



HOLY SPIRIT
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Holy Spirit News
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MISSION PARTNER

Anglicare
Southern Queensland

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

Lent is a journey, a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. As we begin this season, we embark on a series that traces God's presence with humanity from Eden to eternity, seeing how Jesus restores what was lost. We begin in Genesis 2:8-17, in the Garden of Eden, where God places the first humans in a place of perfect communion with Him. Here, they walk in His presence, provided for and at peace. But within the beauty of Eden lies a choice, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This choice represents trust: will humanity depend on God's wisdom, or seek control on their own terms?

Eden reminds us of what we were made for, unbroken fellowship with God. But it also sets the stage for humanity's fall, the breaking of that relationship, and the longing for restoration. In Jesus, we find the answer to this longing. He is the One who reopens the way to God's presence, offering us not just a return to Eden, but something even greater, eternal life with Him.

As we begin this Lenten season, may we reflect on our own trust in God and rediscover the deep longing to walk in His presence once more.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12 March** - Holy Communion Service 9.30am
- 14 March** - Mainly Music 10am
- 15 March** - Open Prayer Morning 9am
- 16 March** - Kids Church Movie Night 4.30pm
- 18 March** - Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 20 March** - Coffee & Chat 10am
- 29 March** - Working Bee

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL 2025:

Kay O'Brien - Priest's Warden
Adrian Scott - Church Warden
Ruth Barton - Parish Nominator
Dianne Bocquee - Parish Nominator
Ian Nelson - Parish Nominator
Rhonda Nelson - Synod Rep
Malini Ramachandrom - Synod Rep
Linda Reid - Treasurer
Rosemary Kake - Parish Councillor

MOVIE NIGHT:

Movie Night for our young disciples on Sunday 16th March at 4.30 pm in the Hall. We will have pizza first, then the movie. Cost: \$5 each for the pizza and please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Please let the Office know if you can come by Thursday 13th March.

NAME BADGES:

There is a clipboard in the foyer to add names for those wanting a new name badge.

LENTEN MID WEEK SERVICE:

There will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am every Wednesday all through Lent.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE:

- Everyone has a responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety.
- You must notify of any hazards you notice or if any incidents occur even if there is no injury.
- There is a first aid kit in the church kitchen and in the hall kitchen.
- Fire extinguishers are in the prayer space, church kitchen and hall kitchen.
- To use a fire extinguisher, pull the pin, aim at base of fire, squeeze the lever and sweep from side to side
- Fire blankets are in the hall kitchen and church kitchen
- Do not use ladders unless you have undertaken the training
- Slips, trips and falls are the most reported incidents

In the event of an emergency:

- Stay calm and remove persons from immediate danger
- Dial 000
- Assist mobility impaired persons
- Move to the assembly area
- There are 2 assembly points depending on the door you exit the church or if you are in the hall -
 1. the footpath near the daycare centre
 2. the grass area at the front of the church



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. *Luke 4.8*

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 8-17:

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 91.1-2, 9-16

1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:

who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

**2 They will say to the Lord
'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'**

9 The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your
stronghold.

**10 Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

11 For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.

**12 They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.

**14 'You have set your love upon me,' says
the Lord,**

'and therefore I will deliver you:

**I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

15 'When you call upon me I will answer
you:

I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**16 'With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.'**

**A READING FROM ROMANS, CHAPTER 10,
VERSES 4-13:**

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'

But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 4,
VERSES 1-15:**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all

during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels
concerning you,
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot
against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God,
I pray for the first responders, medical personnel, and rescue workers who risk their lives to help others. Grant them courage, strength, and protection as they serve in dangerous conditions. Guide their efforts and bless their hands to bring relief and rescue to those in need. Lord, may their actions reflect Your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
"The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace" (Psalm 29:11, NIV).

God of Healing,
I pray for those who have been injured physically, emotionally, or spiritually by the experience of Cyclone Alfred. Touch their wounds and bring healing to their bodies and hearts. Restore what has been lost and bring beauty from the ashes. Lord, let Your peace and hope flow into their lives. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV).

Prince of Peace,
In the midst of chaos and fear, I ask for Your peace to reign. Calm the storms within and around us and help us to trust in Your sovereignty. Let Your peace guard our hearts and minds as we navigate this difficult time. Lord, remind us of Your presence and power. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7, NIV).

Lord,
Strengthen our faith as we face the challenges in the aftermath of Cyclone Alfred. Help us to trust in Your promises and rely on Your strength. When we feel weak, remind us that You are our rock and fortress, our ever-present

help in times of trouble. Lord, let our faith shine brightly in this darkness. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge" (Psalm 18:2, NIV).

Heavenly Father,
Guide the decisions of leaders, organizations, and communities as they respond to this disaster. Give them wisdom to act swiftly and effectively and help them to make choices that bring hope and restoration. Lord, may Your Spirit guide their steps and inspire unity and collaboration. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" (James 1:5, NIV).

Father,
Unite communities during this time of need. Help neighbours to support one another with love and compassion. Let generosity and kindness flow, creating bonds of trust and encouragement among those affected. Lord, may Your love be evident in the way we care for one another. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

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 Rhonda Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	9-3-25		16-3-25	
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	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry
LA Assistant				
Greeter	-	Joan Harvey	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter
Reader 1	Sue Reade	Sandra Pearn	Michael Po Saw	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Norm Booth	Dianne Bocquee	Robert Kake	Joan Harvey
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	-	Sandra Pearn		Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Rachel & Helper	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny & Helper
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Videos
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Malini/Chris	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Rhonda Nelson		Carol Booth	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Dianne Bocquee	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/Kerry

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

Genesis 2.8-17

Psalms 91.1-2, 9-16

Romans 10.4-13

Luke 4.1-15

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 3.1-24

Psalms 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-35

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 Anglican Church of Canada
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn
- The Parish of Boonah-Harrisville
- Ministry with the Medical Fraternity
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Anglicare 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, 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

O Lord,
who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit,
we may ever obey your godly will
in righteousness and true holiness;
to your honour and glory,
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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