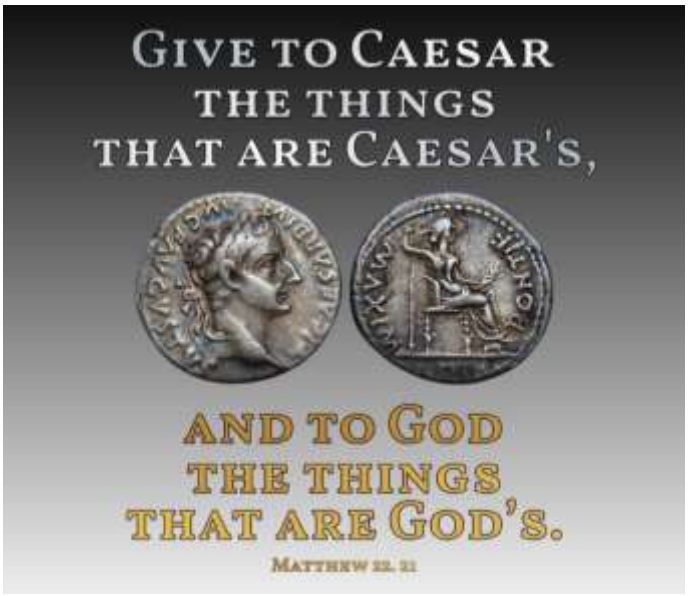
HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
October 18, 2026

FEATURED NEWS





MISSION PARTNER

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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

Have you ever felt weighed down by guilt, regret, or the feeling that you should have done better? We all know what it is like to look back on our choices and wish we had acted differently. Sometimes, we can become so focused on our failures that we forget the good news of the gospel.

Paul begins Romans 8 with these wonderful words: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." After wrestling honestly with the struggle between wanting to do what is right and falling into sin, Paul reminds us that our standing with God does not depend on our ability to get everything right. It rests on what Jesus has done for us.

Through Jesus, we are set free from the power of sin and death. God does not simply forgive us and leave us to work things out alone. He gives us his Holy Spirit, who helps us grow, change and live as his people.

Paul also reminds us that we are not slaves living in fear, but children of God, welcomed into his family. We can call God "Abba, Father," knowing that we belong to him.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

23 October – Mainly Music 10am
24 October - Fashion Parade & High Tea 1.30pm
31 October – Working Bee - 7am
21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 4.30pm-6.30pm

FASHION PARADE, HIGH TEA AND RAFFLE:

The AMUA Algester Branch will hold their annual Fashion Parade fundraiser on Saturday 24th October in the church hall. A parade of fashions from U & I Designs, worn by our own models will begin soon after 1.30 pm and be followed by a High Tea and the drawing of our raffle. You will be able to purchase items on show throughout the afternoon. The entry cost is $15 per person payable at the door with cash or eftpos.

Our raffle tickets will cost $1.00 each and there will be a large array of prizes including a $100 fuel voucher, a painted tray, a Mystery Box, a chocolate basket, bottles of wine, a patchwork table runner and so on. Tickets can be purchased before the Parade from any Mothers' Union member.

Why not reserve a table or a few seats and enjoy a fun afternoon?

MAINLY MUSIC:

Our team of helpers for Mainly Music has decreased recently so we are looking for some new recruits. If you are free on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30 am perhaps you would like to volunteer. You don't have to sing and dance but you can if you want to. There is plenty to do in the kitchen, or setting up for the session, or talking to the mums and children, or greeting families at the entry table, or packing up. Most people who join us seem to enjoy their Friday mornings.
If you are interested please see Jenny Bullock or write me an email at jennybullock@live.com.au

SAD NEWS:

Long-standing parishioner Gwen Cruickshank sadly passed away last weekend. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday 22 October at 2pm at Mt Gravatt Cemetery & Crematorium Chapel, 620 Mains Rd, Mt Gravatt.

WORKING BEE:

To get our grounds spruced up as we race towards the Christmas period, we will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 31 October from 7am. Work includes trimming, moving piles of green waste into a skip & general site tidy.

