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And then he asked, offering him the last ribbon, "Would you take this extra ribbon, and pass it on by honouring somebody else? The teenager who gave me these is doing a school project, and we want to keep this ribbon ceremony going and see how it affects people."

That night, the boss came home and sat down with his 14 year old son. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office, and one of my employees came in and told me he admired me, and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine! He thinks I am a creative genius! Then he put a blue ribbon on me that says, "Who I Am Makes A Difference."

He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honour. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about who I would honour with this ribbon, and I thought about you. I want to honour you. My days are hectic and when I come home, I don't pay a lot of attention to you. I yell at you for not getting good enough grades and for your messy bedroom.

Somehow, tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me.

Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid, and I love you!

The startled boy began to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mum, explaining why I had took my life, and I asked you to forgive me.

I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think that you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I'll need it after all."

His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain.

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch, but made sure to let all of his employees know that they made a difference.

The junior executive helped many other young people with career planning, one being the boss' son, and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life.

In addition, the young man and his classmates learned a valuable lesson: "**Who you are DOES make a difference**".



Mother's Union Bundaberg Branch  
have pleasure in inviting two representatives  
from our Parish  
to the **70th Birthday Celebration on Wednesday**  
**10th June at 9.30am**

Special Guest Speaker is Anne Paroz

Please let Pam Edgerton know if you would like to attend—Ph: 41527759



# Good Shepherd Church

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**17TH MAY, 2009**

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



## Bush Ministry Fund



(Stopping our churches declining in rural Queensland)

In many areas of the bush the drought continues to deepen and the plight of the people grows daily. The Diocese has pledged that an Anglican Spiritual Presence will remain in those rural and remote areas that are so badly affected for as long as financially possible. The Bush Ministry Fund is an integral part of the way in which this can be achieved.

Special thanks to all who pledged their \$1 per week to the Bush Ministry Fund. Your half yearly donation of \$26 is due in May. Please return your payment to Cheryl Wright our BMF co-ordinator or leave with Marilyn at the parish office. Cheryl will issue a receipt for all donations received.

**Would you like to take the pledge? It's just \$1 per week paid half yearly in May & November.** Let Cheryl know today or phone her on 41525987 and she will sign you up!

Thank you also to those who donate through the Money Boxes—it is greatly appreciated. These can be returned for collection in May or November.

## **PARISH FAMILY NEWS!**

### **Celebrating Birthdays**

22nd Claire Lamb  
23rd Matthew Badger

Best wishes from all your Parish Family



*"Give me a sense of humour, Lord;  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life,  
And pass it on to other folk."*

Thomas H.B. Webb

## Families Seminar

You are invited to attend a Families Seminar that is aimed at youth, children's and family workers **and most importantly parents.**

The most important ministers to families are **Parents.** Many scholars address the issue and question: *Will our children have faith?*

The more important question is: *Will we be faithful to our children?*

**DATE:** 6TH JUNE  
**SPEAKER:** Stephen Harrison (Diocesan Ministry Education Officer)  
**WHERE:** Christ Church Supper Room  
**TIME:** 9am—4pm (lunch provided)  
**BRING:** Notebook, pen, bible  
**R.S.V.P.** 3 June to Christ Church Parish Office 41513128

Come along and learn how to help your children, grandchildren and other children to experience faith through receiving, hearing, celebrating, telling and becoming.

### FLOWER ROSTER

**Are YOU able to supply and arrange flowers?**  
**We need THREE people for the flower roster.**

**At present we only have five ladies on the roster—it would be great to have about eight.**



**Please let the parish secretary know 41528810 if you can help.**

**KIDS—Did you compete in the recent Bundaberg Eisteddfod?**  
**How about letting us know your results. You can Email them to Marilyn at the parish office-**  
**goodshepherdwest@bigpond.com**

### Please feed the "Cookie Jar".

It loves both notes & coins.  
 Contributions go directly to cleaning the church & mowing the church grounds.

**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.  
**May donations are now due.**



**Open Doors Presents — A Cry From Iran**  
**The untold Story of Iranian Christian Martyrs.**  
**At Bundaberg Baptist Church—**  
**Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm**

This powerful new dramatic film brings us a deep appreciation of the faith of our brothers and sisters under persecution, and shows us that we can use our freedom to help the Suffering Church, as well as enrich our own faith.  
 It is the story of Bishop Haik Hovsepian, a modern day hero of the faith.

