



**FEATURED NEWS**

**Welcome  
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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 conclude our series, Who's in Control?, we come to Jesus' powerful teaching in Matthew 25:31-46. Here, He describes the final judgment, a moment when the Son of Man sits in glory to separate the nations, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. This passage leaves no doubt about who is in control—Jesus is the ultimate judge and King. Yet His judgment is surprising. The criteria are not religious rituals or grand accomplishments but simple acts of compassion: feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Jesus identifies so closely with the vulnerable that He declares, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." This passage challenges us to reflect on how we live under Jesus' authority. Are our lives marked by self-centred control, or do they reflect His priorities of love and mercy? The call is clear: surrendering to God's control means actively participating in His kingdom by serving others. As we end this series, let us commit to living with Jesus as our King, trusting His authority, and embodying His compassion, knowing that in serving others, we honour the One who reigns overall.

In Christ  
Rev'd Chris

**Christmas  
Hampers**

**1 week left**

to bring food donations  
for Christmas Hampers



**MISSION PARTNER**

**ARCHBISHOP'S  
2024 NOVEMBER  
APPEAL**



Enhancing Primary Education in the  
Philippines.

You are invited to support the growth of St  
Mark's Children's Learning Centre as it  
provides an educational future for hundreds  
of local children.



# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**29 November** - Mainly Music 10am

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

**15 December** - Carols & Glow Sticks 6.30pm

**24 December** - Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm

**24 December** - Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm

**25 December** - Christmas Day Service 8am

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

It has been wonderful to see food items arriving at the church so we can make up Christmas hampers for delivery to families in plenty of time for Christmas. We have also contacted chaplains at local schools with the offer of hampers and it would seem there is a bigger demand for supply of hampers than in previous years.

Baskets are available in the foyer to leave items. **Next Sunday is the last opportunity in which to bring in donations!!**

## CHRISTMAS ROSTER:

There is a blank roster in the porch area for people to add names to assist with the three Christmas Services. 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.

## THANK YOU:

Members of the AMUA would like to thank all parishioners who donated food or funds to the morning tea on 14th November for Year 12 students from Forest Lake College. Staff and students were most appreciative and the day went well.

## 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.

**CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 15, 2024 AT 6.30 PM**  
followed by refreshments

@ Holy Spirit Anglican Church  
362 Algester Rd, Algester  
[www.holyspirit.algester.com](http://www.holyspirit.algester.com)



**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*  
*Who's in Control:*

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.  
*Revelation 5.12*

## A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL, CHAPTER 23, VERSES 1-7:

Now these are the last words of David:  
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:  
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.  
Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: *Psalm 132.1-12*

1 Lord, remember David and all his trouble:  
how he swore an oath to the Lord,  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;  
2 **'I will not enter the shelter of my house:  
nor climb into the comfort of my bed;**  
3 'I will not give sleep to my eyes:  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
4 **'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord:  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'**  
5 Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah:  
we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.  
6 **Let us go to the place of his dwelling:  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.**  
7 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place:  
you, and the ark of your might.  
8 **Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:  
and let your faithful ones shout for joy.**  
9 For the sake of David your servant:  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.  
10 **The Lord has sworn to David:  
an oath which he will not break;**  
11 'One who is the fruit of your body:  
I will set upon your throne.

**12 'If your children will keep my covenant and the commands which I teach them: their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.'**

**A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 4B-8:**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 25, VERSES 31-46:**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the

goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Almighty God*, beginning and end, you gave us a king, a faithful witness, a speaker of eternal truth; we look forward to His coming again. As we soon enter the season of Advent may we your faithful people sing joyfully as Our Saviour came into the world to save us and we anticipate His coming again, to complete all things.

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

*Creator God*, the world made for us was perfect; overall, we have not been faithful stewards. Encourage us to be mindful of our resources, to use them equitably and sensibly. Help us share, especially when we know people are in need and insecure about their daily existence. Thank you for the generosity of people in this place as they have responded to the call to share your bounty in gifts of love.

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

*Father God*, we thank you for the Church and its mission. We hold up to you for your care the Church in England as it copes with dramatic and tumultuous events. Send them the person that you want to guide them through the sea of hurt, distrust, and fear on which they find themselves being tossed about. Bring serenity and healing to those who are victims of a thorny and predatory agent of evil. Thank you that we have already moved in this diocese to redress and address vile and contemptible acts, that so much work has been done and yet there is more to be done. As our Archbishop has called us to be, we must all be vigilant and be protective of vulnerable people.

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

*Generous God*, thank you for the faithful clergy and lay ministers we have here. Especially we pray for a blessing on Rev'd Chris, Rev'd Juliana and their family. Thank you for all who contribute, encourage, toil and sacrifice to advance your kingdom.

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

Gracious God, we give thanks for people called to stand between strangers and harm. Especially bless and protect the valiant members of QPS, QAS and QFES. Keep them safe; may they acquit themselves with grace and honour, even in the most difficult circumstances. Shield them from emotional, physical and spiritual harm. Equip them to cope with the wretchedness with which they often contend. Refresh them with rest and times for self-care. Protect the loved ones waiting for them to return at the end of their shifts. We ask in the name of the one who sacrificed Himself for all, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Healing God*, we hold up to you those on our prayer list and now name [the congregation may name people]. Meet them in their circumstances and give them the warm and gentle assurance of your presence.

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

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

**Our Father in Heaven . . .**

# ROSTERS

Date	24-11-24		1-12-24	
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	Stephen Harrison, Anglicare	Stephen Harrison, Anglicare	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Sue Reade	Allan Berry	Julie Elliker	Dianne Bocquee
LA Assistant		Karl Lingard		
Greeter	-	Joan Harvey	-	Kerry Tovey
Sidesperson	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Kay O'Brien	Joan Harvey
Reader 1	Norm Booth	Carol Booth	Ross Dinnar	Karl Lingard
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Kath Lingard	James Dinnar	Joan Harvey
Offertory	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Kay O'Brien	Joan Harvey
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth		Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Jeanette Clark	Malini/Cecelia	Kay Morris	Joan/Kerry
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton	Ross Dinnar	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Adrian/Norm	Malini/Chris	James Dinnar	Malini/Chris
Prayers of the people	Ian Nelson		Ross Dinnar	
Counting	Rhonda Nelson		Malini Ramachandrom	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Jenny/Kerry

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

2 Samuel 23.1-7

Psalm 132.1-12

Revelation 1.4b-8

Matthew 25.31-46

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 25.1-10

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-38

## 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 Anglican Church of South America
- The Diocese of Tasmania
- The Parish of East Redland
- Anglicare SQ Home and Community, West Region
- Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools

Missions:

- We pray for Archbishop's 2024 November Appeal which seeks to support the growth of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Philippines.

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

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of  
good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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