



## A Childs View of the Thunderstorm

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the primary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of concern, the mother quickly drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did, she saw her little girl walking along....

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.

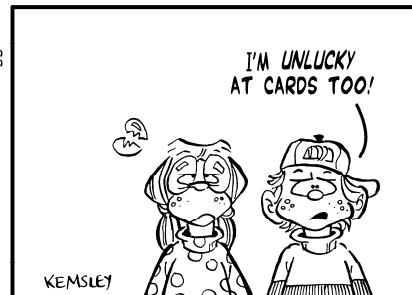
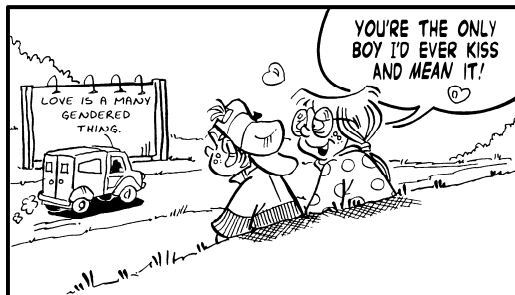
Another and another flash of lighting followed quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.



When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her, 'What are you doing?'

The child answered, 'I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.'

May God bless us all today and everyday as we face the storms of life.



# Good Shepherd Church

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**7TH FEBRUARY, 2010**

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

 We welcome with much love today Fr. Ian & Maureen Trainor. Fr. Ian will be our locum until the end of May or until our new Rector is appointed.

**Please stay for a cuppa and our Annual General Meeting after the service today.**



### PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

#### Celebrating Birthdays

8th Glenis George  
Jenny Wedemeyer

*Congratulations & much love to you both.*



#### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

9th Colin & Estelle Bawden

*Congratulations from all the parish family.*



The flowers today were donated by Glenis & Mick George in thanksgiving for the Ordination of their son Michael (young Mick) yesterday.



#### SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

**9AM — HOLY COMMUNION & IMPOSITION OF ASHES**  
Followed by Lenten Bible Study

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The booklet we will follow is "Following the Way" by Bishop Ray Smith. It's a series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

**Please add your name to the list today so that we can order the study books.**

Fr. Rick has written a message of 'hope' based around Easter in lieu of a Rector's report. Copies of his message are available today.

**Urgently Needed:**

- A Sunday School Teacher for the second Sunday of the month.
- Someone for the flower roster. You will be rostered on just once every six weeks.
- We need sound and power-point projection volunteers for a Roster at the 9.30am service. Please speak to Russ Ford if you are willing to help out in this way.

Please let the parish secretary know if you are available for any of these ministries.

*Tolerance is seeing certain things with your heart instead of your eyes.*

**Thank you!**

Sincere thanks to our Parish Family for your cards, emails, phone calls, prayers and memorial donations in the recent loss of Gray's Mum Sarah (Tootie). We give thanks to God for her very memorable 96 years of life.  
With thanks,  
Graham & Marilyn Dennis



**ROSTERS for February / March are available if you didn't collect yours last Sunday.**

**Flower Rosters for 2010 are also**

**The "cookie jar" is desperate for a really good feed!!!**



*Please feed it notes or coins so that we can cover the cost of cleaning the church & mowing the lawns.*



To all who gave so generously to the ABM Appeal for the people of Haiti, bless you. Our retiring collection raised \$529.00 and our Treasurer will add some of our mission giving money to make the total we send to Haiti \$1,000. Thank you all!

**Parish Council Members — the first meeting of the new council is in the hall at 7pm this Tuesday 9th February.**

**The Parish Council Prayer List**

is on the door at the church entrance. If you'd like to know and keep up to date the Councillor who is praying for you until the next Parish Council Meeting, have a look at the list for which ever service you usually attend.



**A complete set of sample Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes for Children and Families is on the table at the church door.**

They go from under 5's to 16-18 years. Please leave the samples but if you'd like a copy for children / grandchildren order what you'd like on the list on the table. Prices on the brochure are for a whole years order. Make it clear whether you want one copy only (should be about 1/4 the price on the brochure) or the series for a whole year.

**Confirmation**

**Bishop Jonathan Holland will be with us on Sunday 8th August.**

Anyone over the age of 15 years who wishes to be

confirmed should contact the parish secretary as soon as possible. Preparation will begin in May.



