

Archbishop's November Appeal

The Archbishop's November Appeal has been part of our history for more than a hundred years. The Appeal provides us with an opportunity to give thanks for the many blessings we have received in the past and to share with our brothers and sisters in Papua New Guinea in their time of need.

The November Appeal this year will assist communities in the Diocese of Popondota to rebuild and replace church properties which were destroyed in November last year by Cyclone Guba. While crops and food gardens are once again growing, much of the infrastructure remains in disrepair. Some entire villages need to be moved to safer locations. Churches, community schools and aid posts need rebuilding. The people have the skills to build, but need our help to buy building materials.

During November the ABM bags will be hanging on the two front pews. Please save your coins in the purses you have used for the last couple of years and bring them along and empty (as often as you wish) into the two bags. If you don't have an ABM purse—there are a couple available on the notices table or alternatively take an ABM envelope and save your coins in it.

Please give as generously as you are able.



Our CHRISTMAS CENT SALE

is on **Tuesday 2nd December** in our hall.

Doors open 8.30am, Morning Tea 9am— Cent Sale commences 9.30am.

Come & bring your friends for great fellowship & fun.

Donations for the Cent Sale Table would be greatly appreciated. They may

Fun!

CMS Summer School

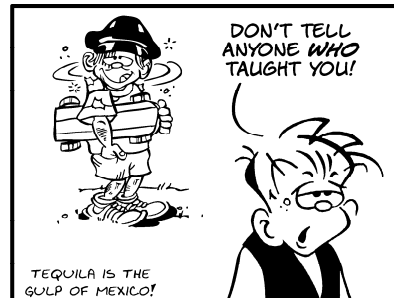
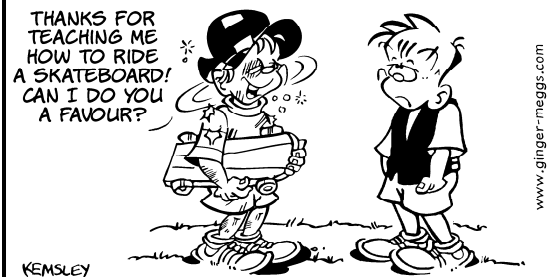
Friday 2nd—Thursday 8th Jan, 2009.

Theme: No Turning Back

Brochures with full details are on the table.

The Anglican Men's Society Lunch

Meeting is this Tuesday—11.30am in Christ Church Supper Room. MEN phone Howard Kingston 41523530 for bookings.



Good Shepherd Church

Anglican Parish of Bundaberg West

George & Takalvan Sts. Bundaberg

Rector: Rev'd Dr Richard Bowie 41528810
Phone & Fax - Office (07) 41528810
BOX 5120 Bundaberg West Qld 4670

Churchwardens:
Ian Lohse Ph 41 512210
Russ Ford Ph 41516929
Lesley Christensen Ph 41523860

Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am – 12 noon

Email address: goodshepherdwest@bigpond.com

Web Site: www.goodshepherdbundaberg.org

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

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9TH NOVEMBER, 2008

Baptism



We welcome for Baptism **Caidence Grace Morrish** together with her Parents Cristin & Jodi and her Godparents Angela, Andrew, Jessica & Nathan.

We thank God for the gift of Caidence and welcome her into our Parish Family.

During the service, Fr Rick will dedicate a prayer book donated by Cristin & Jodi in thanksgiving for Caidence's Baptism.

Did you ever notice how your belief in heredity is reinforced when one of your children does something outstanding?

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.

November donations are due.



Parish Family News!

Celebrating Birthdays

11th Louise Schmidt
Les Sutton
Briannon Phillips
12th Lorraine Jose
14th Jean Gruchy



Best wishes from all your parish family

Verse 2 of the birthday song

Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God richly bless you
Happy Birthday to you.



Parish Family News!

Congratulations to the three young members of our Parish Family who were members of the Norville Voices Choir who competed in the 2008 Music Fest Competition for Queensland last weekend in Brisbane and took out first place. **Jessikah Baumgartner, Luke Pickard & Hannah Robinson were part of the winning choir.**

(See the notice board for full details)

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



Help us celebrate the 30th Anniversary of
the Good Shepherd Church with a

PARISH DINNER

Saturday 22nd November

6.30pm for 7pm start

at Renee's Place—Enterprise Street

Cost is \$20 per head for a delicious Gourmet Buffet
BYO Alcoholic Drinks—Soft Drinks will be on sale for \$1 per can.

