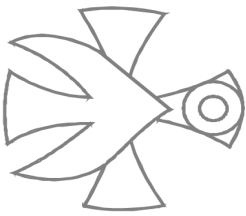



Date	2-12-18 First Sunday of Advent		9-12-18 Second Sunday of Advent	
Colour	Purple		Purple	
Theme	Hope		Peace	
Readings	1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Ps 25.1-10 Luke 21.25-38		Malachi 3.1-4 Song of Zechariah [APAB p.10] Philippians 1.1-11 Luke 3.1-6	
Roster	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell
Preacher	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Cheryl Selvage	Revd Cheryl Selvage
LA Leader	Margurita Smethurst	Dianne Bocquee	Julie Elliker	Carol Booth
LA Server	-	Allan Berry	-	-
Greeter	-	Russ Daly	-	Joan Harvey
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Sandra Pearn	Kay O'Brien	Russ Daly
Reader 1	James Sloan	Julie Elliker	Norm Booth	Russ Daly
Reader 2	-	-	Rosemary Kake	Dianne Bocquee
Offertory	Robyn Brodie Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn Julie Elliker	Kay O'Brien Adrian Scott	Russ Daly Joan Harvey
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	Margurita Smethurst	Dianne Bocquee
Morning Tea	Kay O'Brien	Audrey Allsop	Sharon Everton	Malini Ramachandrom
Music Leader	Ross Dinnar	Glenn Rehbein	Michael Po Saw	Darcie Rehbein
IT Operator	Adrian Scott	Chris Thillainathan	Rosemary Kake	Ian Nelson
Prayers of the People	Allan Berry		Hugh Everton	
Counting	Malini Ramachandrom		Joan Harvey	
S.School Yahweh Youth		In Recess School Holidays		In Recess School Holidays
		Cazna Gardens Revd Jane Mitchell Carol Booth Norm Booth		Carrington Revd Morris Rangiwai Robyn Brodie

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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ALGESTER**
362 Algester Road, Algester Q. 4115

Our Parish's Mission
*We share meaning, purpose and direction for today
and hope for tomorrow through Jesus Christ.*



ANGLICAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA

Sunday, December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

ADVENT

Advent is traditionally a time of preparation for Christmas. It is said that the door to the stable where the Christ-child has been born is very low - and only those who kneel find access. Being ready for Christmas should mean that our thoughts are focused not just on letters, cards and presents, but on repentance, humbling and interior 'housecleaning'.

John the Baptist warned his hearers to prepare a way for the Lord - to make a clear and level pathway. This involves removing any boulders that stand in the way, and filling in any potholes. The boulders are the things we have done that we should not have done; the potholes are the things we have failed to do which we obviously should have done. The more, as individuals, family or congregation, we are focused in this way, the less we will be overwhelmed by the commercialization of Christmas.

Special Communion Bread is available for people who have gluten intolerance - see Rev'd Jane.

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Service Times

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

362 Algester Road, Algester

HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays 7.00am & 9.00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YAHWEH YOUTH

Sundays during 9.00am worship

Cazna Gardens Retirement Village

465 Hellowell Road, Sunnybank Hills
1st Sunday each month 10.30am

Carrington Retirement Village

16 Blairmount Street, Parkinson
2nd Sunday each month 10.30am

Baptisms, Weddings and Pastoral Services by arrangement

Pastoral Care & Home Communion

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Mainly Music Jenny Bullock 3800 4651

Men's Group Hugh Everton 0412 091 479

MU Australia Pat Thorne 3805 5219

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Sunday School Parish Office 3273 7169

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we thank you that you promise us where two or three are gathered in your name, you are there in their midst. We welcome your presence amongst us this day.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father at this time we pray for the communities under threat from the ferocious fires in Central Queensland. We pray for the families who have lost their homes, and we pray they will be able to rebuild their lives after this disaster. We also pray for the local fire fighters plus those fire fighters who have travelled great distances to assist. Keep them all safe during their battles we pray.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father we pray for blessings on the church and our clergy. We pray for Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and our Regional Bishop John Roundhill. Give us wisdom and understanding as we hear from our parish priest's Reverend Jane and Father Morris. Bless them and their families we pray.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father we thank you that we are a giving parish. We thank you for the many missions/groups and individuals we support. May we continue to support the many who are in need.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father we now pray for those friends and family members requiring your comfort and healing for any physical, emotional or mental illness. Through us make your presence real to all those in need. We particularly pray for those who have asked for our prayers and are listed in today's pewsheet; we pray for...
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord Jesus, you overcame the sting of death, and opened the gates of heaven to all believers. At this time we remember those who have died in the faith, and gone on to glory, especially those we have known and loved.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, may the peace which comes from Jesus Christ be always in our hearts and lives. Please hear the prayers we offer in faith, and grant our requests according to your will.

