HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News
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FEATURED NEWS





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

Have you ever struggled to show compassion to someone you felt did not deserve it? It can be difficult to want the best for people we would rather avoid.

In Jonah 3, God gives Jonah another opportunity to go to Nineveh and deliver his message. This time Jonah obeys. The people of Nineveh listen. From the king down, they turn from their wicked ways and seek God's mercy. God responds with compassion, choosing not to bring the destruction Jonah had announced.

Nineveh was a powerful enemy of Israel, so this response would not have been easy for Jonah to accept. Yet the chapter reminds us that God's compassion is wider than our own, reaching those we find hard to love. God is not looking for reasons to reject people; he desires that they turn back to him and find life.

As we continue our series we are challenged to make room for God's grace towards others. Who do we struggle to show compassion to? Are there people we have decided are beyond God's love? May we learn to see others as God sees them, and rejoice whenever people turn to him.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 November – Choir Practice 4.30pm-6.30pm
17 November – Parish Council 7pm
19 November – Coffee & Chat 10am
19 November – Hosting St John's Anglican College Year 12 Retreat
20 November – Mainly Music 10am
21 November – Ladies Breakfast 8.30am
21 November – Choir Practice 10am - 12pm (choir will start around 10.15 after Ladies Breakfast)
21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 4.30pm-6.30pm
25 Nov-Dec 5 – 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign
28 November – Choir Practice 8am - 10am
2 December – Service for DV victims 9.30am
13 December – Family Carols 6:30pm
20 December – Champs, Cheese & Carols 7pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Please start bringing food donations to church as we prepare Christmas Hampers for local families. We have also offered hampers to local school chaplains. Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer. The final Sunday for donations is 29 November.

SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

On Wednesday 2nd December Rev'd Chris will lead a Service in the church starting at 9.30am to remember and pray for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence The AMUA Algester branch supports the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign which runs from 25 Nov each year.

DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSTERS:

If you are usually on the Roster and intend being away during the December/January period, please email the office so Rosters can be planned. Many thanks!

LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our last Ladies Breakfast for the year will be held on Saturday 21 November, 8.30am at Degani, Calamvale. This is a great way to start the day before the busyness takes hold, with yummy food and good company! Please add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.

CHAPLAIN REQUEST:

Nina, chaplain at Algester School, is seeking help with 5 stationery packs (approx. $150 each) after missing out on Scripture Union funding. To contribute, please speak with Rev'd Chris or place a donation in a labelled envelope in the offertory bowl. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION ALGESTER:

Once again students from St John's Anglican College will be attending our church on 19th November for their annual Year 12 Retreat. The Mothers Union will be providing morning tea for this occasion and would greatly appreciate any contributions from parishioners. This could include slices, biscuits, fruit or savoury items. Please ensure the food is delivered to the church before 9.00am on the 19th. Thank you for your support.



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES*:

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Have you ever found it difficult to be kind or forgiving towards someone? Why was it difficult? In Jonah 3, God shows compassion to the people of Nineveh when they turn away from their wrongdoing. What does this teach us about God's love for others?

PLAN

This week, look for an opportunity to show compassion to someone outside your usual circle of family and friends. It might be helping a neighbour, welcoming someone new, or showing kindness to someone who is often left out. Do this together as a family and remember that God's love is for everyone.

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for your love and compassion towards us. Thank you that you never give up on people and that your love reaches everyone. Help us to have hearts like yours, to forgive others, show kindness and welcome those who are different from us. Amen.

READINGS

SENTENCE:
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

A READING FROM JONAH 3:

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:
Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 1-11:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 25, VERSES 14-30:

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we bring before You all the nations of the world and all those entrusted with positions of leadership and responsibility. Guide our world leaders with wisdom, humility and compassion, so that they may govern with justice and work towards the common good. We pray for countries torn apart by war, violence, poverty and natural disasters. May peace prevail where there is conflict, hope arise where there is despair, and unity flourish where there is division. Help us to recognise one another as members of one human family and to work together towards a world filled with love, dignity and understanding
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, we pray for Your Church throughout the world, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and all who dedicate their lives to serving You. Strengthen them in their faith and guide them in their mission to spread Your Gospel. May the Church continue to be a beacon of hope, compassion and truth, welcoming those who feel lost, comforting those who are suffering and standing up for those who are vulnerable. Bless all communities of faith and inspire each of us to live out Your teachings through our words, actions and love for one another.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and loving Father, we pray for our families, friends, neighbours and the wider community in which we live. Bless our homes with peace, our relationships with understanding and our lives with Your abundant grace. We remember those who feel lonely, isolated or forgotten, and those facing challenges within their families, workplaces or daily lives. Help us to become more patient, forgiving and generous towards one another. May we be mindful of the needs of those around us and find opportunities to serve, encourage and support each other. Guide us to be living examples of Your love in our community.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Archbishop's appeal.
Loving God of earth and ocean, you call your Church to watch, to learn, and to act. Bless the work of climate care in the Solomon Islands - the careful keeping of records, the planting of trees, and the building of shelter against rising seas. Refresh dry land with rain in due season. In Vanuatu, deepen knowledge and wisdom: strengthen the provision of clean water, nurture right habits, and open minds through learning. May communities discover their gifts and flourish in dignity, resilience, and hope.
Lord Jesus help us to follow you always.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, we bring before You all those who are sick, suffering, distressed or facing difficult circumstances. We especially remember those living with serious illnesses, those undergoing treatment, those experiencing physical or emotional pain, and those approaching the end of their earthly journey. Grant them healing where it is possible, strength in times of weakness and comfort in moments of fear and uncertainty. Bless doctors, nurses, carers and all those who dedicate themselves to looking after the sick. Give them patience, wisdom and compassion in their work. May Your loving presence bring peace to those who suffer and hope to all who care for them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal and loving Father, we remember with gratitude all those who have gone before us in faith, especially our departed family members, friends and loved ones. We thank You for the lives they shared, the love they gave and the memories they have left in our hearts. Welcome them into Your heavenly kingdom, where there is no more pain, sorrow or suffering, but only the joy of Your eternal presence. Comfort those who continue to grieve their loss, and strengthen our hope in the promise of the resurrection. May the lives of those who have gone before us inspire us to remain faithful to You, until we are reunited in Your heavenly kingdom.
Lord, 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 Shereen Alwin

ROSTERS

Date	15-11-26		22-11-26	
	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	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Kathy Carter	Robert Kake	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Shereen Alwin	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn	-	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Jenny/Ruth	Kay O'Brien	Kerry & helper
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Shereen Alwin		*Prayers taken from Let Us Pray*	
Counting	Dianne/Mitch		Rhonda Nelson	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/Kerry
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

Jonah 3
Ps 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jonah 4
Ps 100
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Diocese of Melbourne
- The Parish of Palmwoods
- Anglican Men's Society
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner, Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal.

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
- 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,
whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.