



FEATURED NEWS



CAFE & CARWASH




\$10 CARWASH

DONATION

7TH DEC
8:30AM-12PM

MISSION PARTNER



Christmas Bowl

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

Advent is a season of anticipation, a time of looking forward with hope. Throughout history, God's people have longed for deliverance, waiting for promises to be fulfilled. The prophets of the Old Testament stood as God's messengers, speaking words of warning, comfort, and hope. Their voices carried the assurance that God was at work, even in the darkest times.

This Advent, our series *Foretold: God Has Spoken by His Prophets*, invites us to hear those ancient promises afresh and to see how they find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We begin with Jeremiah 33:14-16, a message spoken in a time of despair and uncertainty for God's people. The kingdom was crumbling, the exile loomed, and hope seemed distant. Yet, through Jeremiah, God proclaimed a promise of restoration: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promise I made." This promise points to a Righteous Branch from David's line who will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

This passage reminds us that God's promises never fail. In Christ, the Righteous Branch, we find the fulfillment of Jeremiah's words and the assurance that God's justice and peace will ultimately prevail. As we light the first candle of Advent, we are called to trust in God's promises, knowing that through Jesus, justice, righteousness, and hope have come—and will come in fullness.

In Christ
Rev'd Chris

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 December - Packing of Christmas Hampers

4 December - Special Service for Activism Against Gender Violence 9.30am

6 December - Mainly Music Break-up 10am

7 December - Café & Car Wash 8.30am

15 December - Carols & Glow Sticks 6.30pm

24 December - Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm

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25 December - Christmas Day Service 8am

29 December - ONE Service Only 8am

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS:

Today is the last opportunity in which to bring in donations. The response for grocery items has been fabulous! A huge thank you to all who have responded so readily and generously. We will be assembling the hampers from 8.30am on Tuesday ready to give out.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER:

There is a blank roster in the porch area for people to add names to assist with the three Christmas Services. Many thanks to those who have put their names down, however there are still plenty of spaces to fill. Thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

There is an assortment of Christmas Cards, \$1, and greeting cards \$1.20, in the foyer. These are for sale to support the Algester Branch of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia.

SPECIAL SERVICE:

Rev'd Chris will lead a special Service at Church of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 4th December to pray for the end of domestic violence and for the victims of such violence. The Service will begin at 9.30 am and all members of the Parish are invited to attend. The AMUA supports the 16 Days of Gender-based Violence campaign which begins on 25th November and finishes

on 10th December. Appropriate prayers for each of the 16 days are posted on the AMUA Facebook page or a written copy is available in the church foyer.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversaries of Arthur Johnston, Emilia Stokman and Oliver Mizzen.



WEEK 1



JEREMIAH - THE DAYS ARE COMING

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON NOTES:
Foretold: God has Spoken by his prophets

READINGS

SENTENCE:

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

A READING FROM JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 33, VERSES 14-16:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *Psalm 25.1-10*

1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 **Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in the ways of your truth,
and teach me:**

for you are the God of my salvation.

5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

6 **Call to mind your compassion and
your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on
me.

8 **Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the
way.**

9 The meek he will guide in the path of
justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

10 **All the paths of the Lord are faithful
and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his
commandments.**

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 9-13:

How can we thank God enough for you
in return for all the joy that we feel
before our God because of you? Night
and day we pray most earnestly that we
may see you face to face and restore
whatever is lacking in your faith. Now
may our God and Father himself and our
Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And

may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE,
CHAPTER 21, VERSES 25-38:**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, as the new day dawns on this Advent Sunday, we give thanks for the first glimmers of the light which remind us of the coming of your Son Jesus Christ.

We believe that your light has the power to overcome all our darkness and pray that throughout the Season of Advent we may share in the mystery of your coming into the world.

Father, hear our prayer,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Loving God, we dedicate to you all of the activities organised by our church during Advent and pray for all who will attend. Let it be that through prayer, praise and music they may make their own preparations for a Holy Christmas.

Father, hear our prayer,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Father God, although we are sometimes separated by language and culture from the people we live amongst, our hope for our community is to see your will done here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our neighbours, not only with words, but day by day, that through our actions we might demonstrate our Christian faith in a very real sense.

In our cycle of prayer we pray for:

- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate – †Geoff Smith; The General Secretary – Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee
- The Parish of Goodna
- Anglicare Australia
- State Chaplaincy Board

In our church community we pray for:

Rev'd Chris and family, Liturgical Assistants and all who help with ministry here at Algester. We give thanks that our Parish is so blessed to have you. We pray for the Wardens and Parish Council and give thanks for all those who have been called to your service Lord and pray that the Parish Council will continue your work here in Algester.

Father, hear our prayer,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Gracious God, we raise before you the ill, the lonely and distressed and especially those without hope for the future. We pray for healing, wholeness and hope in their lives and we pray for ourselves. Help us to bring life and love, joy and hope, to those who live in despair.

Father, hear our prayer,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Merciful God, we remember those who have died and pray for those who are bereaved. May the light of Christ which eternally shines bring hope to their dark places.

Loving God, as we go into our Advent journey in faith, we ask you in hope to minister to our needs.

O come, O Come, Emmanuel and fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Merciful father: accept our prayers as we sing the words given us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:

Our Father in Heaven . . .

ROSTERS

Date	1-12-24		8-12-24	
Roster	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	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee	Harry McGuire	Harry McGuire
LA Assistant				Karl Lingard
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Kay O'Brien	Joan Harvey	Robyn Brodie	Sandra Pearn
Reader 1	Ross Dinnar	Karl Lingard	Norm Booth	Carol Booth
Reader 2	James Dinnar	Joan Harvey	Sue Reade	Kath Lingard
Offertory	Kay O'Brien	Joan Harvey	Robyn Brodie	Sandra Pearn
Chapel Prayers		Sandra Pearn	-	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Kay Morris	Joan/Kerry	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia
Music Leader	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	James Dinnar	Malini/Chris	Norm/Adrian	Rhonda/Ian
Prayers of the people	Ross Dinnar		Rhonda Nelson	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Ruth Barton	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry		In Recess

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

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-10

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-38

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Malachi 3.1-4

Song of Zechariah

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

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 July to Sep **\$19,401.10**

Budgeted Amount \$ 22,500.00

Giving Jan to Sep **\$65,206.85**

Budgeted Jan to Sep \$67,500.00

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- The Anglican Church of Australia
- The Parish of Goodna
- Anglicare Australia
- State Chaplaincy Board

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Christmas Bowl 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, Dennis, Russ, Jenny & Bough, Peter, Robert, Jenny, Daphne, Pam, Sean, Betty, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Allan & Varrie, Keitha, Ron
- 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,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son
Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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