

FROM FR. RICK—

Here is an old story from Poland! The Hasidic movement originated in Poland and Russia. The name comes from a Hebrew word "chesed" which means "loving kindness". Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer (1698–1760), also known as the Ba'al Shem Tov, is seen as the founding figure of Hasidic Judaism, which arose in an age of persecution of the Jewish people.

This tale is characteristic because it contains most of the basic elements of Hasidism. The fervent waiting, the longing for redemption; the erratic wanderings over untravelled roads; the link between man and his Creator, between the individual act and its repercussions, in the celestial spheres; the importance of ordinary words; the accent on fervour and on friendship too; the concept of miracles performed by man for man. It is also characteristic because it may well not be true.

Once upon a time there was a great Rabbi called Israel Baal Shem Tov, Master of the Good Name, known for his deep understanding of spiritual matters.

He had prayed about a certain important matter many times before - and failed. Burning with impatience, he waited, with all other Jews, for the coming of the Messiah to end the ordeals of persecution, but it was as if Heaven was deaf. And the Rabbi became extremely submissive, and resigned.

'Master,' the scribe pleaded, 'do something, say something!'

'I can't,' said the Baal Shem Tov, 'my powers are gone.'

'What about your divine gifts? What happened to them?'

'Forgotten,' said the Master. 'Disappeared, vanished. All my knowledge has been taken away; I remember nothing.'

But when he saw the scribe's despair, he was moved to pity. 'Don't give up,' he said, we still have one chance. You are here, and that is good. For you can save us. There must be one thing taught you that you remember. Anything - a parable, a prayer.,,-. Anything will do.'

Unfortunately, the scribe too had forgotten everything. Like his Master, he was a man without memory.

'You really remember nothing,' the Master asked again, 'nothing at all?'

Nothing, Master. Except. . except what? 'The alphabet'

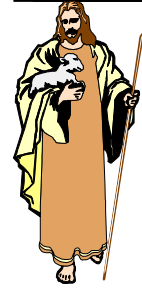
'Then what are you waiting for?' shouted the Master, suddenly excited. 'Start reciting right now!'

Obedient as always, the scribe proceeded to recite slowly, painfully, the first of the letters which together contain all the mysteries of the entire universe: A, B, C, D'

And the Master, impatiently, repeated after him: A, B, C, D . .

Then they started all over again, from the beginning. And their voices became stronger and clearer: A. B. C. D . . . until the Baal Shem became so entranced that he forgot who and where he was. He was in such ecstasy. Oblivious to the world, he transcended the laws of time and geography. He remembered the prayers, and they were answered.

But the Messiah had not come.



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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1ST JUNE, 2008

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

FAMILY NEWS



We rejoice with Iris Griffiths as she celebrates the birth of another precious little great-granddaughter Jayde Rose who was born to proud parents Marcalee & Paul Halse in Perth on 21st May.

Congratulations Iris from all your Parish Family.

Anniversary of Baptism

6th Bill Heron

"Marked as Christ's Own Forever"



PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

1st June Cannon
2nd Max Pickard
3rd Phil Itzstein
5th John Pickard
6th Luke Cauchi
7th Isobel Maxwell



Best wishes from all the Parish Family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

6th Bill & Heather Heron
(51 years)
7th Alan & Yvonne May
(50 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.


The "cookie jar" is really hungry! It feeds on notes & coins. It's for mowing and general maintenance.

MEN! Our Men's Breakfast is **NEXT SATURDAY 7th June, 7am in our hall.** 

Men are reminded this is a memorabilia morning. Make sure you bring your memorabilia item with you.

For further details contact Bill Lawrence 41525212.

Reminder to all men!!! No breaky in July due to school holidays.

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 Parishes Cent Sale was an outstanding success with each parish receiving \$1,415.30.

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way to make this day such a huge success.

Special thanks to the "Sew & Sews".

Bless you all!!!

NEEDED!!! One person for the cleaning roster. Male or Female—we believe in equal opportunity! You will be rostered on a six weekly roster with two other people. Please let the Parish Secretary know **THIS WEEK** if you are available.

Widowed, Separated or Divorced.

Interested in forming a self-help group?

