



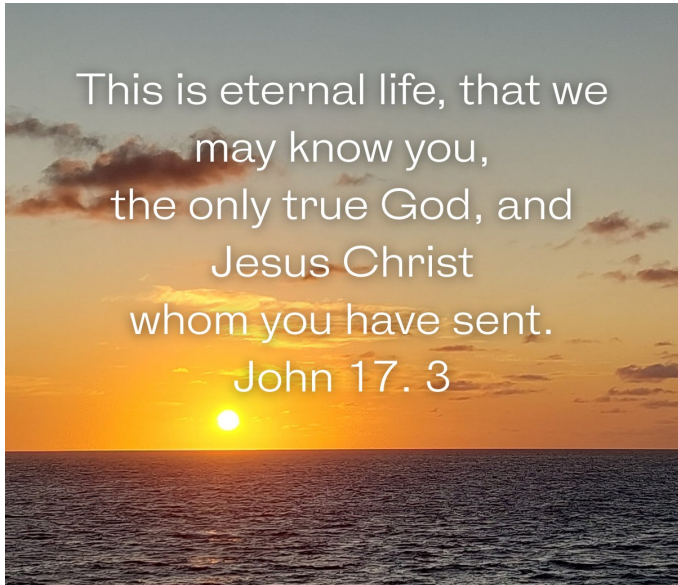
HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

WELCOME | May 17, 2026

FEATURED NEWS

This is eternal life, that we
may know you,
the only true God, and
Jesus Christ
whom you have sent.
John 17. 3



**NEXT
WEEK**

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

MISSION PARTNER

BCA
Bush Church Aid



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

In Matthew 7:1–20, Jesus Christ calls us to live wisely in our relationships with others. His words challenge our tendency to focus on the faults of others while ignoring our own need for grace and repentance. Before pointing out the “speck” in another person’s eye, Jesus tells us to first deal with the “plank” in our own. Wisdom begins with humility.

Jesus is not calling us to ignore sin or avoid difficult conversations. Rather, He calls us to approach others with gentleness, honesty, and love. Christians are meant to help one another grow, but never from a place of superiority or condemnation.

In the middle of this teaching, Jesus reminds us to pray: “Ask, seek, knock.” We need God’s wisdom to know how to speak truth lovingly, how to show grace, and how to care for others faithfully.

The “Golden Rule” sums it all up: “Do to others what you would have them do to you.” Kingdom relationships are shaped not by criticism or self-righteousness, but by mercy, humility, love, and the same mercy we ourselves have received through Christ.

In Christ,
Rev’d Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

19 May - Parish Council Meeting 7pm

21 May - Coffee & Chat 10am

22 May - Mainly Music 10am

23 May - Parish Dinner

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

We will be running a series of confirmation classes starting in June, culminating in a visit by Bp John on Sunday 19 July. Please speak with Rev'd Chris if you are interested.

ZOOM:

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

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

Meeting ID: 821 9982 6984

COMMUNICATION:

If you have a concern or something's going on in your life, you can always speak to or email Rev'd Chris and don't assume that someone will share your situation. Chris's door is always open for a coffee/beer/wine catch-up.

SERMONS ONLINE:

Sermon videos are now online on our YouTube channel @holyspiritalgester or on our website under the Grow tab.

COFFEE & CHAT:

Our next get-together is on Thursday 21 May at 10am in the hall. Coffee & Chat has been organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and socialise.

If you know someone who could benefit from a time of fellowship, entertainment and great food, please speak with Rhonda 0412720016.

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.

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

If you'd like to give electronically to our missions each month, we have a new account: Algester Anglican Parish, BSB: 704 901 Account#: 00015767

For first-time users, your bank might send a warning message to ensure this is a legitimate account - it's nothing to do with our account. It's your bank making sure you are ok with it as you're adding a new account to your payees.

