



HOLY SPIRIT  
ALGESTER

# Holy Spirit News

## WELCOME | April 26th 2026

### FEATURED NEWS

## SPECIAL EVENT

Guest Speaker  
Vanessa Fowler OAM

Thursday  
May 7th 7:15pm



Baptism  
Isla & Hugo

Welcome to Isla & Hugo and their family and friends on this special day of their baptism

### MISSION PARTNER

# ABM

Anglican Board of Mission



### 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 the good life look like? Jesus continues to reshape our answer, not by focusing on success or comfort, but on our character and relationships. This week, Jesus moves from the heart to our words and actions. "Let your 'Yes' be yes," he says. In a world where truth is often bent or exaggerated, Jesus calls us to be people of deep integrity, where our words flow from a transformed heart. We don't need to prove our truthfulness if our character is trustworthy. He then challenges how we respond when hurt. Instead of retaliation, Jesus invites us into a different way: absorbing wrong rather than returning it. This is not weakness, but strength rooted in knowing we are secure in God's love. Finally, Jesus calls us to love our enemies. This is the mark of God's children. Just as God shows kindness to all, we are to reflect that same generous love. "Be perfect" here means being whole and mature living a life shaped by God's love.

Today as we celebrate Isla and Hugo's baptism, we are reminded: this is the life we are called into, a life of truth, grace, and love, formed in us by Jesus.

In Christ,  
Rev'd Chris

*Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus*

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1 May** - Mainly Music 10am
- 2 May** - Café & Car Wash 8.30am
- 3 May** - Kids Church resumes
- 7 May** - DV Presentation with Guest Speaker 7.15pm
- 21 May** - Coffee & Chat 10am
- 23 May** - Parish Dinner - clipboard out now for names

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## PARISH DINNER:

Our Parish Dinner is to be held on Saturday 23 May, 6pm for 6.30pm at the Algester Sports Club. A two-course meal, alternate drop, will cost \$50 per person. Children's meals \$8.

Payment can be made via EFT, details on back of Pewsheets, stipulating your name and 'Parish Dinner'. Alternatively, cash can be given in offertory bowl in labelled envelope.

Once payment has been made, please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer.

Please speak with Rhonda if you have any dietary requirements [0412 720 016].

## DV PRESENTATION WITH GUEST SPEAKER VANESSA FOWLER OAM:

May is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Algester Branch of the AMUA has invited Vanessa Fowler OAM, sister of Allison Baden-Clay, to speak to a gathering in the church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 starting at 7.15 pm. Vanessa, the founder of the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation strives to share her sister's story and to educate people about family and domestic violence.

All members of the parish and the general community are invited to attend the gathering. A light supper will be served following the presentation.

## OFFER OF ASSISTANCE:

We have had an offer from Calamvale Lions to assist any needy people in the area and undertake projects. If you know of someone who could benefit, please ring Jane 0416 275 790.

Week 3

# Good Relationships



**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord. ‘The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’  
*John 10.11*

## A READING FROM ACTS, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 42-47:

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

### *Psalm 23*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**
- 3 He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

## I will fear no evil:

**for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

- 5 You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.**

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 1-10:

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner’,  
and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that

you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 5,  
VERSES 33-48:**

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you

greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the great and abiding love you have for us which you showed when you sent your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to live among us and to suffer and die for us, so that we who believe in Him may have forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Rev'd Chris and his family and ask for your blessing upon them.

We thank you for people of faith throughout the world, especially those who live in places where they are in the minority and worshipping you can leave them open to derision and danger and we pray for their protection. We thank you for the freedom we have, to worship you openly and without fear and pray that you will give us courage to share our faith with our families, friends and neighbours.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, when we look at the world today, we see much pain and suffering caused by the situation in the middle east and elsewhere, and we pray that men and women of discernment and courage will be working towards bringing peace to these troubled regions. We pray that you will turn the hearts and minds of world leaders toward this goal and that the wellbeing of their citizens will be uppermost in their minds. Help us to find comfort from the words of Jesus in John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world".

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that whenever we feel small or weak or ineffectual, we know we can ask you for strength, guidance and stamina and you always hear our prayers, however awkward they are, and we pray that you will equip us to do your work with what we have, where we are.

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 Sandra Pearn*

# ROSTERS

Date	26-4-26		3-5-26	
	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	Allan Berry	Lorraine Jones	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Kay Morris	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones
Reader 1	Julie Elliker	Sandra Pearn	Dinnar family	Kathy Carter
Reader 2	Kay O'Brien	Shiprah Allu	Norm Booth	Lorraine Jones
Offertory	Kay Morris	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Kerry/Kathy
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris/Joshua	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Sandra Pearn		Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Ian Nelson		Ruth/Rachel	
Kids Church		Children remain in church for Baptism		Kerry/Niya/Jenny
Baptism		9.00am		

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

## CONTACT INFO

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The Rev'd Juliana Bate

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## READINGS TODAY

Acts 2.42-47

Ps 23

1 Peter 2.1-10

Matthew 5.33-48

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 7.55-60

Ps 31.1-5, 17-18

1 Peter 2.11-25

Matthew 6.1-18

## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

## BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Mission Partners:

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*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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- The Diocese of Wangaratta
- The Parish of Carindale
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region - Sunshine Coast Foster & Kinship Care

### Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner ABM [Anglican Board of Mission] 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,  
whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:  
help us when we hear his voice  
to know him who calls us each by name,  
and to follow where he leads;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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