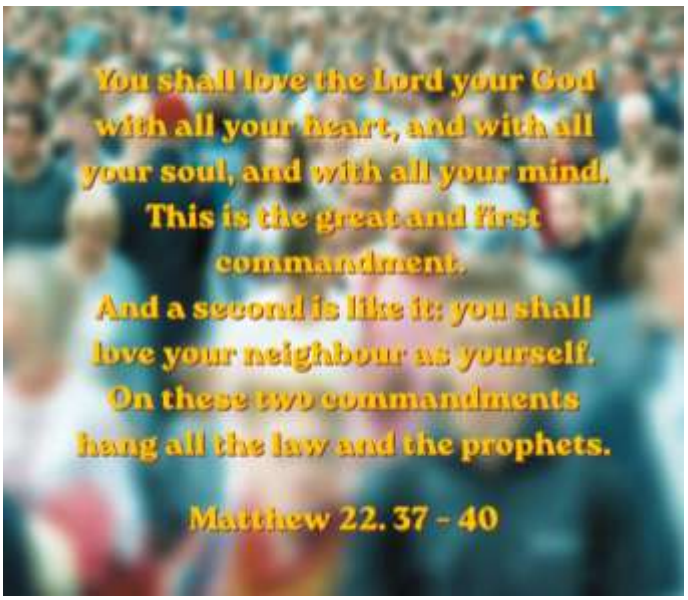
HOLY SPIRIT
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Holy Spirit News
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FEATURED NEWS





MISSION PARTNER

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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 baptised member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion. Please join us after the service for refreshments!

FROM THE VICAR

As we finish our series, Romans: The Power of the Gospel, Paul reminds us that the Christian life is not free from suffering, but we never face it alone. Think about the people who have helped you along the way. They may have given their time, wisdom, encouragement or even money. Often, they have sacrificed something of themselves to help us overcome obstacles and become the people God made us to be.

In Romans 8, Paul reminds us that God has done something far greater for us. He gave his own Son, Jesus Christ, for us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be confident that nothing can separate us from God's love.

Paul does not pretend that life is easy. We experience grief, disappointment, anxiety and uncertainty. Creation itself groans as it waits for God to make all things new. Yet even when we struggle to find the words to pray, God's Spirit helps us in our weakness. Our hope is not that everything will go according to our plans, but that God remains with us through it all.

So, this week, remember the words of Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And as we receive God's love, let us share it with others giving our time, encouragement and practical help to those facing obstacles of their own.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

30 October – Mainly Music 10am
31 October – Working Bee - 7am
17 November – Parish Council Mtg 7pm
21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls 4.30pm-6.30pm

MAINLY MUSIC:

Our team of helpers for Mainly Music has decreased recently so we are looking for some new recruits. If you are free on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30 am perhaps you would like to volunteer. You don't have to sing and dance but you can if you want to. There is plenty to do in the kitchen, or setting up for the session, or talking to the mums and children, or greeting families at the entry table, or packing up. Most people who join us seem to enjoy their Friday mornings.
If you are interested please see Jenny Bullock or write me an email at jennybullock@live.com.au

WORKING BEE:

To get our grounds spruced up as we race towards the Christmas period, we will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 31 October from 7am. Work includes trimming, moving piles of green waste into a skip & general site tidy.

We have most tools here, however a couple of wheelbarrows would be handy plus don't forget sunscreen, drink bottle, closed-in footwear, gloves & hat!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Whether you have been attending for years or have recently made this your church home, we would love for you to join our Parish Roll. Registering helps us care for our church family, stay connected, and keep you updated on parish life and community events. Please take a few moments to fill out your details at www.holyspiritalgester.com/membership or see Ruth.



SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES*:

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Who has helped you when you faced something difficult? How can we remember that God is with us when life is hard?

PLAN

As A family create a door hanger with the words on it “Nothing can separate us from God's love!” Decorate it with hearts, crosses, or pictures of the family. Put it on your front door where you will see it every day.

PRAY

Loving Father, thank you that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus. When life is difficult, help us trust you and remember that your Spirit is with us. Help us to share your love by encouraging and helping others. Amen.

READINGS

SENTENCE:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22.37–40

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY, CHAPTER 34, VERSES 1-12:
Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord , died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord 's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:
Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.
3 You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.
13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.
14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.
17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 8, VERSES 18-39:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free

from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 22, VERSES 34-46:

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'
He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet' "?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

PRAYERS

O God, your love for your children is without end, and you teach us to love you in return: hear the prayers we bring for all your people.

We pray for the peoples of the world, for our neighbours whose lives are made miserable by poverty, homelessness, oppression or war.
Help us to struggle for justice and peace with wise minds, courageous hearts and souls that thirst for righteousness.
O God, teach us to love you, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your worldwide church, for our neighbours of other traditions and faiths, for those with whom we eat at your table, and for all who seek to know you.
Help us to wrestle with your gospel with inquiring minds, burning hearts and souls that thirst for truth.
O God, teach us to love you, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in this community, for our neighbours with whom we live and work and play, for all who are disadvantaged, for our families, our friends and for ourselves.
Help us to persevere to build true community with enlightened minds, welcoming hearts and souls that thirst for reconciliation.
O God, teach us to love you, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of OzHarvest: rescuing food, feeding people, and caring for creation.
Bless their staff, volunteers, and partners.
Strengthen them as they reduce waste, nourish the hungry, and work for a more sustainable future.
Open our hearts to share generously, to live responsibly, and to honour the gift of your creation.
O God, teach us to love you, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in trouble or distress, for our neighbours whose lives are filled with grief or despair, loneliness, sickness or pain.
Help us to reach out to those who need us with understanding minds, generous hearts and souls that thirst for compassion.
O God, teach us to love you, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your faithful servants of every age, for all who have followed your law of love.
Expand our minds, inflame our hearts and seduce our souls, that we too may worthily love you, and at our life's end raise us up to share with you in glory.
O God, teach us to love you, and our neighbours as ourselves.
Loving 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 taken from Let Us Pray by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	25-10-26		1-11-26	
	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	Lorraine Jones	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Shereen Alwin	Dinnar family	Ian Nelson
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Joan Harvey	Shereen Alwin
Offertory	Joan Harvey	Kathy Carter	Robyn Brodie	Lorraine Jones
Chapel Prayers	-	Dianne Bocquee	-	Rhonda Nelson
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	tba
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian Scott	Rhonda/Ian	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	*Prayers taken from Let Us Pray*		Sandra Pearn	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Ian Nelson	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/tba
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

Deuteronomy 34.1-12
Ps 90.1-6, 13-17
Romans 8.18-39
Matthew 22.34-46

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jonah 1
Ps 34.1-10, 22
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

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—Aug $52,250.35
Budgeted Jan—Aug $53,333.33

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Diocese of The Northern Territory
- The Parish of Lutwyche
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, South East Region - Gold Coast Foster & Kinship Care
- All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner OZ Harvest 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, Karen, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, PoiPoi Hemana Poetolu, David
- 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 and everlasting God,
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;
and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**