



Good Shepherd Church

Anglican Parish of Bundaberg West

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6TH JULY, 2008

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

Baptism



We welcome with love today **Axel Jack Lowe** together with his parents **Bronte & Mark** and his Godparents **Shayne, Anne-Therese, Matthew & Glen**.

May their experience of the warmth of fellowship here make this Baptism Day very special for them all.

During the service Fr. Rick will dedicate at prayer book, donated by Mark & Bronte in thanksgiving for Axel's Baptism.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

7th Marg Tuffield
Susan Lincoln
8th Doug Hampson
11th Kaci Cauchi
12th Bruce Bass



Best wishes to you all from the Parish Family

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way with our Cent Sale on Tuesday. Our profit was \$2536.00. Bless you all!

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.




July donations are due!

If you would like a receipt please put your money in an envelope with your name on the front, & a receipt will be available next week.

Men The Anglican Men's Society meets this Tuesday 8th July, in Christ Church Supper Room 11.30am for 12.15 lunch. Business discussions and further consideration of Ten Commandments.

Phone Howard 41523530 if you are coming.

This week in the Parish:

Monday	10.00am	Rector's Day Off Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital	
Tuesday	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Sewing Circle in the hall Rector & Warden's Meeting Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday	9.00am 10.00am	Midweek Service Bible Home Fellowship — Contact Heather 41531296	
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	
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Service Family Communion Service & Sunday School Latte / Bible Study Group —Andrew & Louise 41542680	

FOR SALE—Scripture Union has a 2003 VY Executive Commodore sedan for sale. It has has 11 months rego, RWC + extras including towbar, just been serviced and has traveled 146,000K. Asking price \$11,500. For inspection or details phone Ewan Davie 41512154 or 0429899362.

There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.

The "Cookie Jar needs feeding!!!!
It loves both notes and coins!
Feed it and mow the lawns by proxy.

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean.

MEN—Next Men's Breakfast is August 2 at 7am in our hall.

**Burnett Deanery
Children's
Celebration**

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

2pm—4pm at Christ Church
THEME: Butterflies



Families: Are you interested in joining other young people from Gayndah, Goonaneman —Childers/Biggenden/ Gin Gin, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Mundubbera/Eidsvold and Monto in attending this Deanery Day.

Let Marilyn know in the Parish Office 41528810 if you are attending.

**The July Roster is available today—
please collect your copy.**



Emmaus—Youth Camp —1st—3rd August 14 years & over
Kindilan Conference Centre, Redland Bay

Emmaus is an opportunity for young people to develop their life of faith in Christ. Emmaus acknowledges that our life is a journey and that Jesus will walk with us; just as he did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after Easter (Luke 24). The first part of experiencing Emmaus is to attend an Emmaus weekend, where young people will be sharing parts of their journey in Christ as well as having times of worship and fun. Please let Marilyn know in the parish office if you would like to attend.



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)

Paul, Michelle, Jessikah, Jakob & Josef Baumgartner; Dave, Emma & William Dennis;
Glenis George; Bill & Elvie Hailey; Don & Leone Lincoln; Alan & Joan Stringer.
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"

Ros; Matthew; Madge; Meg; Linda; Joan; Neve; Anna; Gillian; Audrey; Stan; Harry; Nesta; Bonny; Dave;
Ben; Sarah; Bev; Richard; Sherryl; Chris; Bon; . . .(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Jan; ;Vivienne & Don; Kym; Emma; Linda, Neil & Brendan; Joyce; Julia; Richard; Luise, Mark & Rosie;
Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; (& those known only to the Lord)

Pray for the political situation and the people of Zimbabwe

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Paula, Kelli, Steven, Adrian, Noel, Craig, 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):-

Gladys Sondergeld; Jock O'Brien; Esther Thompson; Noel Eden.

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Today's Worship—Pentecost 8

Sentence: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Matthew 11:28-29

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 page 268
New Testament: Romans 7:14-25
Gospel: Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30, 42-29, 58-67

Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm Psalm 119:105-112 page 355
New Testament: Romans 8:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

**Come to me, all you who are weary and find
life burdensome, and I will refresh you.
Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn
from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.
Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy
and my burden light.**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

Albert Schweitzer has said that while money will not bring about the Kingdom of God, yet the Kingdom of God cannot be achieved without money.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

What did Rebekah believe about God? Was that what made her willing to follow a stranger to a distant place, to marry a man she had never met? A person discovers something of the mystery of another through intimacy (not that euphemism for sex, but real intimacy!) Is this why Jesus in Matthew's Gospel says no-one **knows** the Father except the Son?

Jesus invites us into the close relationship with him in which we shall find rest for our souls and release from heavy burdens.

- Pray for an increasingly intimate connection with God in our solitary moments as well as in all our encounters.
- Pray for the Church in Papua New Guinea.