Accept our prayers through your dear Son Jesus Christ who taught us to pray **Our Father in heaven...**

Prayers compiled by Allan Berry

As we pray for those in need ...

Les [Mitch]; Samuel; Rob Nelson; Nicole; Pat; Dahlia & family, Gordon Brown; Lina M; Robyn; Dianne H; Karen; Margaret Culotta; Kay Turnbull; Mary Loweke; Christina; Tear & family; Tanika & Jordan; Kathy Carter; Rod Hoffmann; Sharon; Bill; Neil, Ben and Jonny; Susan & Andrew; Hilda; Charlotte; Tammy; Niamh; Paul Warhurst; Catherine; Jason, Tara & Kayden; Michael; John Drinkwater

Baptism Anniversaries this month:

22nd Tyler Jaxon Jones

29th Marley Joseph Everton



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

Once again we will be providing Christmas Hampers to at least 7 families known to us.

It would be most appreciated if we could start bringing food items to the church from now on so we can make up hampers in time for delivery to families the week before Christmas.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER 7.30AM

Lots of workers needed for a big tidy up of grounds prior to Christmas!!

ADVENT STUDIES

If you would like to join one of the following studies, please speak with Jane or Kerry:

Monday 7pm Held at the Church
Wednesday 7pm Algester/Forestdale
Friday 9.30am Held at the Church

MEN'S BREAK-UP DINNER THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER RUNCORN TAVERN 6.30 FOR 7PM

We are having our final get-together for the year. Please fill in clipboard for numbers.

Contact: Hugh Everton 0412 091 479

CAROLS ON THE CORNER

Sunday 2 December

5.30pm for 6pm

The Samoan and Maori congregations will be joining us once again and we are asking for all to bring food to share. We will also have a sausage sizzle on the go.

Food from 5.30pm
Carols from 6.00pm

TONIGHT!!!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ROSTER

It would be much appreciated if you would add your name if you are able to assist at any of these services.

Donations of A4 Photocopy paper are needed in Parish Office please!

Coffee & Chat THURSDAY 13 December 10.00am in the Hall

This is being organised for aged-care residents and local residents who don't always have the opportunity to go out and socialise.

If you know someone who could benefit from a time of fellowship, entertainment and great food, please speak with Rhonda.

Rhonda would appreciate donations of sandwiches to help cater for the morning tea. If you are able to assist in this way, please contact Rhonda
[0412 720 016]

W.I.S.H - WHAT'S STORE HERE

Sunday December 2nd, 2018

Today	7.00am	Holy Communion
	8.15am	Election of Office Bearers
	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Cazna Gardens Retirement Village
	5.30 for 6pm	Carols on the Corner: see pg.6

Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 6 December	6.30 for 7pm	Men's Dinner: see pg.7 & clipboard
Friday, 7 December	10.00am	Mainly Music: Final for 2018
	1.30pm	Men's Shed
Saturday, 8 December	7.30am	WORKING BEE—lots of workers needed! (Many hands make light work.)
Thursday, 13 December	10.00am	Coffee & Chat—see page 6
Sunday, 16 December	5.00pm	Sunday Evening Worship
Monday, 24 December	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Celebrations
	10.45pm	Supper
	11.15pm	Christmas Night Celebrations
Tuesday, 25 December	8.00am	Christmas Day Celebrations
Sunday, 30 December	8.00am	ONE SERVICE ONLY
Monday, 31 December	5.30pm	New Year's Eve Service

MISSION - DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BOWL

PRAYER AND READINGS

THEME: HOPE

SENTENCE:

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

Luke 21.28

OUR PARISH PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, help us to grow in love, faith and obedience as we discover meaning and direction for today and hope for tomorrow through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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

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.**

DECEMBER 2, 2018 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.**

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'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

FINANCIAL DETAILS FOR 2018

Average monthly income	\$22,000
Average monthly expenses	\$24,000
Money raised by donations/ Fundraising	\$28,134.63
Grant towards hall kitchen Renovation	\$20,000
Hall Kitchen expenditure	\$49,354.36

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Monday 24th December:

7.00pm FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

10.45pm Supper

11.00pm Carols

**11.15pm CHRISTMAS NIGHT
CELEBRATIONS**

Tuesday 25th December:

**8.00am CHRISTMAS DAY
CELEBRATIONS**