

FEATURED NEWS



**Fruit
Full
Ness**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS
IN THE BIBLE


Free Bread
For anyone in need

@ HOLY SPIRIT ALGESTER CHURCH
362 ALGESTER RD

Thursdays
5:45pm
to
6:15pm

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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 communicant member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion.

Please join us after the service for refreshments!

FROM THE VICAR

In Exodus 31:1-11, we encounter Bezalel and Oholiab, individuals given wisdom, understanding, and craftsmanship by God for the task of constructing the tabernacle. Their talents were not simple human abilities but rather manifestations of divine gifting, spiritual gifts for a divine purpose.

"Fruit-Full-Ness" in this context signifies the abundant yield of these spiritual gifts, which are intended for the glorification and service of God. Just as Bezalel and Oholiab utilized their gifts to fulfill a sacred purpose, we are likewise called to utilize our unique abilities for the flourishing of God's kingdom.

This passage encourages us to reflect on the nature of our own gifts. Are we recognizing them as given by God, rather than solely attributing them to personal ability? Are we using these gifts towards endeavours that align with God's will and contribute to the benefit of humanity?

Understanding that our gifts are ultimately for God reframes our perspective on their significance. It instils a sense of responsibility and stewardship, compelling us to utilize them wisely and selflessly. And by doing so, we contribute to the work of God's kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10 April - MU Morning Prayer Service and meeting and discussion to follow

15 April - Men's Dinner

18 April - Church Service 10am

20 April - Open Prayer morning 9am-12

21 May - Parish Council meeting 7pm [no April meeting]

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 supplied by the Anglican Mothers' Union.

1st-15th APRIL:

Rev'd Chris is away. Rev'd Simon will be taking services on the 7th & 14th April.

CHURCH SERVICE - 18 APRIL:

This is being organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and attend a church service and socialise.

A light morning tea will follow.

If you know someone who could benefit from this please pass on or bring them along.

This church service will be offered on the third Thursday, every alternate month.

OPEN PRAYER MORNING - 20 APRIL:

The church will be open from 9am to midday on the third Saturday morning each month.

If there is a time when you need to spend time in quiet prayer or would like someone to pray with you, please take advantage of the open church.

PHOTOCOPY PAPER:

Once again we are extremely low on A4 white photocopy paper in the office. Any donations would be warmly received.

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.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversaries of Marcelo Sikwa'ae and Lyla Twin.

FRUIT-FUL-NESS:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE BIBLE

Our new 7 week series begins today. If you haven't already got your copy of this bible study, please get a copy from the porch.

MEN'S DINNER:

A Men's Dinner has been organised for Monday 15 April at the Lucky Tree Tavern, King Ave, Durack [used to be called Durack Tavern], 6.30 for 7pm. A clipboard is available for names in the foyer.

Contact: Hugh 0412 091 479

FUNERAL SERVICE:

We have received the sad news that Margaret Phillips, wife of Fr Frank, passed away last Sunday. Her funeral service will be held tomorrow, Monday 8 April at 2pm at St George's Anglican Church, 10 Tansey St, Beenleigh.



For God

WEEK 1

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*
Fruit-Full-Ness - For God -

READINGS

SENTENCE:

‘Peace be with you,’ says the Lord. ‘As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

John 20.21

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 31, VERSES 1-11:

The Lord spoke to Moses: See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given skill to all the skilful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the mercy-seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt-offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, and the anointing-oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *PSALM 133*

- 1 Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.**
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**
- 3 It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.**
- 4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 1 TO CHAPTER 2, VERSE 2:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while

we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN, CHAPTER 20,
VERSES 19-31:**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, thank You for giving Your son, Jesus, that we may have our sins forgiven and inherit eternal life. Thank You that You have given gifts to mankind so we can live to glorify You. Help us to recognise our giftings so that we can help and encourage one another on our journey through life. Your son, Jesus, has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith. Receive the prayers we offer now in His name.

We pray today for our world which You created so beautifully and yet we see it scarred by plunder, pollution and destruction. Father, bring new life to Your creation.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Today we pray for the peoples of the world, scarred by cruelty, hatred and war. Bring new life to Your people so they can see Your glory and kindness.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our nation of Australia, scarred by intolerance, prejudice and greed, we pray that You will bring new life to us to be a witness of Your love and compassion.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for Your church, marred by division, discord and disobedience. Revive Your church and make us aware of Your love to be passed on to our brothers and sisters.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the forgotten of our community, impacted by loneliness, rejection and shame, we pray, Jesus, that You will bring new life to our community.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the sad and the needy, feeling sorrow, pain and despair. Heal where healing is needed in the very deepest places of their beings.

In Your mercy, Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have lost loved ones, we pray Lord, that You will be their comfort and strength. Help us recognise the marks of Your presence among us. Bring new life to Your people.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, accept our prayers as we sing the words Jesus Christ our Saviour taught us:

Our Father in Heaven . . .

Prayers compiled by Margurita Smethurst

ROSTERS

Date	7-4-24		14-4-24	
Roster	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang
Preacher	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang	Rev'd Simon Tang
LA Leader	Julie Elliker	Ian Nelson	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Boquee
LA Assistant	-	-		
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Joan Harvey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn
Reader 1	Margurita Smethurst	Rhonda Nelson	Sue Reade	Jenny Bullock
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Norm Booth	Joan Harvey
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Joan Harvey.	Kay O'Brien	Kathy Carter
Chapel Prayers	Margurita Smethurst	Rhonda Nelson	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Kerry/Joan	Kay Morris	Volunteers?
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Malini/Chris	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Margurita Smethurst		Kay O'Brien	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		School Holidays		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

Exodus 31.1-11

Psalms 133

1 John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-31

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 3.12-20

Psalms 4

Romans 12.1-21

Luke 24.36b-48

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 for Feb **\$ 6,826**

Budgeted Amount \$ 7,500.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Brisbane
- The Parish of Maroochydore
- EPIC Assist
- Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera

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, Susan, Tammy, John, Murray, Sharlene, Peter, Cameron, Sally, Russ, Jenny & Bough, Kevin, Robyn, Peter, Mary, Daphne, Joyce, Pam, Sean, Allan & Varrie, Betty, Brian, Karen & Robert, Steve & Julie, John
- 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,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
of all who put their trust in him:
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
that we may ever seek the things which are
above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**