - Give up negativism; be positive
 - Give up pettiness; become mature
 - Give up jealousy; pray for trust

From GFS Australian Newsletter



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55.6

A READING FROM EXODUS CHAPTER 26, VERSES 31-35:

You shall make a curtain of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and of fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim skilfully worked into it. You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, which have hooks of gold and rest on four bases of silver. You shall hang the curtain under the clasps, and bring the ark of the covenant inside, within the curtain; and the curtain shall separate for you the holy place from the most holy. You shall put the mercy-seat on the ark of the covenant in the most holy place. You shall set the table outside the curtain, and the lampstand on the south side of the tabernacle opposite the table; and you shall put the table on the north side.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *Psalms 63.1-9*

1 O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.

2 **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:

and saw your power and your glory.

4 **For your unchanging goodness is better than life:**

therefore my lips shall praise you.

5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

6 **My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

8 **How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**

9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 10, VERSES 1-13:

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 13,
VERSES 1-9:**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders

than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love and truth,
You have given us so much and we thank you,
for this day, for our families, for our friends,
for our homes, and most of all, for your love.
Look down and see our need for you. In this
age of unrest, with danger all around, we
need your hand to lead us to higher, safer
ground. We need your help and counsel to
help us to be more aware that our safety and
security lies solely in your care. Give us
strength and courage to practice your
precepts in everything we do, keep us
humble in the greatness of your love.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love and justice,
We pray that you would bless our leaders
with understanding and humility. We
acknowledge your supreme authority and ask
that our leaders turn to you and seek your
guidance in all they do. God of refuge, the
rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters
and brothers in war torn countries. Bring
comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those
who are homeless, and sustenance to those
who hunger and thirst. Open our hearts to
your grace. Bless all cease fire talks that they
may come to a successful fruition. Open our
hearts so that we are filled with compassion
and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to
take action. Spirit of love, pour out your
peace like a healing balm, which brings hope
in place of despair.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love and healing,
We pray for those who have pain (mental,
physical or emotional) so deep that they
barely make it through the day. Remove their

loneliness and help them to seek out your
heart and unconditional love. Your comfort
sustains us, you provide us with refuge, there
is nothing of greater value than your love.
We trust in your healing. May your love warm
and heal all those who are sick and in need,
especially those on our prayer list and those
known to us.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love and learning,
We thank you for the gift of our priests
Reverends Chris, Juliana and Simon. Grant
them strength, wisdom, and grace to serve
your people faithfully, and may they be a
beacon of your love and compassion.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise and thank you for all your saints
whose anniversary of passing occurs at this
time. We remember before you your servants
who have died, praying that we may enter
with them into the fullness of your unending
joy.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, we offer these prayers with
thankful hearts knowing that in your great
compassion 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 Sue Reade

ROSTERS

Date	23-3-25		30-3-25	
Roster	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	Sue Reade	Kathy Carter	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee
LA Assistant				
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Lesley & Malini
Sidesperson	Kay Morris	Dianne Bocquee	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Rhonda Nelson	Kay O'Brien	Lorraine Jones
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Carol Booth	Sama O'Brien	Marilyn Robinson
Offertory	Kay Morris	Dianne Bocquee	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth		Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Cecilia	Mothers' Union	Mothers' Union
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Norm Booth	Chris/Malini	Adrian Scott	Ian/Rhonda
Prayers of the people	Sue Reade		Sandra Pearn	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry		Kerry/Kathy

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 26.31-35

Psalms 63.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Joshua 5.2-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Mark 15.21-39

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Please consider your capacity and commitment to give to the work of this parish, by creating a recurring transfer.

ABN: 93 894 007 519

Giving Jan to Dec **\$85,607.40**

Budgeted Jan to Dec \$90,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- The Diocese of Sydney
- The Parish of Centenary Suburbs
- Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre [Cleveland]
- St Francis Theological College, Milton

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Anglicare 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, Russ, Jenny & Bough, Peter, Robert, Jenny, Daphne, Joyce, Pam, Sean, Betty, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Allan & Varrie, Keitha, Gwen
- 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

Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out
of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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