



FEATURED NEWS

**CAFÉ &
CARWASH**

DONATION

**7TH FEB
8:30AM-12PM**

**\$10
CARWASH**

JAN 25TH

AUSTRALIA DAY

SERVICE 8AM

**followed by an OZ
themed morning
tea**

MISSION PARTNER

Church Missionary Society



A world that knows Jesus

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

At the Jordan River, Jesus steps into the waters of baptism not because he needs repentance, but to stand fully with us. Matthew tells us that as Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens are opened, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father declares, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." It is a moment of breathtaking revelation.

The people of Israel were filled with expectation, longing for God to act. John the Baptist knew his role was not to draw attention to himself, but to point beyond himself to the one who was coming. True faith and true ministry always do the same: they point us to Jesus.

Jesus begins his public ministry not with power or spectacle, but with humility and obedience. His identity is affirmed before he does anything remarkable: he is God's beloved Son.

This matters deeply for us. Through our own baptism, we are joined to Christ and named as God's beloved children. Before we strive, achieve, or prove ourselves, God speaks love over us. Grounded in that love, and strengthened by the Spirit, we are sent to live faithfully in the world, confident that God is with us and well pleased.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

7 February - Café & Car Wash 8.30am

NEW MISSION GIVING ACCOUNT:

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

PARISH & MISSION GIVING ENVELOPES:

We have printed our own envelopes for 2026 in a bid to be economical. These will be available all year round from the foyer, on a 'take-as-you-need' basis.

OFFERTORY:

We still have our offertory bowl in the foyer, however the red offertory bags will also be passed around in preparation for our bigger services over Christmas. A card option may be available over Christmas/New Year.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2025:

Would leaders of the various ministry groups within the Parish please start thinking about their reports for the Report Booklet.

We need these into the office end of January/beginning of February.

REV'D CHRIS AWAY:

Rev'd Chris will be on leave from 31-12-25 until 16-1-26 when he will be back in the office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:

Office will be closed from 1pm 24 December and re-open 9 January 9am.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversaries of Ezra Halafoou, Tinotenda Mungate and Rylan Young.





A vibrant, cartoon-style banner for "SUMMER HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES". The banner features a large, stylized sun with orange rays at the top. Below the sun, the word "SUMMER" is written in large, yellow, block letters with a brown outline. Underneath "SUMMER", the words "HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES" are written in orange, block letters with a brown outline. The background of the banner is a bright blue sky with white clouds. At the bottom of the banner is a green grassy hill with small white flowers. On the left side, a pineapple character wearing sunglasses and a swimsuit holds a beach ball. On the right side, a watermelon character wearing sunglasses and a swimsuit holds a surfboard. The overall theme is a fun, summer vacation.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON NOTES:

READINGS

SENTENCE:

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.
Matthew 3.17

A READING FROM ISAIAH, CHAPTER 42, VERSES 1-9:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the
earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched
them out,
who spread out the earth and what
comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in
righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept
you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the

dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *Psalm 29*

- 1 **Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:**
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:**
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:**
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **He makes them skip like a calf:**
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

8 **The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

10 **The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

**A READING FROM ACTS, CHAPTER 10,
VERSES 34-43:**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to

the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 3,
VERSES 13-17:**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Life-giving God, we bring to you our prayers for the world and for the church.

At the dawn of time your Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep and brought form and life to your creation: overshadow your world today and give to us a new sense of wonder and responsibility for this planet and all its creatures.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the days of the great flood you saved Noah from the waters of death and made a covenant with Noah and his descendants: look with compassion today on all in danger from natural disaster and from those catastrophes that we inflict ourselves.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In ancient times you brought your chosen people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea: liberate your people today who are held in the bondage of cruelty, oppression or injustice, so they may live in dignity, freedom and hope.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the waters of the River Jordan, your Son Jesus Christ was baptised with those he came to save: bring your people today to seek the salvation that you offer so we may turn away from all that holds us in the power of evil.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Through the waters of baptism you seal us as your own and make us one with all who bear your name: empower us with your spirit to faithfully serve you and proclaim your good news of justice, peace, redemption and love.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, whose will it is that everyone should be saved, bless the Church Missionary Society and those who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, you named him your beloved Son and anointed him with power for ministry: bring healing today to those who are sick, hope to those in despair and comfort to the lost and lonely ones of our community.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Everliving God,
by the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us to new and everlasting life: may we so pattern our lives on your Son, that we, also, may be found pleasing in your eyes and take our place with your beloved daughters and sons of every time and nation.

God, in your mercy,
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 Let Us Pray, by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	11-1-26	18-1-26
Roster	8.00am	8.00am
Worship Leader	Fr Frank Phillips	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Fr Frank Phillips	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker
Greeter	Rhonda Nelson	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Kathy Carter	Rosemary Kake
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Sandra Pearn
Reader 2	Jenny Bullock	Sama O'Brien
Offertory	Kathy Carter	Rosemary Kake
Chapel Prayers	-	-
Morning Tea	Rachel/Cheryl	Sharon/Hugh
Music Leader	Ruth/Michael	Ruth/Michael
AV Operator	Ian/Rhonda	Ian/Rhonda
Prayers of the people	<i>Taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>	<i>Taken from 'Let Us Pray'</i>
Counting	Ruth Barton	Dianne Bocquee
Kids Church	In Recess School Holidays	In Recess School Holidays
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 dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution will make a significant difference to maintaining the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

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READINGS TODAY

Isaiah 42.1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 3.13-17

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-14
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

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 to Oct **\$63,114.90**
Budgeted Jan to Oct **\$75,000.00**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- The Diocese of Gippsland
- The Parish of Hamilton
- Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern Qld (ACSQ)
- Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministries
- St Hilda's School, Southport

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Church Missionary Society [CMS].

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, Lorraine, Gwen, Bev
- 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,
who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son:
inspire us, your children,
who are born again of water and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**