



HOLY SPIRIT  
ALGESTER

**Holy Spirit News**  
**WELCOME | March 30, 2025**

## FEATURED NEWS



*Ladies Breakfast*

Saturday  
12th April 8:30am  
@ Sip & Spice



PALM

*Sunday*

13TH APRIL

## 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

From the garden of Eden to the Tabernacle, God's presence has always been central to His relationship with humanity. Yet sin created a separation, a distance we could never bridge on our own. But in Jesus, God came to dwell among us Emmanuel, "God with us."

Mark 15:21-39 brings us to the cross, where Emmanuel suffers and dies. The One who walked among humanity, healed, forgave, and restored, is now abandoned, mocked, and crucified. In His final breath, He cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). Here, Jesus takes on the full weight of sin and separation so that we might be restored to God. Then, in a moment of significance, the temple curtain is torn in two (Mark 15:38). The barrier that once separated humanity from God's presence is gone. Through Jesus' sacrifice, the way to the Father is opened. Emmanuel not only came to be with us he made a way for us to be with him forever.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we stand at the foot of the cross, in awe of the love that restores us. Will we trust in the One who gave everything to bring us home?

In Christ  
Rev'd Chris

*Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus*

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2 April** - Holy Communion Service 9.30am
- 2 April** - Combined Churches Prayer Night, Algester, 6.30-8pm
- 4 April** - Mainly Music 10am
- 5 April** - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
- 12 April** - Ladies Breakfast, Sip & Spice 8.30am. Clipboard available for names

## LENTEN MID WEEK SERVICE:

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

## RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY - MOTHERING SUNDAY:

Sunday 30th March 2025 is Mothering Sunday or the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally it is a day on which people visit their mother church or the church in which they were baptised and on which they honour their mother.

On this day each year the AMUA facilitates a retiring collection across churches in the Brisbane Diocese to support the Overseas Target Project for the Mothers' Union worldwide. This year we are supporting the Melanesian Adult Literacy Project which will be implemented across three dioceses in the Solomon Islands. Please read the information sheet on the noticeboard for more details. If you wish to support this very worthwhile cause please bring some cash along to church on 30th March for the collection.

## COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER NIGHT:

Organised through Scripture Union, we will be praying for Chaplaincy, Community & Religious Instruction. All welcome.

[Contact: Malini 0434 114 496]

## LINEN WASHING:

We would like to thank Lyn Backlund for carrying out the job of washing our communion linen, along with keeping up our stocks of communion wine for the last couple of years. Lyn is stepping down from this task; we appreciate your time and effort Lyn!

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Just a reminder we still have envelopes for our giving for 2025 in the foyer.

## OPEN HOUSE:

Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa will be served at Ian & Rhonda Nelson's home, 16 Macaranga St, Algester after the 9am Good Friday Service.

## LADIES BREAKFAST:

Our next breakfast will be held on Saturday 12 April, 8.30am, at Sip & Spice Café. This new venue is located in Calamvale Marketplace, cnr Beaudesert & Nottingham Rds, Calamvale. There is a clipboard in the foyer for names.

## A Lenten Reflection...

- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust



*From GFS Australian Newsletter*



**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.18*

## A READING FROM JOSHUA, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 2-12:

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the

fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

*Psalm 32*

- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**
- 3 For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;
- 6 **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
- 8 **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

9 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 16-21:**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK, CHAPTER 15, VERSES 21-39:**

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving Lord: as we gather here to celebrate Mothering Sunday, it seems appropriate to share the words of an old hymn:

“Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way, with countless gifts of love and still is ours today”.

This was written by Martin Rinkart, who was born in 1636, and the words are just as relevant today. At a time when we would traditionally return to our “mother church” where we entered into God’s family through baptism, let us give thanks for our mothers, their faith and their constant love, which mirrors the love God has, for us, His children.

Father God: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord: we thank you that through the ages you have called men and women of faith to guide and direct your people. We thank you Lord for Rev’d Chris and his family and ask that you bless and protect them always. We pray that you will equip Rev’d Chris with discernment and wisdom, as he ministers to us.

Father God: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord: we pray for those who are sick and ask for your healing in their lives. We pray that you will bless their families with hope and faith and the medical staff who care for them with wisdom and

patience. We pray you will bless the people listed in our pew sheet, those who hold a special place in our hearts and we ask that you meet them in their need and give them strength, hope and assurance that however dark the day may appear, you have overcome the darkness.

Father God: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord: we know that the power of prayer is in the one who hears it, not in the one who says it, so we confidently ask that you receive 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 Sandra Pearn*

# ROSTERS

Date	30-3-25		6-4-25	
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	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Lorraine Jones
Greeter	-	Lesley & Malini	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey
Reader 1	Kay O'Brien	Lorraine Jones	Ross Dinnar	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Marilyn Robinson	James Dinnar	Sandra Pearn
Offertory	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey.
Chapel Prayers		Rhonda Nelson	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Mothers' Union	Mothers' Union	Kay Morris	Joan/Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Ian/Rhonda	James Dinnar	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Sandra Pearn		Dianne Bocquee	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Rhonda Nelson	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		In Recess School Holidays

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

Joshua 5.2-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Mark 15.21-39

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm 126

Acts 2.29-39

John 12.1-8

## 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:

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- The Parish of Coorparoo
- Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, South West Region

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

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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