



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

September 27, 2026

FEATURED NEWS

CAFÉ & CARWASH



3RD OCT
8:30AM-12PM

\$10 CARWASH

WE WANT YOUR

learn us to pray

2027 BIBLE STUDY/SERMON SERIES IDEAS

SEE REV'D CHRIS



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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

Getting your driver's licence brings a new kind of freedom. This week at our house, Connar got his P's. Suddenly he can drive himself to the shops, the beach, or take his girlfriend and sister around Brisbane. For Julz and me, it also means learning to let go and trust him. We've taught him to drive, and now we have to trust that he will use that freedom well!

Romans 6 is about a different kind of freedom. Through Jesus, we have been set free from the rule of sin. Paul asks, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" His answer is emphatic: "By no means!" Grace is not permission to keep living as though nothing has changed.

Through baptism, we have been united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Our old life has died, and we have been raised to "live a new life." We are dead to sin and alive in Christ. That doesn't mean temptation disappears. It means sin is no longer our master. We are free to say no to sin and yes to God.

So this week, ask yourself: What am I allowing to rule my life? And where could I choose to live more fully as someone who is alive in Christ?

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 October - Café & Car Wash

8.30am-midday

8 October – Men's Dinner, 6.30 for 7pm

9 October – Mainly Music Term 4, 10am

10 October – Ladies Breakfast 8.30am

16 October – School Chaplaincy Trivia Night
7pm-9.30pm

24 October - Fashion Parade & Raffle
1.30pm

31 October – Working Bee 7am

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls
4.30pm-6.30pm

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.

THANK YOU FOR RU OKAY DAY:

Chaplain Nina at Algester State School and the AMUA Algester branch would like to thank members of the parish for supplying cakes, slices, biscuits and sandwiches for the morning tea at the school on RUOkay Day on Thursday 10th September this year. We took over an excellent selection of goodies and from all reports the staff really enjoyed their morning tea.

FASHION PARADE 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?

MEN'S DINNER:

Our next dinner is to be held on Thursday 8th October, 6.30 for 7pm at the Greenbank RSL. Please RSVP to Hugh or put your name on the clipboard in the church foyer.

LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our next Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday 10 October, 8.30am at Little Dreamer Café in Calamvale. There is a clipboard for names in the foyer.





WEEK 3

Dead to Sin / Alive in Christ

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME

TALK

What does it mean to be “dead to sin and alive in Christ”? What are some things that can try to take control of our lives? How can knowing that Jesus has forgiven and rescued us help us make different choices?

PLAN

As a family, make a “freedom walk” together. Go for a walk somewhere you enjoy and, along the way, take turns answering this question: “What is one thing Jesus has set me free to do?” It might be to forgive, love someone who is difficult, try something new, serve others, pray, or tell someone about Jesus. Finish your walk by choosing one thing you can each put into practice this week.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you that through you we are no longer slaves to sin. Thank you that we have been given new life. Help us to recognise the things that try to control us and give us courage to say no to sin and yes to you. Help us to live each day as people who are alive in Christ. Amen.

SENTENCE:

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6.1a, 2b*

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 17, VERSES 1-7:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16

¹ Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

² **For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.**

³ What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

⁴ **We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.**

¹¹ For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors: in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.

¹² **He divided the sea and let them pass through:**

he made the waters stand up in a heap.

¹³ In the daytime he led them with a cloud: and all night long with the light of fire.

¹⁴ **He cleft rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink in abundance as from springs of water.**

¹⁵ He brought streams out of the rock: and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.

¹⁶ **But for all this they sinned yet more against him: and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 6, VERSES 1-14:

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 21, VERSES 23-32:

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?'

Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

PRAYERS

God of grace, you took the form of a servant and came to dwell among the poor and the oppressed: hear our prayers for your world and your church.

We pray for the peoples of the world: for all whose lives are filled with misery and degradation; for those in places of oppression, war and civil unrest.

When we are greedy and wasteful in our use of resources, when we allow others to be exploited for our gain, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your worldwide church: for church leaders and all who commit their lives to your service; for those in this parish who minister here in your name.

When we are slow to believe or trust in you, when we do not honour our promises or do your will, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those with whom our lives are bound:

for our neighbours and those with whom we work or play; for our families and all whose love and care sustains our lives.

When we are rude and arrogant in our dealings with others, when we are indifferent to the welfare of the poor and disadvantaged, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness.

God of grace, 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.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in trouble or distress: for the lonely and unwanted, the sad and the sorrowing; for the frightened and despairing, the sick and the dying.

When we are too selfish to open our hearts to others who are in need, when we are too proud to accept the help that others offer to us, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness.

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in your love: for those of every age and place who have loved you and served you; for those dear to us and those of this parish who have gone before us.

Work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness, and when our earthly days are done, bring us to a joyful resurrection that we, with all your saints, may live for ever in your presence.

God of grace, 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	27-9-26		4-10-26	
	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	Ian Nelson	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter	Joan Harvey	Malini
Reader 1	Joan Harvey	Rhonda Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Ian Nelson	Sandra Pearn	Joan Harvey	Carol Booth
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter	Joan Harvey	Malini
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		Rhonda Nelson	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Malini	
Kids Church		School Holidays - in recess -		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 17.1-7
Ps 78.1-4, 11-16
Romans 6.1-14
Matthew 21.23-32

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps 19
Romans 6.15-7.6
Matthew 21.33-46

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of Bangladesh
- The Diocese of Willochra
- The Parish of Gayndah
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region – Fraser & Gympie Residential

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, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole
- 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,
you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offerings Jan—Aug **\$52,250.35**

Budgeted Jan—Aug \$53,333.33

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