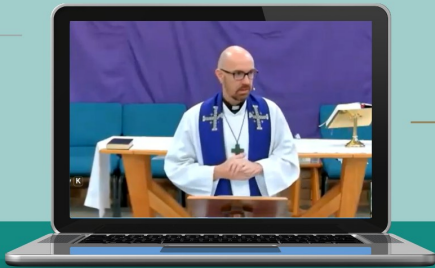




FEATURED NEWS

The harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few;
ask therefore the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers
into his harvest.
Matthew 9: 37 - 38

SERMONS ONLINE



www.holyspiritalgester.com/sermons
or on YouTube @HolySpiritAlgester

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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 16 is a sobering reminder of what can happen when we stop trusting God's timing and start taking matters into our own hands. Only one chapter after Abram trusted God's covenant promise, Abram and Sarai decide to solve their childlessness themselves. Instead of waiting on God, they rely on their own wisdom and strength, leading to conflict, blame, hurt, and division. The story echoes the fall in Eden. Like Adam and Eve, Abram and Sarai doubt God's provision, take control for themselves, and then shift blame when things go wrong. It reminds us that impatience often leads us away from faith and into frustration.

Yet the focus of the chapter is not ultimately human failure but God's faithfulness. When Hagar flees into the wilderness, alone and mistreated, God finds her. He speaks to her, promises a future for her son Ishmael, and reveals Himself as "the God who sees me."

What comfort this brings! God sees us in our struggles, disappointments, and waiting. He has not forgotten us. When life feels uncertain, Genesis 16 calls us to trust the God who sees, hears, and keeps His promises. His timing is always better than our attempts to take control.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

16 June - Parish Council 7pm

19 June - Mainly Music 10am

26-28 June - SYNOD Weekend

16 July - Coffee & Chat

19 July - Confirmation Service with Bp John

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.

SERMONS ONLINE:

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

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY:

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all parishioners, visitors, volunteers, contractors and staff.

- ◆ Following a recent incident in which a parishioner was injured, please do not place any objects in the church or on parish grounds without first discussing this with Rev'd Chris or the wardens [Kay O'Brien/Ruth Barton].
- ◆ If you are on site when the office is unattended, please ensure that Rev'd Chris or wardens are aware by sending a

text message, email or in person. This is important for your safety so that insurance requirements are met in the unlikely event of an incident.

- ◆ Volunteers are asked not to undertake any task unless they are properly trained, authorised, and physically able to carry it out safely.

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

If you'd like to give electronically to our missions each month, we have a new account: Algester Anglican Parish, BSB: 704 901 Account#: 00015767

For first-time users, your bank might send a warning message to ensure this is a legitimate account - it's nothing to do with our account. It's your bank making sure you are ok with it as you're adding a new account to your payees.



Week 3

The Fall of Abram

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Have you ever had to wait for something important? How did you feel while you were waiting? In Genesis 16, Abram and Sarai became tired of waiting for God's promise and tried to solve the problem themselves. What are some ways we can trust God when things don't happen as quickly as we would like?

PLAN

Plant some seeds together in a pot or garden. Each day, water them and watch them grow. Talk about how you cannot make the plant grow faster, but you can trust that growth is happening even when you can't see it. In the same way, God is always at work, even while we wait.

PRAY

Place a small mirror in the center of the table and gather around it. Take turns looking into the mirror and saying, "God sees me." Then pray together: "Dear God, thank you that you are the God who sees us. Help us to trust your timing, wait patiently for your promises, and remember that you are always with us. Amen."

READINGS

SENTENCE:

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9.37–38

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 16, VERSES 1-16:

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, 'You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.' And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived for ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, 'May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!' But Abram said to Sarai, 'Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.' Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?' She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.' The angel of the Lord said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' The angel of the Lord also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' And the angel of the Lord said to her, 'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.

He shall be a wild ass of a man,
with his hand against everyone,
and everyone's hand against him;
and he shall live at odds with all his kin.'
So she named the Lord who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi'; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?' Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 116.1-2, 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.**
- 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 LETTER OF PAUL TO
THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 1-11:**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 9,
VERSES 35 - CHAPTER 10, VERSE 8:**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, friend of all the world, you have compassion on all who come to you for help; hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We pray for the nations of the world:
for your people who daily face conflict and oppression;
for those who live in poverty and deprivation;
for leaders of nations, for all who govern and for those who administer the law.

Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may work for a world of righteousness and peace.

Jesus, friend of the helpless, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your worldwide church:
for the leaders of churches and ecumenical councils;
for missionaries, evangelists and chaplains;
and for all who work to bring your gospel to others.

Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may help to proclaim to the world the good news of your reign.

Jesus, friend of sinners, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community and for all whom we love:

for those without food and those with nowhere to live;
for those without work and those with too little rest;
for civic authorities, welfare agencies and service clubs.

Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may work to create a more just and compassionate society.

Jesus, friend of the outcast, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we give thanks for the gift of our lives and for your life in us. We give thanks for the many contexts of ministry you call us to, and in all things ask for a greater openness to the guidance of your

Spirit. We thank you for the resources you have blessed us with and pray that you help the work of the Bush Ministry Fund, so that communities throughout the Western Region can flourish and people can be nurtured and drawn more deeply into relationship with you.

We pray in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress:
for those without the support of friends or family;
for the sick and the dying and for those who mourn;
for medical staff and pastoral workers and for all who care for the suffering.

Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may bring comfort to the sad, healing to the sick and new hope to those in despair.

Jesus, friend of the needy, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in the faith. We give you thanks for your martyrs and missionaries, evangelists and teachers; for those of every generation who have laboured faithfully to bring in your harvest; for those who have been the community of faith in this place.

Equip us for your service, that we also may labour for you, and bring us home, with all the saints, to share in the glory of your everlasting reign. Jesus, friend and intercessor, 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	14-6-26		21-6-26	
	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	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	Lyn Backlund	Malini/Lesley
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones
Reader 1	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Reader 2	Julie Elliker	Carol Booth	Sama O'Brien	Kathy Carter
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Allan Berry	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Malini & Volunteer	Mothers' Union	Mothers' Union
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		Mothers' Union	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Ian Nelson	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry/Niya		Jenny/Kerry/Niya
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

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READINGS TODAY

Genesis 16.1-16

Ps 116. 1-2, 11-18

Romans 5. 1-11

Matthew 9.35—10.8

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 22.1-14

Ps 86.1-10, 16-17

Romans 6.1-11

Matthew 10.24-39

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—March **\$18,636.15**

Budgeted Jan—March \$20,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of the Province of South East Asia
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia - Rose Elu
- The Parish of Manly
- Epic Employment Service Incorporated - Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, North Brisbane, Fraser Coast, Capricornia
- St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Ascot

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Bush Ministry Fund (BMF) 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, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev, A4 Community Care, Peter, Maggie & Betty
- 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,
we beseech you to keep your family, the Church,
in continual godliness,
that through your protection
it may be free from all adversities,
and devoutly given to serve you in good works,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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