



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | April 19th 2026

FEATURED NEWS

SPECIAL EVENT

Guest Speaker
Vanessa Fowler OAM

Thursday
May 7th 7:15pm



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

Jesus takes the idea of the good life deeper than we expect. It's not just about what we do, but who we are. He doesn't lower God's standard, he fulfils it and reveals its true depth. It's not simply do not murder, but deal with anger. Not just, do not commit adultery, but guard your heart and desires.

In a world marked by outrage, division, and constant temptation, Jesus reminds us that the real issue is within. Anger, resentment, and lust shape us more than we realise, affecting our relationships and our walk with God.

That's why reconciliation matters so much. Jesus calls us to make things right with others, even before we come to worship. Each week we pray, "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." These words challenge us to live what we pray, to receive forgiveness and extend it. We cannot receive God's forgiveness while refusing to extend it to others.

This week, take time to reflect:

Where is God calling me to let go of anger?

Who do I need to forgive or seek out?

The good life isn't about perfection, but transformation, allowing Christ to shape our hearts day by day.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 21 April** - PC Meeting 7pm
- 24 April** - Mainly Music resumes Term 2 10am
- 25 April** - ANZAC Day Community Service, Calamvale District Park 8am
- 26 April** - Baptisms at 9am Service
- 2 May** - Café & Car Wash
- 3 May** - Kids Church resumes
- 7 May** - DV Presentation with Guest Speaker 7.15pm
- 21 May** - Coffee & Chat 10am
- 23 May** - Parish Dinner - clipboard out now for names

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

We will be running a series of confirmation classes starting in June, culminating in a visit by Bp John on Sunday 19 July. Please speak with Rev'd Chris if you are interested.

GREETING CARDS:

The AMUA greeting cards have been restocked and now include a lovely selection of birthday cards for women and children. Unfortunately there has had to be a price increase, so that each card now costs \$2.

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

COMMUNICATION:

If you have a concern or something's going on in your life, you can always speak to or email Rev'd Chris and don't assume that someone will share your situation. Chris's door is always open for a coffee/beer/wine catch-up.

PARISH DINNER:

Our Parish Dinner is to be held on Saturday 23 May, 6pm for 6.30pm at the Algester Sports Club. A two-course meal, alternate drop, will cost \$50 per person. Children's meals \$8.

Payment can be made via EFT, details on back of Pewsheets, stipulating your name and 'Parish Dinner'. Alternatively, cash can be given in offertory bowl in labelled envelope.

Once payment has been made, please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer.

Please speak with Rhonda if you have any dietary requirements [0412 720 016].

DV PRESENTATION WITH GUEST SPEAKER VANESSA FOWLER OAM:

May is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Algester Branch of the AMUA has invited Vanessa Fowler OAM, sister of Allison Baden-Clay, to speak to a gathering in the church on Thursday 7th May 2026 starting at 7.15 pm. Vanessa, the founder of the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation strives to share her sister's story and to educate people about family and domestic violence.

All members of the parish and the general community are invited to attend the gathering. A light supper will be served following the presentation.

SERMONS ONLINE:

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

Week 2

The Good Heart



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2.38–39*

A READING FROM ACTS, CHAPTER 2, VERSE 14a AND VERSES 36-41:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them.

‘Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 **Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.**

- 3 The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’**
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 **I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 **Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your hand
maid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 **In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise
the Lord.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 13-25:

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,

not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

For

'All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord endures for ever.'

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 5,
VERSES 17-30:**

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of

ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Risen God, faithful and merciful, we bring to you our prayers for all your people; hear our prayers and answer us when we call on you.

We pray for your world, for leaders of nations, for your people in places of fear, confusion, persecution and strife.

As you came in peace to your frightened and bewildered disciples, make yourself known today to all who feel abandoned and afraid.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for all theologians, teachers and pastors and all who in deed or word proclaim your gospel.

As you opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the Emmaus road, make yourself known today through your Holy Word.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who search for you, for all who look for meaning in the emptiness of life.

As you made yourself known to the women who sought you at the tomb, make yourself known today to those who long to find you.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, for those with whom we work and learn, for our families, our friends and for ourselves.

As you made yourself known by breaking bread with your friends, make yourself known today in those with whom we share our lives.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need of your comfort, reassurance and hope, for all who suffer anguish, loneliness or despair.

As you made yourself known to those locked behind doors of pain and grief, make yourself known today to those who are in sorrow or distress.

Risen God, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We remember all who have died in your love, those from this parish who have gone before us and all who are dear to us.

As you have made yourself known to your followers in every age, make yourself known to us today, that, with Mary Magdalene and all your saints, we may recognise you in our midst and, through eternity, worship you.

Risen God, 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 | 19-4-26 | | 26-4-26 | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 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 | Robert Kake | Kathy Carter | Allan Berry | Lorraine Jones |
| Greeter | - | Kerry Tovey | - | Rhonda Nelson |
| Sidesperson | Robyn Brodie | Allan Berry | Kay Morris | Kathy Carter |
| Reader 1 | Norm Booth | Sandra Pearn | Julie Elliker | Carol Booth |
| Reader 2 | Rosemary Kake | Jenny Bullock | Kay O'Brien | Shiprah Allu |
| Offertory | Robyn Brodie | Allan Berry | Kay Morris | Kathy Carter |
| Chapel Prayers | - | Carol Booth | - | Dianne Bocquee |
| Morning Tea | Sharon/Hugh | Jenny/Ruth | Jeanette Clark | Malini/Cecelia |
| Music Leader | Michael Po Saw | Ruth Barton | Michael Po Saw | Ruth Barton |
| AV Operator | Kay O'Brien | Rhonda/Ian | Adrian Scott | Chris/Joshua |
| Prayers of the people | Taken from 'Let Us Pray' | | Sandra Pearn | |
| Counting | Dianne/Rachel Hayers | | Ian Nelson | |
| Kids Church | | | School Holidays - in recess - | Children remain in church for Baptism |
| Baptism | | | | 9.00am |
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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

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Ps 116.1-4, 11-18

1 Peter 1.13-25

Matthew 5.17-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 2.42-47

Ps 23

1 Peter 2.1-10

Matthew 5.33-48

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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 2025 **\$77,149.00**

Budgeted 2025 **\$90,000.00**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- The Diocese of Perth
- The Parish of Bulimba
- Mathew Hale Public Library
- Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba

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, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Betty, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev, A4 Community Care
- 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

Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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