Please contact Pam Coleman on either 4154 1406, 0407 740 706, or email me on pamcoleman@bigpond.com.

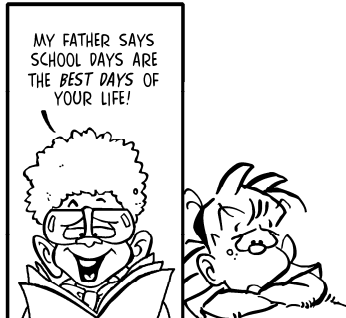
BUSH MINISTRY FUND 

If you are one of the people who "took the pledge" of \$1 per week to support parishes in the bush — your half yearly donation of \$26 is due.

BMF Mission boxes can either be returned for collection in May or November. Please leave all donations with the parish secretary as our BMF co-ordinator Ros Kean is away.

The Anglican Men's Society meets on Tuesday 10th June from 11.30am in Christ Church Supper Room with lunch and business 12.15pm — 1.15pm.

Discussion re 7th Commandment and its relevance in 2008. Phone Alan 41594306 for catering purposes.



This week in the Parish:

Monday	10.00am	Pastoral Focus Visitors Mater Hospital
Tuesday	9.00am	Sewing Circle
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am	Midweek Service Bible Study Group 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	7.00am	Men's Breakfast in the hall—bring along Memorabilia—Phone Bill Lawrence 41543173
Sunday	8.30am 4.00pm	Family Communion Service, Sunday School & Baptism Maddesyn Rose Hampson Latte / Bible Study Group—Andrew & Louise 41542680



BUNDABERG ORPHEUS SINGERS

Present

Merrie England

MUSIC BY ENGLISH COMPOSERS
WITH A TOUCH OF FUN & FROLICS!

IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH PARISH HALL,
WOONGARRA STREET

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE AT 7.30PM &
SUNDAY 22ND JUNE AT 2PM**

REFRESHMENTS

*Free Light Ploughman's Platters provided for all.
Tea (or Coffee!) and other non-alcoholic beverages*

available for purchase

Or BYO Alcohol and Tankards!

TABLE SEATING

**INFORMATION
PHONE TANYA 41512621**

**ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
AVAILABLE FROM 19TH MAY
FROM NIELSON'S MUSIC STORE
ADULTS \$15
STUDENTS & CONCESSIONS \$12**

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)

Joyce Albrecht; June Cannon; Ron & Margaret Downs; Ray, Jenny & Anthony Jose; Claire Lamb; Ross, Jenny, Matthew, Christopher & Madison Morrall; Nesta Rawlins; Alison Vercoe



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"

Arthur D; Gillian; Audrey; Stan; Harry; Nesta; Bonny; Dave; Ben; Joan; Leone, Sarah; Bev; Richard; Sherry; Chris; Bon; ... (and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Ivy & Jack; Iris, Jim & Family; Irene; Cheryl; Kym; Emma; Vivienne & Don; Emity; Brendan; Joyce; Julia; Richard; Luise, Mark & Rosie; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; Linda & Neil; (& 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):-

Olga Scott; Les Rimmington; Joy Steer;

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Gordon Shannon

Today's Worship—Pentecost 3

Sentence: I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith. Romans 1:16

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24
Psalm: 46 page 269
New Testament: Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-28
Gospel: Matthew 7:15-29

Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm: 33:1-12 page 252
New Testament: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**A healthy tree bears good fruit,
but a poor tree bears bad fruit.**

**A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit,
and a poor tree cannot bear good fruit.**

**Any tree that does not bear good fruit is
cut down and thrown in the fire.**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

St Paul (1 Corinthians 16:1-3) gives us instruction about our Offertory Trust: "Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what he has earned,....." This teaches us regular giving. Make a habit of it. At first it may not seem so easy, but as you continue it will become a pleasure to be faithful to Your Offertory Trust.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Follow the river and you will find the sea, says the French proverb. Jesus attracted a great number of followers. Some were drawn because of immediate pressing concerns such as illness. Others were drawn because in Jesus they recognized the light of hope for a fallen humanity. Like Matthew, striding away from his abandoned tax booth, the call to follow comes to us in the midst of our daily pursuits. If we follow Jesus what do we find?

- Pray that we will know when to stay and when to go.
- Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.