



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
WELCOME | Jan 18th 2026

FEATURED NEWS

CAFÉ & CARWASH



7TH FEB
8:30AM-12PM

\$10 CARWASH

DONATION

JAN 25TH
AUSTRALIA DAY
SERVICE 8AM
followed by an OZ
themed morning
tea



MISSION PARTNER

Church Missionary Society



A world that knows Jesus

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

In John 1:29–42, we are invited to stand with John the Baptist and to behold. As Jesus approaches, John does not draw attention to himself or his ministry. Instead, he points and declares, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” It is a moment of recognition, revelation, and redirection. John understands his role clearly: he is not the centre. His task is to witness, to point beyond himself to the one who truly matters. This is a powerful reminder for us in a culture that so often encourages self-promotion and self-definition. Christian faith begins not with looking inward, but with looking toward Jesus.

When John's disciples hear this testimony, they follow Jesus. Jesus' first words to them are simple yet searching: “What are you looking for?” It is a question that echoes into our own lives. What do we seek? Security? Meaning? Healing? Belonging? Jesus does not give an immediate answer or explanation. Instead, he offers an invitation: “Come and see.” As they spend time with him, lives begin to change. Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus, and Jesus gives him a new name, Peter, signalling a new identity and a new future. Encountering Jesus always leads to transformation, not just for ourselves but for those around us. This passage reminds us that faith grows through witness and invitation. We behold Jesus, we follow, and then like John and Andrew, we point others toward the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

In Christ

Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 6 February** - Mainly Music resumes Term 1, 10am
7 February - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
8 February - Kids Church resumes
17 February - Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6.30pm
18 February - Ash Wednesday Services 9.30am and 7pm
19 February - Church Service 10am
22 February - ONE Service only 8am followed by AGM

AGM & NOMINATION FORMS:

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday 22 February, following morning tea. We will have one service only at 8am on this day. Nomination forms are available now In the foyer.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Summer Holiday Services at 8am during January will conclude at the end of this month.
We revert to our normal Sunday service times at 7am and 9am from 1st February.

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

PARISH & MISSION GIVING ENVELOPES:

We have printed our own envelopes for 2026 in a bid to be economical. These will be available all year round from the foyer, on a 'take-as-you-need' basis.



ANNUAL REPORTS 2025:

Would leaders of the various ministry groups within the Parish please start thinking about their reports for the Report Booklet. We need these into the office end of January/ beginning of February.



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.9

A READING FROM ISAIAH, CHAPTER 49, VERSES 1-7:

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the

nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 40.1-14

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 **He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.**
- 3 And he has put a new song in my mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.
- 4 **Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.**
- 5 Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.
- 6 **O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;**
- 7 Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.
- 8 **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;**
- 9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.

**10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law
delights my heart.**

**11 I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.**

**12 I have not hidden your righteousness in
my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of
your salvation.**

**13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness
and your truth:
from the great congregation.**

**14 O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from
me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 1,
VERSES 1-9:**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN, CHAPTER 1,
VERSES 29-42:**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, hope of all who call on you, hear our prayers for all your people.

We pray for the nations of the world:

for all people in places of danger and conflict;
for the hungry, the homeless and the dispossessed;
for all who govern and all who administer the law,

By your light illumine the hearts of your people, that we may learn to share justly the rich bounty of the earth and live together in harmony and peace.

Jesus, Light of nations, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the church:

for all leaders of churches and all who minister in your name;
for those who feel a sense of failure in their ministry;
for all with whom we worship in this parish,

By your light illumine the hearts of all who follow in your way, that we may faithfully serve you in all we do, and by our lives lead others to your presence.

Jesus, Lamb of God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our community:

for all who work to enhance community life;
for all who are marginalised by our prejudice or neglect;
for our families, our neighbours, our friends and for ourselves.

By your light illumine our hearts, that we may learn to be a caring and hospitable community, where all are welcomed, valued and loved.

Jesus, Saviour of the world, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of love, whose will it is that everyone be saved, bless the Church Missionary Society and those who have gone out in its fellowship to

preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need:

for those who cannot care for themselves and for all with responsibility of care;

for the sad, the lonely and all who grieve the loss of loved ones;

for those in pain or anxiety, for the sick and the dying.

By your light illumine the hearts of all who are in distress, that they may know the comfort and consolation of your presence in their lives.

Jesus, Son of God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age,

for those from this parish who have gone before us,

for all who have drawn us closer to you.

You call us into your fellowship with Andrew, Peter and all the saints; may we, like them, recognise you as the Messiah, offer ourselves in your service and come at length into the light of your eternal presence.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, 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 compiled by Let Us Pray, by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	18-1-26	25-1-26
	8.00am	8.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Julie Elliker	Robert Kake
Greeter	Kerry Tovey	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Joan Harvey
Reader 1	Sandra Pearn	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Rosemary Kake
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Joan Harvey
Chapel Prayers	-	-
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Jeanette/Malini/Cecilia
Music Leader	Ruth/Michael	Ruth/Michael
AV Operator	Ian/Rhonda	Ian/Rhonda
Prayers of the people	<i>Taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	<i>Taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>
Counting	Dianne Bocquee	Kay O'Brien
Kids Church	In Recess School Holidays	In Recess School Holidays
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

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-14

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 8.5-14a

Psalms 125

Hebrews 11.8-16

Matthew 5.1-12

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 Jan to Oct **\$63,114.90**

Budgeted Jan to Oct \$75,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- The Diocese of North West Australia
- The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove
- Ministry with Young Adults
- The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Church Missionary Society [CMS].

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, Lorraine, Gwen, Bev
- 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,

by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service:

strengthen us by your Holy Spirit

and make us worthy of our calling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For more information: (07) 3132 7888 or visit www.holyspiritualgester.com