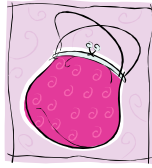




Handbag Extravaganza



You are invited to our HANDBAG EXTRAVAGANZA "Cuppa for Cancer" Fundraiser

on Thursday 15th May @ 9.30am
in our church hall.

BIDDING AUCTION OF CELEBRITY HANDBAGS.
SILENT AUCTION OF GENTLY LOVED, HAN DMADE,
& EMBROIDERED HANDBAGS



Prizes for best original/unusual/
decorated or created bags from
recycled materials.



Cost—\$5 includes morning tea,
Lucky Door Prize
Raffles

Purchase shopping bags,
Ced's beautiful roses



Please add your name to the list near the door
or phone Marg 41556616 or Marilyn 41528810



Good Shepherd Church

Anglican Parish of Bundaberg West

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The 'family church'... where you're a stranger only once.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



4TH MAY, 2008

"Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"

*The Good Shepherd Family — our purpose is to grow together in Christ,
to worship and learn, to be the Good News.*

**Next Sunday 11th May is PENTECOST.
Please wear something RED.**

**Rosters for May / June are available.
Please collect your copy.**

**The Anglican Men's
Society meeting is Tuesday
13th May.**

Fellowship from 11.30am.
Lunch and business 12.15-1.15pm.
Discussion re our clergy graves renovation
project. Let Howard Kingston know if you
are attending Ph. 41523530.



NOTE FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY:-
If you need me to do something—please back
up the telling with a care & courtesy slip. I
can't remember who asked for what by the time
I get to the office on Tuesday. *If you asked for
a copy of last weeks sermon—I have copies.
Please see me today.* Thanks.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

4th Greg Desgrand
Arthur Mason
7th Ian Lohse
Cara Pearson
10th Alison Vercoe



Best wishes from all the Parish Family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

6th Fr. Edwin & Pam Edgerton
(45 years)



Congratulations & much love from us all.

ANNIVERSARY SONG

Tell me I may always dance the
ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you,
Tell me this is real romance,
An anniversary dream come true,
Let this be the anthem to our future years,
To millions of smiles and a few little tears,
May I always listen to
The ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you.





Trash 'n Treasure

Next Saturday 10th May in the church grounds

Do you have any saleable items you would like to donate?



Furniture, toys, books, household goods, bikes, exercise equipment, plants etc., all sell really well.

These can be left in "Oliver's Pavillion (the shed at the back of the hall) or if you have large items that need to be collected—please phone the parish office—41528810.



We will need all you cooks extraordinaire to bake cakes, biscuits, slices etc., for the cake stall. (Please put the ingredients on a label)

We hope all you green fingers have been potting up plants!

Shirley Spargo has plants in her garden which need potting. Is there someone who could pot these up for the plant stall? Shirley also has lots of lemons on her tree for someone who would like to make some jam. Give Shirley a ring on 41521137.

We'll need lots of helpers on the 10th—so please keep this day free—and add your name to the roster so that we can all share the load.

Sunday School is worth the effort even if there are just a few children.

Come along and follow
Our God.
My friend and my
Father.
Obey the truth and
Relax with
The Truth.
Enjoy and
Rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

Come along and
Obey God's
Messages
For
Others will
Realise
That the truth is
Embedded in our Holy
Ruler.

By Max Pickard(7 years) Sunday School 27/4/08. Max wrote this with only a little help from his Mum after the lesson for the week and discussion.

By Jessikah Baumgartner (10 years) Sunday School 27/4/08. Jessikah wrote this **all by herself** after the lesson and discussion for the week.

Wanted—Rental Accommodation—Flat, Unit or small home for one of our parishioners. Needed from the end of June when his current lease runs out.. If you can help please let Marilyn know in the parish office 41528810.

Do we have your birthdate, anniversary, date of baptism etc.??
Let us celebrate with you. Please let us know via a yellow care & courtesy slip so that your details may be added to our records.

This week in the Parish:

Monday	9.00am	Pastoral Focus Visitors
Tuesday	9.00am	Sewing Circle
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am	Midweek Service Bible Study in the hall
Thursday	7.00am	Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am 8.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven
Saturday	6.30am 7.30am 12 noon	Unpack & set up for Trash ' Treasure TRASH 'N TREASURE Pack unsold "treasures" away
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Service & Sunday School Latte / Bible Study Group—Andrew & Louise 41542680



COAT—Thank you to all who are supporting the Chinese Orphans Assistance Team—those who have pledged and those who give when they can—your donations make such a difference to these little children's lives.

