



FEATURED NEWS



Annual Meeting

23rd Feb 10:30am

(All parishioners who have worshiped here for more the 3 months are encouraged to attend)

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday
22nd Feb 8:30am
@ Jo & Co Café



MISSION PARTNER



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

Grace does not always come in the way we expect. In Luke 6:17-26, Jesus turns the world's values upside down, declaring blessings on the poor, the hungry, and the mourning, while warning the rich, the full, and the comfortable. This is disruptive grace—a grace that challenges our assumptions about success, security, and blessing.

Jesus is not saying that poverty or suffering are good in themselves, but that God's kingdom operates on different terms than the world. Those who lack, who struggle, who are dependent on God—these are the ones who will receive the fullness of His grace. Meanwhile, those who trust in wealth and status are warned not to become complacent.

This passage calls us to reflect on how we give. Do we give only out of our excess, or do we give in a way that truly aligns us with God's kingdom? Disruptive grace invites us to see generosity not as charity, but as justice—redistributing what was never ours to keep.

To give as God gives means to trust in His abundance, to stand with those in need, and to embrace a generosity that disrupts the world's way of thinking.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 20 February** - Church Service 10am
- 21 February** - Mainly Music 10am
- 22 February** - Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
- 23 February** - A.G.M. 10.30am
- 4 March** - Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in the Hall 6.30pm
- 5 March** - Ash Wednesday Services 9.30am and 7pm

AGM 2025:

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday 23 February at 10.30am in the church. Any items of business not on the agenda must be in writing to Rev'd Chris no less than 7 days prior. Nomination forms are available in the foyer.

MAINLY MUSIC:

Mainly Music takes place in the Church Hall on Friday mornings 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.

CHURCH SERVICE:

This will be held on Thursday 20 February and is being organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and attend a church service and socialise.

A light morning tea will follow.

If you know someone who could benefit from this please pass on or bring them along.

This church service will be offered on the third Thursday, every alternate month.



SHROVE TUESDAY

6:30pm, 4th March

*Bring your palm crosses from last year,
BYO pancakes, your favourite topping
(savoury or sweet) to share.*



LADIES BREAKFAST:

To be held at Jo & Co Café, 22 Feb at 8.30am. See clipboard for details and reserve a seat.

ZOOM:

A reminder if you wish to link into our 9am Sunday Services via Zoom, the details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199826984>

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984



disruptive grace

GIVING AS GOD GIVES

A SIX WEEK SERIES IN LUKE

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.23*

A READING FROM JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 17, VERSES 5-10:

Thus says the Lord :

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord .

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord ,
whose trust is the Lord .

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they
who have not walked in the counsel of the
ungodly:

nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

**2 But their delight is in the law of the
Lord:**

**and on that law will they ponder day and
night.**

3 They are like trees planted beside
streams of water:

that yield their fruit in due season.

**4 Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall
prosper.**

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with
them:

they are like the chaff which the wind
scatters.

**6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand
up at the judgement:
nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.**

7 For the Lord cares for the way of the
righteous:

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 15, VERSES 12-20:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from
the dead, how can some of you say there is
no resurrection of the dead? If there is no
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has

not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 6,
VERSES 17-26:**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for
surely your reward is great in heaven; for
that is what their ancestors did to the
prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for
that is what their ancestors did to the false
prophets.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, we pray for the peoples of the world:

for all in places torn by war and hostility; for all who are hungry, homeless or destitute; for the indigenous peoples of this land and all for whom Australia is home. We pray for world leaders and for all who have responsibility or government.

In your love you have created bountiful riches for all to share; teach us to show our love in lives passionate for justice and impatient for peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for your church: for places where it suffers danger and persecution; for places where your prophets are not recognised, and your voice is not heard. We pray for all who are pastors to your people and all who minister in your name.

In your love you sent your Son to live as one of us; teach us to show our love in lives that draw others to your presence.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for the communities in which we live:

for those with whom we share loving relationships; for those who struggle in difficult relationships; for those who grieve for broken relationships.

We pray for schools, colleges and universities; for all who teach and all who learn.

In your love you reach out to us, inviting us to be your friends; teach us to show our love in lives that reach out to others in generosity and forgiveness.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit:

for those for whom society finds no place; for the sorrowing, the despairing, the sick and the dying.

We pray for doctors and nurses, for health workers and for all agencies that work to relieve the suffering of others.

In your love you healed the sick and welcomed the unwanted; teach us to show our love in lives of compassion and advocacy for the vulnerable and weak.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful people of every age:

for all whose lives have shone with your love; for those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time.

In your love you promise us the hope of eternal life. Teach us to show our love in lives that follow in the footsteps of your saints, that with them we may be drawn into your presence, enfolded for ever in your eternal love.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, as we sing

Our Father in Heaven . . .

Prayers compiled by Dianne Bocqu e

ROSTERS

Date	16-2-25		23-2-25	
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 Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Robert Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Sue Reade	Lorraine Jones
LA Assistant				
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Joan Harvey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Sandra Pearn	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Reader 1	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Norm Booth	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Robert Kake	Rhonda Nelson
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Sandra Pearn	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Norm Booth	Rhonda/Ian	Adrian Scott	Malini/Chris
Prayers of the people	Dianne Bocquee		Ian Nelson	
Counting	Kerry Tovey		Dianne Bocquee	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/Helen

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

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41

1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Luke 6.27-38

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 Bangladesh
- The Diocese of Newcastle
- The Parish of Torres Strait Islander Parish
- CMS
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Scripture Union School Chaplaincy and their ongoing work and especially for our local chaplain Nina, at Algester.

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, Allan & Varrie, Keitha, Gwen
- 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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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