We have most tools here, however a couple of wheelbarrows would be handy plus don't forget sunscreen, drink bottle, closed-in footwear, gloves & hat!



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES*:

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Read Romans 8:1–17 together. What does it mean that there is “no condemnation” for those who belong to Jesus? How does knowing we are God’s children change the way we live?

PLAN

This week, make a family reminder with the words: “I belong to Jesus. There is no condemnation in Christ!” Decorate it and put it somewhere you will see it each day. When someone makes a mistake, practise responding with honesty, forgiveness and encouragement, remembering the grace God has shown us in Jesus.

PRAY

Loving Father, thank you that because of Jesus, we do not have to live in fear or shame. Thank you for forgiving us and welcoming us into your family. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us make good choices, forgive one another, and keep following Jesus. Amen.

READINGS

SENTENCE:
Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22.21

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 33, VERSES 12-23:

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:
Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
2 **The Lord is great in Zion;**
he is exalted over all the peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
4 **Mighty King, lover of justice,**
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
6 **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
8 **O Lord our God, you answered them;**
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
9 Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 8, VERSES 1-17:

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.
So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh —for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 22, VERSES 15-33:

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.
The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.'
Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

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

PRAYERS

Lord God, Eternal Presence,
Thank you Father that you are with us, this day and always. There are days and nights when we feel far from you, but we have come to know that is more about us than you. You Lord are steadfast and generous in your love; you have never left us without a way to hear and know you. You sent prophets of old; your Son, veiled in flesh as a sin offering, but innocent of any wrongdoing and your Holy Spirit to help and guide us. Help us grasp hold of what it is you freely and unreservedly offer us, governed by the Spirit in life and peace.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Creator God,
Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of OzHarvest: rescuing food, feeding people, and caring for creation. Bless their staff, volunteers, and partners. Strengthen them as they reduce waste, nourish the hungry, and work for a more sustainable future. Open our hearts to share generously, to live responsibly, and to honour the gift of your creation.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord God, Father of all,
give us the spirit of discernment that we may recognise what is evil and what is not, what is good and from you and what is not, what is yours and what is Caesar's. Protect innocents in all conflicts. Protect leaders and those in authority genuinely doing your work; expose and confound those who are self-serving and pretending, enlighten those who are genuinely misguided to turn and be guided by your Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
but still we can call you Abba, be in this place, keep it safe and set aside for you. Encourage and enliven your ministers in the ministries already active; open us to new ways to minister and work to increase your kingdom, demonstrate the closeness and wonder of your love and the gift of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord God, source of all healing,
be with all those on our hearts and prayer list with healing and comfort. We pray for [*those on the Prayer List*] and those we now name… [*pause for the congregation to name people aloud or silently*] May they, and those caring for them, know your presence and loving support. Whatever your will Lord, whatever your best plan, even though we may not see it or understand it, help those for whom we pray face their futures with confidence, serenity, faith and peace.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord God, Ancient of Days,
thank you for the saints that have gone before us and we are encouraged by their faith. We remember Gwen Cruickshank and thank you for her life and example. While we mourn her absence, we are confident in the promise of being in your eternal presence. Please be with her family and friends as they move through their sorrow.

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 compiled by Ian Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	18-10-26		25-10-26	
	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	Allan Berry	Dianne Bocquee	Robert Kake	Lorraine Jones
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Kathy Carter	Norm Booth	Shereen Alwin
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Ian Nelson	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Jenny/Ruth	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		*Prayers taken from Let Us Pray*	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny/Niya		Kerry/Jenny
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 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 33.12-23
Ps 99
Romans 8.1-17
Matthew 22.15-33

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 34.1-12
Ps 90.1-6, 13-17
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 22.34-46

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

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—Aug $52,250.35
Budgeted Jan—Aug $53,333.33

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- The Diocese of North West Australia
- The Parish of Kawana Waters
- Diocesan Council
- The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner OZ Harvest 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, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, PoiPoi Hemana Poetolu, David
- 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,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**