

## Operation Christmas Child is underway

If you would like to take part there are three options:-

**Option 1 — BYO—Box your own**—collect a box from the table or cover your own shoe box and start filling it with one of the five “somethings” —



1. **Something to love** — teddy bear, soft toy, koala or doll
2. **Something to wear** — T-Shirt, shorts, socks, underwear, sunglasses, cap, hat, beanie, thongs/sandals
3. **Something to write/draw with/on**—
4. **Something of personal hygiene** — hairbrush, comb, hair-clips or scrunchies, soap (wrapped), face washer, toothbrush (not toothpaste)
5. **Something to play with** — Tennis balls, toy-farm, zoo animals, super bouncy ball, music box, Trucks & cars, finger puppet, train, plastic tea set, boat, yo-yo, lego blocks, jigsaw puzzle, marbles (in bags), skipping rope, stickers, games, bangles.



**Option 2 — Bring along one of the five “somethings” and leave in the box at the back of the church** and Phoebe and Marilyn will pack boxes for you.

**Option 3 — Adopt a box**—It costs approximately \$8 to send each box overseas. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Operation Christmas Child” and place in the offertory.

**Parents and Grandparents** — this is a wonderful way to teach your children or grandchildren about Christian Giving.

N.B. This year we are unable to send lollies.



### THOSE USING OPTION 2

Next Sundays donation is **“Something for PERSONAL HYGIENE”**.

**WHAT TO BRING:-** Washer and soap (wrapped), hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, toothbrush (not toothpaste).



TODAY YOU NEED A CALENDAR CARD TO PAY CASH!



# Good Shepherd Church

## Anglican Parish of Bundaberg West

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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10TH AUGUST, 2008**

### Baptism

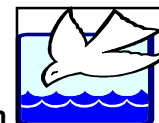
We welcome for  
Baptism today

**Corrie Jone Hall-Smith**  
and **Brooke Elise**

**Smith** together with their parents  
Bevan and Tracey and Godparents  
Gavin and Denise.

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 prayer books donated by  
Bevan and Tracey in thanksgiving for



### Parish Family News!

#### Celebrating Birthdays

10th Fr Edwin Edgerton  
Lynette Mann  
11th Jakob Baumgartner  
12th Joan Stringer  
16th Denise Clark



*Best wishes from all your parish family*

#### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

12th Brandon & Rosemary Badger  
(47 years)  
15th Ray & Colleen Bakes  
(38 years)



*Congratulations to you all.*

### Pastoral Focus

One of our faithful parish families has hit hard times financially and needs help to get them back on their feet.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for us to help one of our own. If you are able to assist this family financially, we have left a bowl at the back of the church for donations.

A huge thank you to those who donated last week. **Bless you all.**

### Parish News!!!

We rejoice with Fr Andrew & Louise as they celebrate God's precious gift of a son Samuel Stone Schmidt who was born at 10.20am last Tuesday 5th August. Samuel is a darling little brother for Abigail and a beautiful little great-grandson for Stan Lohse.

*Congratulations and much love from us all.*



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

**“The Gentle Art of Reframing”**

The idea of reframing is to see things from a different perspective, or within a different ‘frame’ or context. Any behaviour, situation, or event can be reframed. Just by changing the contest, for instance, new meanings are likely to be generated. A behaviour can be reframed in any way you like. Why not come along and discover how much more enhanced your relationships might be as you explore this way ahead.

**When: Saturday 23rd August**  
**Time: 10am — 3pm**  
**If attending—please add your name to the list near the door.**



Many thanks to Fr Rick and Glenis for hospital visits and all at Good Shepherd for your prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers that encouraged me in my illness. Your support has enhanced my recovery and is very much appreciated. Thank you. God bless you all.

**Lorraine Jose**




**The “Cookie Jar needs feeding!!!!**

It loves both notes and coins!

Feed it and mow the lawns by proxy.

**If you were away last Sunday—please collect your Thanksgiving Sunday envelope from the Sidespersons today.**

**To those using Direct Debit—if you change the amount of your pledge you need to inform Anfin of the change—forms are available on the notices table.**

**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. **August donations are now 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.

