



HOLY SPIRIT
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Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | July 12, 2026

FEATURED NEWS

Confirmation

19TH JULY



Bishop John will be here for both services

Confirmations will be at 9.00am Worship.

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare.

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 18 July
8.30am

@ Degani in Calamvale

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

Genesis 37 tells the painful story of Joseph being betrayed by his own brothers. Consumed by envy and hatred, they throw him into a pit and sell him into slavery. Strikingly, throughout the entire chapter there is not a single mention of God.

There are no miracles, no prayers, and no divine intervention. Yet God has not abandoned Joseph. As we discover later in the story, God is quietly at work, using even the sinful actions of others to accomplish God's good purposes.

This passage reminds us that God's presence is not measured by how clearly we can see God. There are seasons in life when God seems silent, when circumstances feel unfair, or when we cannot understand what God is doing. Like Joseph, we may find ourselves in a "pit" of disappointment, grief, or uncertainty. Yet the God who was faithfully guiding Joseph is the same God who faithfully walks with us.

As followers of Christ, we are also challenged to guard our hearts against envy, resentment, and bitterness. Instead, we are called to trust God's goodness, rejoice in God's blessings to others, and remain faithful even when life is difficult. Our God is always at work, even when we cannot yet see the whole story.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

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.

21 July - PC Meeting 7pm

23 July - Zephyr Education Guest Speaker to visit 7.15pm

1 August - Café & Car Wash 8.30am-midday

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>

SERMONS ONLINE:

Sermon videos are now online on our YouTube channel @holyspiritualgester or on our website under the Grow tab.

ZEPHYR EDUCATION:

Collection:

During July the AMUA is collecting for Zephyr Education. Please make a donation to the baskets in the church foyer. We are looking for lunch boxes, drink bottles and children's pyjamas, socks and underwear.

Guest Speaker:

On Thursday 23rd July at 7.15 pm in the church, Kelsey Powell from Zephyr Education will visit us to explain the work done by this organisation. All parishioners are welcome to attend, both women and men. So come along with your questions and after the talk enjoy a light supper with fellowship and further discussion.

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 7

Joseph In The Clink

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Joseph's brothers allowed jealousy to control their hearts. Have you ever felt jealous of someone else? What can we do when those feelings begin to grow? How does knowing that God is always with us, even when life is hard, help us trust Him?

PLAN

Find an old cardboard box or laundry basket and turn it into "Joseph's pit." Take turns sitting in it and sharing about a time when you felt left out, sad, or treated unfairly. Then climb out together as a reminder that God never abandons His people, even when we can't see what He is doing. Finish by writing or drawing one thing your family wants to trust God with this week.

PRAY

Place a small cross in the centre of the table. Around it, place pieces of paper with the names of family members and any worries or difficult situations they are facing. Hold hands and thank God that, just as He was with Joseph in the pit, He is with your family every day. Ask Him to help you reject jealousy, love one another well, and trust His good plans even when life doesn't make sense.

READINGS

SENTENCE:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63, 68

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 37, VERSES 12-36:

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm,

and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, 'The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?' Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, 'This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not.' He recognized it, and said, 'It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.' Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son for many days. All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, 'No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.' Thus his father bewailed him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 119.105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.

106 **I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.**

107 I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:

and teach me your judgements.

109 I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

111 Your commands are my inheritance for
ever:
they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 8, VERSES 1-11:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 13, VERSES 1-9 AND 18-23:

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spirit of God, hear our prayers for your world and for your church.

We pray for the peoples of the world:

for those oppressed by harsh government; those who live under foreign rule;
for those in countries destroyed by war and for the dispossessed.

Spirit of peace, grow in us; teach us to resolve our differences without violence and cruelty, that wars may cease and all your people learn to live in harmony.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of tribes and nations:

for all who make and administer law;
for all who hold positions of civic authority and trust.

Spirit of wisdom, grow in them; guide them in your way of insight, that they may carry out their responsibilities without favour or self-interest.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:

for leaders, councils and synods of churches;
for your ministers and for all who proclaim your gospel by deed or word.

Spirit of truth, grow in us; give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand, that we may receive your word and bear much fruit to your glory.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this community:

for those with whom we live and work, learn and play;

for our families, our friends and for ourselves.

Spirit of love, grow in us; help us to reach out in welcome to those around us, that we may build relationships of mutual affection, trust, generosity and respect.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

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.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need:

for those who live in poverty; those who suffer rejection or discrimination;
for those in anxiety or grief; the sick and all who care for them.

Spirit of compassion, grow in us; increase in us concern for one another, that with warm and open hearts we may bring care and comfort to your people.

Spirit of God,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed:

for those who have received and understood your word;
for your people from this parish whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time.

Spirit of life, grow in us; set us free from all that keeps us in death, that, with your servants in every age, we may be raised to everlasting life.

Spirit of God,

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	12-7-26		19-7-26	
	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Bp John Roundhill	Bp John Roundhill
Preacher	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Bp John Roundhill	Bp John Roundhill
LA Leader	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry	Robert Kake	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey		Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Kids Church
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Kids Church
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Shereen Alwin	Rosemary Kake	Kids Church
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Kids Church
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Rachel/Cheryl	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny/Ruth
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Ian Nelson	
Kids Church		School Holidays - in recess -		Remain in church for Confirmation
Baptism				[Niya - Gospel]

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 37.12-36

Ps 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 45.1-11; 50.15-21

Ps 139.1-11, 23-24

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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—May **\$32,198.25**

Budgeted Jan—May **\$33,333.33**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- The Diocese of Grafton
- The Parish of Samford
- All Diocesan Committees
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake

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, Karen, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Gwen, Bev, Peter, Maggie, Betty, Margaret, Neale & Janet, Ian Smith
- 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 Lord,
we beseech you mercifully
to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to
fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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