



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

October 4, 2026

FEATURED NEWS

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 10th Oct
8:30am

@ Little Dreamer Café
Calamvale

MENS DINNER

8TH OCT 6:30PM

@ GREENBANK RSL

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 does it mean to be free?

We often think freedom means being able to do whatever we want. But Paul challenges that idea in Romans 6. He says that we all give ourselves to something. Whatever controls us can become our master whether it is approval, money, success, control, anger, fear or something else. The good news of the gospel is that Christ has set us free from slavery to sin. But Christian freedom isn't simply freedom from something; it is freedom for something. In Romans 7, Paul uses the picture of marriage to describe our new relationship with Jesus. Through our death with Christ, we have been released from our old relationship with sin and the law, "so that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead" (Romans 7:4).

We belong to Christ. And just as marriage affects every part of our lives, belonging to Jesus changes how we live. We don't obey God so that he will love us. We obey because, in Christ, we already know that we are loved and accepted. So, this week ask yourself: What is controlling me? Do I really see myself as belonging to Christ? And what would it look like to offer that part of my life to him?

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 4

No Longer Slaves

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Paul says that we are no longer slaves to sin because we belong to Jesus. What are some things that can become “masters” in our lives? What does it mean for us to belong to Jesus?

PLAN

Make a pair of paper hands together. On the hands, write:

“Jesus, I belong to you. Help me live your way.”

Then give everyone a small piece of paper. Each person can write or draw something they want to place in Jesus’ hands this week, perhaps a worry, temptation, difficult relationship, attitude, habit or something they are struggling with.

Fold the pieces of paper and place them inside the paper hands.

Put the hands somewhere your family will see them during the week. Whenever you notice them, remember: “I belong to Jesus.” Ask him to help you live his way in whatever you are facing.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you that you have set us free and that we belong to you. Today we place these things into your hands. Help us to trust you, follow you and live your way this week. Help our family to encourage one another and to grow in our relationship with you. Amen.

SENTENCE:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. *Matthew 21.42*

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 20, VERSES 1-4, 7-9 and 12-20:

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

² **One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.**

³ There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

⁴ **Yet their sound has gone out through all the
world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**

⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his
chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his
course.

⁶ **Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise
the simple.

⁸ **The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the
Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for
ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

¹⁴ **May the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 6, VERSE 15 to CHAPTER 7, VERSE 6:

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity,

so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 21,
VERSES 33-46:**

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him

and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

PRAYERS

We praise you, Lord of all, for the gifts of Christ our ascended King: for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Hear our prayer for all who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word; help us to support them by our prayers and offerings and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them food in due season: look in mercy on your people and hear our prayer for those whose lives and livelihood are threatened by drought or flood or fire. In your mercy save both man and beast. Guide and bless the labours of your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of the nations, whose kingdom rules over all, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all men and banish from them the spirit that makes for war; that all races and people may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty Father, who commanded us to love you with all our mind; look with your gracious favour, we pray, on our Universities, Colleges and Schools. Bless all who teach and all who learn; grant that they may seek and love the truth, grow in wisdom and knowledge and in humility of heart ever look to you, the source of all wisdom and understanding. We particularly pray, Lord, that you will bless and watch over those young people from our congregation who are about to enter their last term in High School. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of OzHarvest: rescuing food, feeding people, and caring for creation.

Bless their staff, volunteers, and partners. Strengthen them as they reduce waste, nourish the hungry, and work for a more sustainable future.

Open our hearts to share generously, to live responsibly, and to honour the gift of your creation. **Amen.**

Teach us, O gracious Lord, to begin our works with reverence, to go on in obedience, and finish them with love; and then to wait patiently in hope, and with cheerful countenance look up to you, whose promises are faithful and rewards infinite; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

ROSTERS

Date	4-10-26		11-10-26	
	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	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Malini	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 1	Rosemary Kake	Rhonda Nelson	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Reader 2	Joan Harvey	Carol Booth	Sama O'Brien	Dianne Bocquee
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Malini	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Kay Morris	Kerry	Kay O'Brien	Malini
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Rhonda Nelson		<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>	
Counting	Malini		Dianne & Mitch	
Kids Church		School Holidays - in recess -		Kerry/Jenny
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 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps 19
Romans 6.15-7.6
Matthew 21.33-46

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 32.1-14
Ps 106.1-6, 20-24
Romans 7.5-25
Matthew 2.1-14

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:

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- The Diocese Ballarat
- The Parish of Grovely
- NQ Lotus Glen Correctional Centre
- Canterbury College, Waterford

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner OZ Harvest 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

Generous God,
whose hand is open to fill all things living with
plenteousness:
make us ever thankful for your goodness,
and grant that we,
remembering the account that we must one day give,
may be faithful stewards of your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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