**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 best antiques are old friends.”*

Parish Council Members .....  
remember the meeting is this  
Tuesday at 7.30pm in the hall.

*We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.*

**This week in the Parish:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Rector’s Day Off</b> <b>Home Fellowship Group—Contact Leone 41523273</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Sewing Circle in the hall</b> <b>Anglican Men’s Society Lunch Meeting in Christ Church Supper Room—Contact Alan Berlin 41594306 for catering purposes</b> <b>Rector &amp; Warden’s Meeting</b> <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b> <b>Bible Home Fellowship Contact Heather 41531296</b> <b>Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>Pastoral Focus Home Visits &amp; Bedside Communion Mater Hospital</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.00am</b> <b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Prayer Group meet in the church</b> <b>Bedside Communion Riverlea &amp; Gracehaven</b> <b>Holy Communion Service Millbank Village</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Family Communion Service, Baptism &amp; Sunday School</b>

**A reflection from Anne Ranse**

“Than which.....we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched.....this we proclaim.” 1 John 1:1 {NIV}

It is such a profound experience when there is an encounter between yourself and another and you know that Christ is present yet so many times we can miss the ‘Christ encounter.’

I ‘just happened’ to run into an elderly man that I haven’t seen for years because I ‘just happened’ to walk a different path on Saturday. He ‘just happened’ to be extra pleased to see me. I asked how he was and he replied, I am dying and I have been looking everywhere for you.....I didn’t know where to go to find you.....will you bury me?

This encounter reminded me of a simple story about a small child who admired the nativity scene at her grandmother’s place. She was allowed to play with it but had to put everything back in its place afterwards. Much to the grandmothers dismay the child rearranged the nativity. The cradle was in the middle of the scene and every other item was crowded around and peering into it, even the angel from the top of the manger and the wise men who were supposed to be ‘far off.’

When the child was asked why she had set it up like this she replied. “Because they couldn’t see Jesus.’

Sometimes we need to change our order and the routine so others may see Jesus.

### 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)

Estelle Bawden; Pat Carter; Gillian, George & Emma Edwards; Daryl & Ann Hoffmann;  
Jill Melein; Warren & Nancy McLucas; Wendy Spargo; Bob, Kay & Andrew Wagner

*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"

Reg; Mark; Lorraine; Ros; Madge; Anna; Gillian; Audrey; Stan; Harry; Nesta; Dave; Ben; Sarah; Bev;  
Richard; Sherry; Chris; Bon; ... (and those known only to the Lord).

### Special Needs:

Matthew; Jan; Vivienne & Don; Kym; Emma; Linda, Neil & Brendan; Joyce; Julia; Richard; 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):-

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

## Today's Worship—Pentecost 13

**Sentence:** They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

### Readings Today:

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 page 332  
New Testament: Romans 10:4-15  
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

### Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm: Psalm 133 page 365  
New Testament: Romans 11:13-32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Lord, bid me to come to you on the waters.  
Jesus reached out his hand and took hold of  
Peter. He said, man of little faith,  
why did you doubt?  
Once they had climbed into the boat, the  
wind died down. Those who were in the boat  
showed him reverence, declaring, "Beyond  
doubt you are the Son of God."

## YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

Giving is based more on the need to give than on the needs of the parish. Why do I need to give? Because I am a receiver of God's generous gifts which automatically make me a manager of His gifts. It is God's will that I give. Jesus said: "Give and it shall be given to you."



## ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Few scenes in Matthew's Gospel are more transparent than those in chapter 14 for glimpsing his profound understanding of Jesus' identity. Treading on the sea, and bringing order out of chaos were divine prerogatives in the Old Testament, and Jesus mysteriously exercises divine power over the chaos of the sea. When Jesus says *Take heart: It is I*, in Greek he is using the divine name for God, the name God revealed to Moses. In Mark's version of the miracle, the disciples are left terrified. In Matthew's account they proclaim him Son of God. While Son of God doesn't necessarily mean "God", Matthew wants his readers to see the pattern which he clearly sees.

- Pray for the ability to recognize Jesus' presence in the chaos and to invite Him to transform it.
- Pray for the work of Newton Theological College PNG.