Donations may be left in the cot any Sunday. If you would like a receipt please put your money in an envelope, print your name on the front and a receipt will be available next week.



The Combined Anglican Parishes of Good Shepherd & Christ Church



Cent Sale



Saturday 24th May @ 1pm
in Christ Church Parish Hall



If everyone in the Parish donated just **one item** for the table we would have more than enough prizes for this very important fundraiser. Funds raised through this cent sale go towards our share of the R.E. books that are used in state schools in the Bundaberg area.



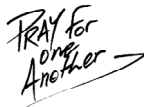
Suitable items for the cent sale table can come in many forms:- they can be craft items you have made, grocery items, homemade jams and pickles, potted plants, bottle of wine, towels, box of chocolates, shampoo etc. Donations of home cooking may be brought on the day to Christ Church hall.



Donations for the Cent Sale Table may be left in the basket near the door.

Our Parish Prayer

Father God, equip our Good Shepherd family with the resources we need.
Empower us all by your Holy Spirit.
Strengthen, protect and guide us – especially in our times of need.
Remove the obstacles that would block our endeavours to do your will.
Make us one, within the fold of your church.
We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Pastoral Focus Prayer.

God our Father,
Grant us the skills to serve your church;
The ears to hear the calls for help;
The lips to speak your words of truth;
The eyes to see the needs to fill;
The feet to go to those in want;
The mind to meet the doubts we find;
The heart of love to share your peace;
The hands to work without reward;
We ask this only to do your will,
Through Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.



Prayer of Evangelism.

Heavenly Father, Set our hearts on fire to go into the world in your name.
Grant us wisdom, and the confidence to speak your word.
Give us the strength and the will to continue through all circumstances.
Help us take the Good News to all who will listen,
so they may know Jesus as their Lord and master.
May we glorify your name in all we say and do. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



In your prayers, please remember:-

Our Parish Family prayer list this week (from our parish directory – to show we care)

Ruth Baxter; Barney & Charlotte Bryan; John & Rosamunde Finlay; Bill & Heather Heron; Isobel Maxwell; Pam & Barry Middleton; Fr Andrew, Louise & Abigail Schmidt.

Absent Friends: Parish Family not with us today.

For those in need:

Prayers for Healing: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"

Jan; Stan; Nesta; Bonny; Dave; Maxine; Mike; Hannah; Ben; Joan; Leone, Sarah; Ruth; Bev; Richard; Sherry; Chris; Bon; June; Joyce; Lettie; Dulcie; . . .(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Kym; Emma; Gordon, Denise, Michael, Tenielle & Shaun; Ted & Family; Helen & Richard; Emity; Brendan; Matthew; Elsie; Joyce; Julia; Richard; Vivienne & Don; Luise Mark & Rosie; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; Linda & Neil; Don; ; (& those known only to the Lord)

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Paula, Kelli, Steven, Adrian, Noel, Teresa & Brenda

Our Link Missionaries with CMS – Shirley Gent in Pakistan and the Hayes Family – Bruce, Libby and their children Daniel, Julia, Stephanie & Ruth in Nepal and BCA Missionaries - the Keith Family—Rev'd Mike, Chantalle and baby Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

Years Mind – we remember- (I.e. the anniversary of the death of a loved one):-

Anne Bigg; Rick Ford; Colin Wilkie; Tom Dexter;

Thanksgiving for the Life of: Bruce Rees; Patricia Shannon;

Today's Worship—Easter 7

Sentence: 'This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent

Readings Today:

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14
Psalm:- 68:1-10, 32-35 page 288
New Testament:- 1 Peter 5
Gospel: John 17:1-11

Readings next Sunday: PENTECOST


First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm: 104:26-36
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

**Do not let your hearts be troubled.
I am going to the Father,
but once I am taken away from you,
I shall send you the Spirit of truth,
and your hearts will be full of joy, alleluia.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate,
and your hearts will be full of joy, Alleluia.**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

We are not invited to support God's work but to share in it. Our Offertory Trust makes us a partner with all who have served and are serving Him in the world today.

ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

 As Jesus' followers come to terms with his resurrection, they prepare for the grand showdown. Surely this will be the time when God will restore the kingdom to Israel. They are ready for a fearsome display of the power and authority of God; earthquakes, lightning zaps and special effects.

Instead, Jesus disappears heavenward, leaving a small bunch of ordinary people standing around gawking at the sky and wondering what this talk of the Holy Spirit is all about.

- Pray that we might never be so overcome with awe that we forget to take the next step.
- Pray for the Church of the province of South East Asia.