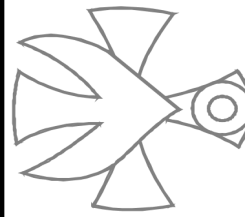


Date	23-12-18 Fourth Sunday of Advent		30-12-18 First Sunday after Christmas	
Colour	Purple		White	
Theme	Love			
Readings	Micah 5.2-5a Ps 80.1-7 Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-55		1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 Ps 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52	
Roster	700am	9.00am	8.00am	
Worship Leader	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	
Preacher	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	Revd Jane Mitchell	
LA Leader	Rosemary Kake	Julie Elliker	Margurita Smethurst	
LA Server	-	-	-	
Greeter	-	Rhonda Nelson	Russ Daly	
Sidesperson	Ossie Brown	Kerry Tovey	James Sloan	
Reader 1	Kay O'Brien	Sandra Pearn	Russ Daly	
Reader 2	James Sloan	Rhonda Nelson	Jenny Bullock	
Offertory	Robyn Brodie Sharon Everton	Kerry Tovey Dianne Bocquee	James Sloan Allan Berry	
Chapel Prayers	-	Carol Booth	Rhonda Nelson	
Morning Tea	Sharon Everton	Alice Hudson	Kay O'Brien	
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	
IT Operator		Ian Nelson	Ian Nelson	
Prayers of the People	Rob Hetherington		Sandra Pearn	
Counting	Ruth Barton		Rhonda Nelson	
S.School Yahweh Youth		In Recess School Holidays	In Recess School Holidays	

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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 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

POPULAR LOVE POEM

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He will make me lie down in green pastures.
and lead me beside still waters.
He will refresh my soul.
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
For you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me.
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life.
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

***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 Hellawell 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**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A little child, a shining star. A stable crude, a door ajar.
Yet in that place, so bare, forlorn. The hope of all the world was born.

Help us Father, in this Christmas season to come closer to Jesus. Help us to love one another and to make our world a happier place.
We ask you, **Father to hear our prayer.**

Australia, this Great Land of ours. We and all the earth reflects Your endless mystery, Lord.

Your Mystery your Majesty and your Mercy. Forgive us if we sometimes pass by without noticing and in failing to protect this world of yours.
We ask you, **Father to hear our prayer.**

Lord, We wait for you this Christmas to come with your gifts of peace and joy. Please help us to spread your goodwill with everyone we meet. Please give safe traveling to all who are traveling to meet loved ones.
We ask you, **Father to hear our prayer.**

Dear Father, This Christmas we would like to pray for all those who are away from loved ones through sickness or times of trouble. For those who are homeless, we ask that you reach out to them in a special way and assure them of your love.
We ask you, **Father to hear our prayer.**

For the times when we love, when we laugh, when we sing or cry, when life is hard: Lord Jesus, give us grace to thank you for these times and to look to you for strength and perseverance.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our Father in heaven...**

Prayers compiled by Rob Hetherington

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; Helen & Mark; Jimmy Hetherington

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
31 December
5.30pm**

Come along, reflect and give thanks for 2018 and pray for 2019.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Weekly Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are now available for collection at the back of the church.

Please take a set as there is no need to record names.

Leaders of all ministry groups are asked to have their reports into the office by mid January as these will be distributed in the Report book for all to read prior to the A.G.M.

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

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

Sunday December 23rd, 2018

Today

7.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Holy Communion

8.00AM SERVICE ONLY NEXT SUNDAY!!

Forthcoming Events

Monday, 24 December 7.00pm Christmas Eve Family Celebrations
10.45pm Supper
11.00pm Carols
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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ROSTER

In particular we need assistance at the 7pm Christmas Eve Service and 8am Christmas Day Service.

It would be much appreciated if you could put your name down to help at either of these services.

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

MISSION - DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BOWL

*The Christmas Bowl Appeal of Act for Peace,
the international aid agency of the National
Council of Churches in Australia*



THEME: LOVE

SENTENCE:

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1.45

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:

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF MICAH, CHAPTER 5, VERSES 2-5A:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

PSALM 80.1-7

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
2. **Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**
3. *Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
4. **O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure.

6. **You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7. *Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS, CHAPTER 10, VERSES 5-10:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 39-55:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted

Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

'And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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