

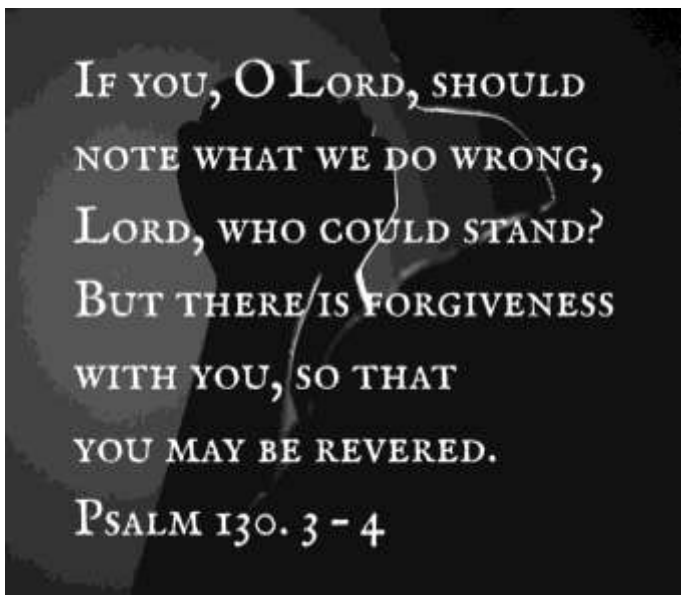


HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

September 13, 2026

FEATURED NEWS



IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD
NOTE WHAT WE DO WRONG,
LORD, WHO COULD STAND?
BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS
WITH YOU, SO THAT
YOU MAY BE REVERED.
PSALM 130. 3 - 4

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

What are you proud of? Our family, our work, our achievements, our home, our abilities? There is nothing wrong with being thankful for these things. But Romans 5 invites us to ask a deeper question: What do I really boast in?

Paul reminds us that, because we have been justified through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God and access to his grace. We don't need to earn God's acceptance. We stand in grace because of what Christ has done.

Paul then turns our idea of boasting upside down. We don't boast in ourselves or our achievements. We boast in God. We boast in the hope we have in him, even amid suffering.

Suffering can reveal what we are really trusting. When life becomes difficult, we can discover whether our confidence is in our ability to control things or in God's faithfulness. Paul reminds us that suffering can produce perseverance, character and hope.

And our hope is secure because "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

This week, ask yourself: What do I boast in? Where is my confidence when life is difficult? May we become people who rejoice in what God has done, trust him in suffering, and gladly share the hope we have in Christ.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 September - Parish Council meeting
7pm

17 September - Coffee & Chat 10am

18 September - Mainly Music 10am (End
T.3)

3 October - Café & Car Wash
8.30am-midday

Save the Date:

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls
4.30pm

COFFEE & CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 17 September at 10am in the hall. Coffee & Chat has been organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and socialise.

If you know someone who could benefit from a time of fellowship, entertainment and great food, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.

2027 BIBLE STUDY/SERMON SERIES:

If there are any themes, topics, or books in the bible you might like to look at next year in our bible studies/sermon series, please let Rev'd Christ know so he can consider these with the Rev'd David, Rev'd Scott, and Rev'd Matt, when they meet next month to plan 2027.

SMALL GROUPS:

Small Groups are an amazing opportunity to explore the bible, pray for and support one another, deepen friendships, and help each other grow as disciples of Jesus. We have a variety of Small Groups who meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join one please talk to Rev'd Chris.



WEEK 1

What do you Boast in?

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME

TALK

What are some things you are proud of? What are some things you sometimes rely on to make you feel safe, successful or important? Read Romans 5:1–5. What does Paul say we have because of Jesus? How can difficult times show us what we are really trusting in?

PLAN

This week, when something goes well, take a moment as a family to thank God rather than simply celebrating what you have achieved. If something difficult happens, stop and pray together, asking God to help you trust him and give you hope. Look for one opportunity this week to encourage someone who may be struggling.

PRAY

Thank you, God, that through Jesus we have peace with you and can stand in your grace. Help us not to put our confidence in ourselves, our achievements or our ability to control everything. Help us to trust you when life is difficult and to grow in perseverance, character and hope. Give us joy because of what you have done for us in Jesus. Amen.

SENTENCE:

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
Psalms 130.3–4

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 14, VERSES 19-31:

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots

and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 114

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a
people of an alien tongue,

² **Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.**

³ The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.

⁴ **The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?

⁶ **You mountains, that you skipped like
rams:**

and you little hills like young sheep?

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the
Lord:

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ **Who turned the rock into a pool of
water:**

and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

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 18, VERSES 21-35:

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven

times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful and gracious God, you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love for your people: hear the prayers your people offer.

We pray for the healing of your wounded world, for an end to ancient feuds, and for the process of reconciliation in our own land:

where there is suspicion, bring trust;
where there is hostility, bring peace;
where there is injury, bring justice.
Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the healing of your wounded church, for an end to division and for the progress of ecumenical conversation and co-operation:

where there is error, bring truth;
where there is hurt, bring forgiveness;
where there is exclusion, bring welcome.
Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the healing of our wounded community, for the well-being of all who are disregarded and forgotten:

where there is neglect, bring concern;
where there is hardship, bring relief;
where there is despair, bring hope.
Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving and compassionate God, we give you thanks for the work of Orange Sky, for their vans, their volunteers and their vision to bring dignity, care and kindness to people experiencing homelessness and

hardship. Bless all who come to wash their clothes, to have a shower, and to find friendship in honest conversation. May they know they are seen, valued and loved by you. Guide us as a church to support them faithfully, that together we may be a sign of your kingdom, where all are welcomed and restored.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the healing of your wounded people, for release from suffering of body, mind or spirit:

where there is pain, bring comfort;
where there is sorrow, bring consolation;
where there is abuse, bring repentance and care.

Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful and gracious God, we remember your good and faithful people, who, throughout the ages, have brought your reconciling love to the world. Help us to follow in their footsteps, that, when we stand before your judgement seat, we too shall be found acceptable in your eyes and enter your eternal presence.

Forgiving 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.

Taken from 'Let Us Pray' by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	30-8-26		6-8-26	
	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	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Robert Kake	Allan Berry
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey		Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Carol Booth	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Shereen Alwin	Rosemary Kake	Rhonda Nelson
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Rachel	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		Kay O'Brien	
Counting	Dianne Bocquee		Rhonda Nelson	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		School Holidays - in recess -
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 3.1-15
Ps 105.1-6, 23-26
Romans 3.21-31
Matthew 16.21-28

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 12.1-14
Ps 149
Romans 4.1-25
Matthew 18.10-20

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—June **\$38,358.65**

Budgeted Jan—June \$40,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia
- The Parish of Clayfield St Mark's
- St John's Community Care Services, Burleigh Heads
- St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Orange Sky 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, Gwen, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Maggie, Betty, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, Nivya
- 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

O God,
without you we are not able to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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