GREETING CARDS:

The AMUA greeting cards have been restocked and now include a lovely selection of birthday cards for women and children. Unfortunately there has had to be a price increase, so that each card now costs \$2.

Week 6

Wisdom in Relationships



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME **TALK**

Have you ever judged someone too quickly or been judged unfairly yourself? How did it feel? What do you think Jesus Christ means when He says to treat others the way we would want to be treated?

PLAN

As a family, bake or buy some biscuits and deliver them to a neighbour, friend, or someone in your church community. Include a short note with an encouraging Bible verse or kind message.

PRAY

Place a small mirror in the center of the table along with a cross. Take turns thanking God for His forgiveness and asking Him to help your family show kindness, patience, and wisdom in your relationships. Pray that your home would reflect the love and mercy of Jesus to others.

READINGS

SENTENCE:

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John 17.3

A READING FROM ACTS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 6-14:

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalms 68.1-10, 32-35

1 God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

2 **As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:**
as wax melts before a fire,
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.

4 **O sing to God, sing praises to his name: glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

5 He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow: God in his holy dwelling place.

6 **He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into prosperity: but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**

7 O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 **The earth shook, the heavens poured down water: before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

9 You showered down a generous rain, O God: you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.

10 **And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.**

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,

33 **To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning: who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**

34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.

35 **Terrible is God who comes from his holy place: the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF
PETER, CHAPTER 5:**

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

‘God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 7,
VERSES 1-20:**

‘Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

‘Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. ‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious Lord we ask you to look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways. Grant us the vision of your world where the weak are protected, none go hungry or poor, where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect, where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord we pray for unity and wisdom within our churches. For all in leadership positions, Clergy, Diocesan workers, and laity. May your loving presence guide and strengthen.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord we thank you for the magnificent beauty of this world and for the provision of resources we enjoy. Help us to care and respect this fragile gift, whilst ensuring a fair and equitable distribution to all.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord we thank you that you are there when times are hard and the path ahead is difficult. Strengthen us to face difficulties if they arise, knowing that you will be with us Lord.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, thank you for our families and friends. May we be a mutual support to each other sharing our joys and sorrows, encouraging, and where we are able, guiding one another through our shared experiences.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord we pray today for all who are burdened by illness, grief, sorrow or any other trouble. We ask that the love of Christ will touch their hearts and bring tranquillity within despite the pressures they face.

We bring before you all those on our prayer list and those known to us.

God of wisdom and grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord: You suffered for us to ensure that we have eternal life. We pray for those who have made the journey to eternal life and for those left to mourn. May they find peace and comfort in you love Lord.

God of wisdom and grace: **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 Kay O'Brien

ROSTERS

Date	17-5-26		24-5-26	
	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	Robert Kake	Kathy Carter	Julie Elliker	Lorraine Jones
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Rosemary & Rose	Allan Berry
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Lorraine Jones	Michael Po Saw	Carol Booth
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Dianne Bocquee	Joan Harvey	Shiprah Allu
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Malini	Rosemary & Rose	Allan Berry
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Rachel/Cheryl	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecilia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Ian/Joshua	Adrian Scott	Malini/Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	Kay O'Brien		<i>Prayers taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	
Counting	Dianne Bocquee		Malini	
Kids Church		Kerry/Niya/Jenny		Jenny/Kerry/Niya
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

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READINGS TODAY

Acts 1.6-14

Ps 68.1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 5

Matthew 7.1-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 2.1-21

Ps 104.26-36

1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Matthew 7.21-29

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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

Offerings Jan—March **\$18,636.15**

Budgeted Jan—March \$20,000.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- The Diocese of North Queensland
- The Parish of Gold Coast North
- Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern Qld [ACSQ]
- The Southport School, Southport

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Bush Church Aid (BCA) 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, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Betty, Leonnie, Russell & Denise, Joyce & Annette, Michael B, Gabby, Gwen, Bev, A4 Community Care
- 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 God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we pray you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour
Christ has gone before;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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