Admission Free—an offering for the persecuted church will be taken.  
 There are some brochures on the notices table if you want to know more.

I have loaned a book called **The Birnbaum Haggadah** to someone. It is a Jewish Passover Prayer book, and is immediately recognizable because it is written in Hebrew, and begins from the back and moves to the front. This book is very important to me. If you have it I would appreciate its return. Thanks. *Rick*



### This week in the Parish:

Monday		Rector's Day Off
Tuesday	9.00am	Sew 'n Sews in the hall—Contact Jan Lawrence 41543173
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am 10.00am	Holy Communion Bible Study— Hosea in the hall Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Thursday	7.00am	Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am 8.00am 9.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven Service—Argyle Village
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Service Family Communion Service & Sunday School

## THE DIFFERENCE

A teacher in New York decided to honour each of her seniors in High School by telling them the difference each of them had made.

She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First, she told each of them how they had made a difference to her, and the class.

Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon, imprinted with gold letters, which read, "Who I Am Makes A Difference."

Afterwards, the teacher decided to do a class project, to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a Community.

She gave each student three more blue ribbons, and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honoured whom, and report to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company, and honoured him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon, and put it on his shirt.

Then he gave him two extra ribbons and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like for you to go out, find some one to honour, and give them a blue ribbon.

Later that day, the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had a reputation of being kind of a grouchy fellow. He told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius.

The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon, and give him permission to put it on him.

His boss said, "Well, sure." The junior executive took one of the blue ribbons and placed it right on his boss's jacket, above his heart.

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### 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.



Amen.

### In your prayers, please remember:-

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

Ron & Shirley Anderson; Greg & Heather Chamberlain; Iris Griffiths; Billy Hailey; John Marles;  
Warren & Nancy McLucas; Andrew, Louise, Abigail & Samuel Schmidt; Harry & Cheryl Wright  
*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"

Isobel; Warren; Phil; Greg; Don; Joan; Les; Doug; Richard; Ollie; Ruth; Gregg; Thomas; Sherryl; Paul;  
Julia; Barney; Cheryl; Edith; Cliff; Iris; Toni; Bev; Ivy; Elsie H; ...*(and those known only to the Lord)*.

### Special Needs:

Elsie's Family; Peter, Frank & family; Matthew; David; Damien; Mitchell; Audrey; Lyn; Tammy; Bonny &  
children; Joyce; (& those known only to the Lord)

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Deltry, Helen, Annette, Teresa, Steven, Paula, Kelli, Adrian,  
Brenda, Grant, Craig, Marion, Lisa, Ian, Ruth & District Co-ordinator Judi Wenn

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 Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

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

Sheilas McLennan; Robert Cogzell; John Stables; Michael Pruss; Vincent Coleman

### Thanksgiving for the Life of:

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Sentence:** Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'  
John 15:16

### Readings Today

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm: 98 page 325  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-12  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

### Readings next Sunday

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm: 1 page 224  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13  
Gospel: John 17:6-19

**As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
Alleluia.**

**If anyone loves me,  
he will keep my word and my  
Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him and make  
our home with him alleluia.**

## YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

From the beginning of human history, the offering of man's gifts is an act of worship. Cain offered first fruits of his harvest and Abel the first born of his flock (Genesis 4:3). This connection between the offerings made to God and our religious worship is maintained in the Offertory of the Mass when the priest recites the prayers over the gifts.



### ABM Reflections on Today's Readings

Jesus tells the disciples that in a while they will not see him and then a little later he will return. He likens their sorrow to the temporary pain of a woman delivering a child. Her sorrow departs because of the joy she feels in bringing a living being into the world. Likewise, the disciples' sorrow will disappear because of the joy they will feel in bringing the Good News of the living Christ to the world.

- Pray that the joy of resurrection fills your life, and that, when you have the opportunity, you will be able to enthusiastically tell others about the faith.
- Pray for the work of the Anglican Health Service in Papua New Guinea—for those who are ill and will be cared for by the service and that the Service may receive all the support it needs.