**This week in the Parish**

Tuesday	9.00am 7.00pm	Sew 'n Sews meet in the hall. Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616 Parish Council Meeting in the hall
Wednesday	9.00am	Mid-week Service Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Service & Baptism Logan Jace Smith



**The 2010 Toowoomba Lenten Lay Retreat**

Day of Reflection & Silent Retreat — Led by Fr. Jack Phillips—5th, 6th 7th March.

4 Options available  
Friday 5th: Renewal, Confession, Restoration.  
Silent Retreat; Lord of energy, teach us to pray Christ centered; Remembrance and Adoration.

Bookstall from Koorong, Brisbane.

Further information and registration forms available. Contact Glenis George 41579604. Glenis is driving and has spare seats in her car if you need transport.



If you are new to the parish and would like a set of planned giving envelopes, please let us know via a care & courtesy slip.

**DO YOU HAVE A PARISH NAME BADGE? Please wear it!**

**To order a badge, please complete a care & courtesy slip. Cost—Free!!!**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The 2010 World Day of Prayer Service is being hosted by The Salvation Army at 48 Targo Street on Friday 5th March at 9.30am.

**MAYORAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**When:** Monday 8 March  
**Where:** Civic Centre—190 Bourbong Street.

**Time:** 6.45am—8.30am

**Cost:** \$22.00 per person

**Guest Speaker:** Mr John Gagliardi.

**Funds Raised:** Bundaberg School Chaplaincy Program

**Tickets:** Council Administration Centre

**NB.** Entry by pre-paid ticket only—no tickets available at the door on the day.

*Wise men think without talking, fools talk without thinking.*



**ABM Reflections of Today's Readings.**

It is a brief encounter that transforms a life forever. Isaiah glimpses God. Before him flashes Glory beyond description: Glory blinding even to heavenly beings: Glory all-knowing, all seeing and all-consuming. There's nowhere to hide and nothing to hide.

On the strength and impetus of this brief encounter Isaiah serves God flat out to the end. We too are to serve God where he places us until we too meet him face-to-face.

- Pray that our worship may be a true encounter with God.
- Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.



### In your prayers, please remember:-

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

Gill Brown; Trevor & Lesley Christensen; Iris Griffiths; Helen Lander; Michael, Amy, Portia, Kaleb, Levi & McCauley Matteschek, Nesta Rawlins; Lurlene Rimmington; Phylis Wood.

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"

Karen & Willow; Tash; Susan; Leonie; Daniel; David Z; Alan S; Barney; Pat; Alan B; Lachlan & Millie Rose (premie babies); Richard; Bev; ...*(and those known only to the Lord)*.

### Special Needs:

Matthew; Andy; Sue, Brittany & Brayden; Ian, Ashlee & Courtney; Chris; Bonny and Children; Anna; (& those known only to the Lord)

### Children Preparing for Admission to Holy Communion:

Courtney & Jayden Wedemeyer & Brayden Zunker.

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

Our Link Missionaries with CMS – 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):-

Pearl Sinclair;

### Thanksgiving for the life of:

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Sentence:** Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.  
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

### Readings Today

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm: 138 page 369  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### Readings next Sunday—The Transfiguration

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm: 99 page 325  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**Father, in faith and love we ask you  
to watch over your family  
gathered here.**

**In mercy and loving kindness no  
thought of ours is left unguarded,  
no tear unheeded,  
no joy unnoticed.**

**May we always be aware of your  
presence and through the prayer of  
Jesus may the blessing promised to  
the poor in spirit lead us to the  
treasures of your kingdom.**

## Prayer for a new Rector

Lord, grant to us a shepherd after your own heart who will empower and equip us to spread the good news to our community and beyond. Bring us someone who will help us to hear your voice more clearly as we follow your desires for our church family. May our new minister be equipped to teach us how to be intentional and effective in leading other sheep into your fold.

Father, help us to be willing to let you prune those branches that are fruitless in our own lives. Thank you that, out of our abundant supply in Jesus, we can offer life-giving water to those who are thirsty. Grant us a vision for your Kingdom and for our role in bringing others to meet you by the power of your Spirit. We place our future in your capable hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

