



HOLY SPIRIT  
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# Holy Spirit News

## WELCOME | April 27, 2025

### FEATURED NEWS



**CAFÉ & CARWASH**




**3RD MAY**  
**8:30AM-12PM**

**\$10 CARWASH**

**DONATION**

### MISSION PARTNER

# ABM

Anglican Board of Mission



### 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

This week we begin our new sermon series, Hope 25. Over the next seven weeks, we'll explore hope that speaks into our deepest needs: Hope for the Hopeless, for the Poor, for the Lonely, for the Anxious, for the Guilty, for the Suffering, and finally, Hope for the Whole World.

We begin with Hope for the Hopeless. In Hebrews 6:13–19, we're reminded that God's promises are unchanging. Just as He was faithful to Abraham, He remains faithful to us. His promise is not just comforting it's anchoring. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." For those who feel adrift, uncertain, or worn down by life, this is hope that holds.

John 3:1–17 takes us deeper. In the story of Nicodemus, Jesus offers more than explanation, he offers transformation. Not through effort or religious status, but through the radical love of God: "For God so loved the world..." This is hope that reaches into the darkest places.

Hope in Jesus isn't just reserved for the strong, or the spiritually elite. It's for the lost, the weary, the broken for anyone who feels like there's no way forward. As we begin this series, may we be reminded: our hope is not based on our circumstances, but on the character of a God who never let's go. This is hope not just for someday, but for today. For you. For all.

In Christ  
Rev'd Chris

*Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus*

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2 May** - Mainly Music Term 2, 10am
- 3 May** - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
- 14 May** - Holy Communion Service & MU Branch Meeting
- 15 May** - Coffee and Chat 10am
- 17 May** - Prayer Morning 9am-12noon
- 18 May** - Baptism at 9.00am Service
- 20 May** - Parish Council 7pm

## MAINLY MUSIC:

Mainly Music will begin Term 2 on 2 May in the Church Hall commencing at 10 am. If you know any mums with children aged up to 5 years, please recommend this very worthwhile activity. Also pray for the families and helpers as they work to uphold the MM mission – together creating joy-filled communities of belonging where Jesus can be revealed. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Bullock on 0439 847 979.

## NAME BADGES:

There is a clipboard in the foyer to add names for those wanting a new name badge. Please write name as you want to appear on badge.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

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

## ZOOM:

A reminder if you wish to link into our 9am Sunday Services via Zoom, the details are:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199826984>  
Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984

## COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 15 May 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 0412 720 016.

## OPEN PRAYER MORNING: 17 May

The church will be open from 9am to midday on the third Saturday morning each month. If there is a time when you need to spend time in quiet prayer or would like someone to pray with you, please take advantage of the open church.

## Help Wanted



**Where:** Runcorn High School

**Why:** teaching students how to knit and crochet

**When:** Fridays 11:15 to 12pm

Must have a current Blue Card

Please call Tina McAndrew on  
0407249384



Week 1  
**Hope for the Hopeless**

**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*



# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

*John 20.27*

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS, CHAPTER 6, VERSES 9-20A:

Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we want each one of you to show the same diligence, so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

When God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, 'I will surely bless you and multiply you.' And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Human beings, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

*Psalms 118.14-29*

14 The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

**15 The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.**

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

**17 I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.

**19 Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.

**21 I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.

**23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**25 O Lord, save us, we pray: O Lord, send us prosperity.**

26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

**27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light: guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**

28 You are my God and I will praise you: you are my God, I will exalt you.

**29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: and his mercy endures for ever.**

**A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN,  
CHAPTER 1, VERSES 4-8:**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and  
who was and who is to come, and from the  
seven spirits who are before his throne, and  
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the  
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the  
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins  
by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father, to him be  
glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the  
earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord  
God, who is and who was and who is to come,  
the Almighty.

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

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO JOHN, CHAPTER 3,  
VERSES 1-17:**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by  
night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that  
you are a teacher who has come from God; for  
no one can do these signs that you do apart  
from the presence of God.' Jesus answered  
him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the  
kingdom of God without being born from  
above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can any-  
one be born after having grown old? Can one  
enter a second time into the mother's womb  
and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I  
tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born of water and Spirit. What

is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of  
the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I  
said to you, "You must be born from above."  
The wind blows where it chooses, and you  
hear the sound of it, but you do not know  
where it comes from or where it goes. So it is  
with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things  
be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of  
Israel, and yet you do not understand these  
things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we  
know and testify to what we have seen; yet  
you do not receive our testimony. If I have told  
you about earthly things and you do not  
believe, how can you believe if I tell you about  
heavenly things? No one has ascended into  
heaven except the one who descended from  
heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses  
lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must  
the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever  
believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his  
only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the  
world to condemn the world, but in order that  
the world might be saved through him.'

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*God of Hope*, thank you that you have written down for us your message of hope. That at least in this place it is freely available for us to read and ponder on. Thank you that in your Holy Scripture we find true and substantial hope. Encourage us to be keen to investigate your message, enliven us to find meaningful ways to convey the hope we find in your Word.

Lord, source of hope,

**Enliven and encourage us to live your Word.**

*Lord God source of hope*, look kindly on our Catholic brothers and sisters as they mourn for their pontiff. Fill their hearts with hope as you have already chosen their new leader. We pray that those involved in the selection listen closely to your Spirit and rightly act according to your will. We pray for the quiet repose of your faithful servant Francis.

We pray for the Anglican Communion in our choosing of the next Archbishop of Canterbury. May the nominators be led by your Holy Spirit to discern who the next spiritual leader of the Anglican Church will be.

Not for three hundred and thirty-four years have both Churches been without a spiritual leader on Earth at the same time. We pray for those who are doing the work now; we pray for perseverance, endurance and wisdom along with their spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing.

Lord of hope,

**Help us hope with enduring faith.**

*Eternal God*, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Anglican and Catholic Churches a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us leaders of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church Universal be built up and your name

glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

*God of grace, power, and mercy*; look on your servants on our prayer list [*names*] and those whom we now name with compassion, [*pause for congregation to name those on their hearts*] give them courage and complete confidence in your protection, and keep them in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**<sup>2</sup>

*God of love and liberty*, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy.

We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country.

We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**<sup>3</sup>

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.**

<sup>1</sup> Prayer at the time of choosing a bishop alt. APBA

<sup>2</sup> Prayer Ministry with the sick alt. APBA

<sup>3</sup> Prayer on Anzac Day APBA

*Prayers compiled by Ian Nelson*

# ROSTERS

Date	27-4-25		4-5-25	
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 Mike Uptin	Rev'd Mike Uptin
LA Leader	Robert Kake	Ian Nelson	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Sandra Pearn	Robyn Brodie	Allan Berry
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee	Ross Dinnar	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Rhonda Nelson	James Dinnar	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Sandra Pearn	Robyn Brodie	Allan Berry
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Chris	James Dinnar	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Ian Nelson	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry		Jenny/Kerry

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.

## CONTACT INFO

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## READINGS TODAY

Hebrews 6.9-20a

Psalm 118.14-29

Revelation 1.4-8

John 3.1-17

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 9.1-6, [7-20]

Psalm 30

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 21.1-19

## 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:

- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- The Diocese of Willochra
- The Parish of Ipswich
- Roslyn Lodge Pastoral Visitation Program, Mt Tamborine

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner ABM [Anglican Board of Mission] 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, Keitha, Gwen, Sue, Norm
- 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

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life

of all who put their trust in him:

raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;

that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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