**There is a sign up sheet at the door.
Bookings must be TODAY.**

*Come along and enjoy a fun filled night of fellowship
and celebrate with our parish family.*

Sunday 23rd November is the celebration of
CHRIST THE KING.

We will celebrate the Consecration of the Good Shepherd
Church thirty years ago with a

Combined Service at 8.30am.

The Roster has been changed to accommodate both congregations.

L.A.: Ann Hoffmann
Chalice: Jenny Wedemeyer
Crucifer: John Pickard
Servers: Ross, Luke & Max Pickard
Readers: Ros Kean (Old Testament & Psalm)
Heather Heron (New Testament)
Intercessions: Leone Lincoln
Sidespersons: Cheryl Wright & Colleen Bakes
Welcomer: Denise Clark

*Rejoice!
Be Glad and Give Him Glory*

Parish Family News!

Matt Morrall is off to the United Kingdom next week as part of the Queensland Under 16 Soccer Team's tour of England & Scotland. We hope you have a great time Matt and enjoy the experience. *We're all proud of you.* Jenny, Ross, Chris & Madison have a great holiday in England!



WOFON

This week in the Parish:

Monday		Rector's Day Off
Tuesday	9.30am 11.30am 7.30pm	Sewing Circle in the hall Anglican Men's Society Lunch Meeting -Christ Church Supper Room Parish Council Meeting in the hall
Wednesday	9.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Midweek Service Bible Home Fellowship—Contact Heather Heron 41531296 Pastoral Focus Visitors Mater Hospital
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	9.30am	Workshop with Fr. Rick in the hall
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Service & Sunday School Laate Home Group Contact Andrew & Louise 41542680

Why do we do the things we do?

Why do we think and say the things we think and say?

I intend to begin a one hour conversation around the answers to these two questions.

The style and content will be determined by the people who accept this invitation of mine to participate.

Together, we will decide the content and process of the mornings.

I look forward to seeing you there! Fr Rick

Workshops will be held next Saturday 15 & 29 November in the hall at 9.30am.

A sign on sheet is near the door—please add your name if you are attending.

The Trash 'n Treasure last weekend was an outstanding success.



Huge thanks to all involved.

The financial reward \$1289.00.

Bless you all!!!

Feed the "Cookie Jar"

**It loves both notes & coins.
It's to help us pay to have the
church grounds mowed
and for maintenance.**



JESUS UNBOUND

**the story of Jesus of Nazareth
by Jonathan Holland**

*Jesus and his experiences and encounters
come to life on the pages of this beautifully
written book, Jesus Unbound.*

*Bishop Jonathan makes use of paintings as
a starting point to tell the story of Jesus'
life and times.*

Available through the diocese for \$24.75.

This book is suitable for individual
enjoyment and can also be used in study
groups (study guide available free on request).

Copies of 5 or more books at \$20 each plus
postage. Brochures are on the table.

**Parish Council Meets this Tuesday
at 7.30pm in the hall.**

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)

Alan Berlin; June Cannon; Iris Griffiths; Bill & Elvie Hailey; Ian, Susan, Ashlee & Courtney Lincoln; Janet McLean; Andrew, Louise, Abigail & Samuel Schmidt; 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"

Kevin; Florence; Darrell, Alison; Ian A; Ruth; Ros; Judy; Mark; Sarah; Bev; Richard; Sherryll;*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Special Needs:

Kees & Sue, Duncan, Kelvin & Carmen, Val & Peter; Chris; Ann; Ben; Marie; Matthew; Kym; Emma; Linda, Neil & Brendan; Julia; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; David; Sam; Joyce; *(& those known only to the Lord)*

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 26

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm: 78:1-7 page 301
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Readings next Sunday

Old Testament: Judges 4:1-10
Psalm: 123 page 361
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**At midnight a cry was raised:
Behold, the bridegroom is coming,
go out and meet him.
Be watchful and ready;
you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.
Keep your eyes open,
for you know not the day or the hour.**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

All of us are recipients of many blessings from God. In return, He expects that we praise Him for His goodness and thank Him for His generous gifts. Thanking, however, is not done in word only but in deed, also.



ABM REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

We need to keep ourselves awake and prepared so that the Day of the Lord does not come to us as darkness rather than light. Preparedness should be the order of the day, not only for the Church but in our everyday lives. Through life we often come to expect the unexpected, but we have been prepared and told to watch and be ready. The fact is we have every good thing to look forward to in Eternity and what we look forward to, we will prepare for.

- Pray to be ready and prepared for Jesus coming amongst us.
- Pray for the Anglican Education Division in PNG.