



FEATURED NEWS



**BRING YOUR
PALM CROSSES
BACK FOR
SHROVE TUESDAY**



SHROVE TUESDAY

6:30pm, 4th March

*Bring your palm crosses from last year,
BYO pancakes, your favourite topping
(savoury or sweet) to share.*

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

Jesus' call to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and give without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:27-38) is a radical challenge. It goes against our instincts for self-preservation and fairness. Yet, this is the heart of God's grace, disruptive, extravagant, and completely undeserved.

God does not give as the world gives. His generosity is not transactional but unconditional. He pours out mercy on the undeserving, including us. When Jesus commands us to love, bless, and give freely, He is inviting us to reflect the very nature of God. This kind of giving disrupts cycles of resentment, revenge, and selfishness, making space for healing and transformation.

Jesus' words force us to examine how we give. Do we give with conditions? Do we love only those who love us back? To give as God gives means to embrace a grace that is risky, vulnerable, and overflowing. It means trusting that in God's economy, generosity is never wasted.

This passage reminds us that grace is not just something we receive, it is something we are called to embody. And when we do, we participate in God's radical, redeeming work in the world.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 February - AMUA Special Meeting 7.15pm

28 February - Mainly Music 10am

1 March - Café & Car Wash 8.30am

4 March - Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in the Hall 6.30pm

5 March - Ash Wednesday Services 9.30am and 7pm

7 March - World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army Church, Calamvale 10am

15 March - Open Prayer Morning 9am

18 March - Parish Council Meeting 7pm

20 March - Coffee & Chat 10am

29 March - Working Bee

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

This year's World Day of Prayer Service is on Friday 7th March 2025 at the Salvation Army Church on Kameruka Street in Calamvale starting at 10am. The featured country is the Cook Islands. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMUA:

The Algester Branch of the Mothers' Union is holding a Special meeting this Thursday 27th February 2025 commencing at 7.15 pm in the Holy Spirit Church. This will be an information night and an opportunity for you to influence the programme of the AMUA in the future in Algester. All parishioners are welcome to attend the gathering, even if you are not a member of our organisation.

Our discussions will be followed by a light supper.

LENTEN MID WEEK SERVICE:

From Ash Wednesday and all through Lent there will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am every Wednesday.



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.

GREETING CARDS:

Please have a look at the assorted greeting cards in the box on the table at the back of the church. Each one has a Christian message and is priced at \$1.20.

These cards are for sale to support the Algester Branch of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia.

ZOOM:

A reminder if you wish to link into our 9am Sunday Services via Zoom, the details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199826984>

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984



disruptive grace

GIVING AS GOD GIVES

A SIX WEEK SERIES IN LUKE

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 45, VERSES 3-11 AND 15:

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41

1 Do not vie with the wicked:
or envy those that do wrong;

**2 For they will soon wither like the grass:
and fade away like the green leaf.**

3 Trust in the Lord and do good:
and you shall dwell in the land
and feed in safe pastures.

**4 Let the Lord be your delight:
and he will grant you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord:
trust him, and he will act.

**6 He will make your righteousness
shine as clear as the light:
and your innocence as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently
for him:

do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.

**8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:
let not envy move you to do evil.**

9 For the wicked shall be cut down:
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess
the land.

**10 In a little while the ungodly shall be no
more:**

**you will look for them in their place,
but they will not be found.**

11 But the meek shall possess the land:
and enjoy the abundance of peace.

**40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come
from the Lord:**

he is their strength in time of trouble.

41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:
he will save them from the ungodly and deliver
them,
because they come to him for refuge.

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 15,
VERSES 35-50:**

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 6,
VERSES 27-38:**

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, you have given many of us, in so many ways, access to your word, whether it be written, audio books, readers or visual presentations. Encourage us to be excited to hear of your will, your love, your heart, your greatest desires for our lives. Thank you that you instruct, encourage, reprimand and challenge us through Holy Scripture. Create in us a longing to delve into what you have given us. Help us to listen closely to your plan for our best lives and fan in us a burning desire to live those lives in step with you.

Lord, author of life,

Help us listen and live in your will.

Loving God, you are the very essence of love and often it is hard to live with the love you require of us. You call us to love, even those that would tear us down; sometimes that is easier than others. Bring us to know our enemies are not brought to you by hate, only love. Free those who hate from fear, into love and peace; may we see opportunities be the instruments of that love. Free us from our own fears and reservations, help us love the unlovely and love ourselves. Even when we feel we are unlovable, you still love us, even in the dark depths of despair you love us. Thank you that our salvation does not depend on our emotional state, but entirely on what you have done for us, through love. Help us to accept your love, love you, ourselves and others.

Lord of love,

Help us love as Jesus loves us.

Forgiving God, we are sinners, just like those who have gone before us and those that will come after us, yet you forgive the sincere penitent with unreserved and undeserved mercy. We are quick to notice the mote in our brother's eye, but slow to see the plank in our own. We find it easy to forgive those whose sins are like ours. Admonish us when we rationalise our own behaviour and help us forgive those whose sins are different from our own. When we pray for forgiveness may we reflect on the extent of forgiveness we carry in our own hearts. Keep us focussed on the exemplar of Jesus on the Cross.

Lord of forgiveness,

Help us forgive as Jesus forgives.

Healing God, we hold up to you those on our prayer list and now name [the congregation may name people]. Meet them in their circumstances and give them the warm and gentle assurance of your presence. We pray for those that minister to them, for faith, endurance, compassion and courage.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers as we sing the words given us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:

Our Father in Heaven . . .

Prayers compiled by Ian Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	23-2-25		2-3-25	
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	Sue Reade	Lorraine Jones	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
LA Assistant				
Greeter	-	Joan Harvey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Carol Booth	Ross Dinnar	Joan Harvey
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Rhonda Nelson	James Dinnar	Kathy Carter
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth		Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Joan/Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Malini/Chris	James Dinnar	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Dianne Bocquee		Rhonda Nelson	
Kids Church		Jenny/Helen		Kerry/Malini

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 45.3-11, 15

Psalms 37.1-11, 40-41

1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Luke 6.27-38

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 55.10-13

Psalms 92.1-4, 12-15

1 Corinthians 15.51-58

Luke 6.39-49

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:

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- The Diocese of Sydney
- The Parish of Yeronga
- Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, Moreton Region
- St Francis Theological College, Milton

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Scripture Union School Chaplaincy and their ongoing work and especially for our local chaplain Nina, at Algester.

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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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