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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2018

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

Other than Spartacus, Jesus is probably the only other name you know of someone crucified by Rome. But how did the name Jesus and his story make it out of the first century so that you can hear it today?

It is because something happened that launched this movement known as the church. The foundation of what we believe is something that happened, not something that was simply taught a long time ago. What happened? Jesus rose from the dead and he instructed eyewitnesses to talk about it. And we continue this work today.

And how we pray as a church indicates a bit how we are tracking in this domain. I want you to think about what you pray for mostly? Are they about you? Your family, friends, a safe trip home, a good parking spot at the shops, to win the lotto?

I don't want us to be a church that prays small prayers. I believe God wants us to be a BIG church that prays BIG prayers.

The disciples BIG prayers and their boldness is what got the message of Jesus out of the first century. How can you begin praying bigger, bolder, God-honouring prayers? Let's find out together, *Pastor Ben*



Series: **Big Church**  
Part 2: **Big Prayers**

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# | Upcoming Dates

Sun	03/06	All Locations	Big Church Part 2: Big Prayers
Sat	09/06	6pm	Movie Night at Bethany Worship Centre

# | Today

We thank Bob Weiss (Grace), Karen Clohessy (8am) and Gavin Sephton (9.30am) for leading worship services today.

# | Happenings & Notices

**The Parish Women's Guild** meets this Thursday June 7th at 9:00 am in St. John's Hall. We begin with a cup of tea or coffee and at 9:30 we have a Bible Study. Everybody is welcome to join us.

**Bethany Movie Night Pizza & the Movies....** What more could you want? Well how about a chance to have a chat with a few friends and enjoy a good laugh as we watch **Alexander and his Family have a really terrible, horrible, no good, bad day....**The Bethany Congregation invites everyone (and your friends) to join us along with all Bethany Lutheran School families for a dinner of pizza, a drink, some conversation and an enjoyable, fun movie at Bethany Lutheran Church, Raceview.  
**When;** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. Dinner from 6pm, Movie commences at 7pm sharp. **How much;** the movie is free but dinner and a drink is \$15 per adult or \$30 for a family. All proceeds from the night go to supporting the Bethany Lutheran School's Mainly Music program. **RSVP;** by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to [ghermann@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ghermann@bigpond.net.au) with details of your name and how many people are attending. No need to pre-pay as money will be collected on the night.

**New Faith Community Directory** In readiness to print a new directory, we would ask that if any of your contact details need updating, please update those details for us by using the connect cards. If you were not in the last directory and would like to be included, please indicate on the connect cards your desire to be included and the office will arrange for you to receive forms to fill in and sign to allow us to include your details in the new directory. Alternatively, if you no longer wish to be included in the directory or you would like to omit certain personal details, please also let us know.

## **Position Vacant Executive Assistant Ipswich Lutheran Church 1.0 FTE**

This new position will work within the exciting and vibrant Ipswich Lutheran Church to provide assistance to the church and its pastors.

As well as a heart for helping to create a strong and healthy missional culture among our church, a key role will be to work to support in the administration of the various ministry and mission opportunities while having the capacity to also train and encourage leaders and volunteers. In this respect, they need to have high level people skills, be hard-working, motivated and enthusiastic, and have the ability to work in our church environment with an attitude of service and respect.

If you are interested in this position, or wish to know more, please email your interest to [ben.hentschke@ipswich.church](mailto:ben.hentschke@ipswich.church) for a detailed position description, or view online at: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/36287125>

*Applications close Tuesday June 5, 2018.*

**Myanmar Church Partnership Update** We have recently heard back from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar about the health of Rev. Dr. Jenson Andrews. He is much better, but due to his damaged lungs he has difficulty in breathing and in standing up for long periods. Please continue to pray for his healing, especially during their extreme summer weather at the moment.

We were also blessed when we were over there to be able to sponsor someone from Zwekanar village group to train as a nurse. Her name is Nhin Shwe Zin and she is from the very remote sub-village Call Chaut Thae Su. The people who live there are fishermen and there is no school or medical clinic. She started her training at the end of March.

There are two other villagers who were recommended for this same training in order to be able to care for and share God's love to this village. If you would like to sponsor (cost is \$1500 US) one (or both) of them please speak to Pastor Ben.

**Helping with CHANGE PIP (People in Places) Community Event, Ipswich** a free evening with speakers to help us with some of our 5 daily challenges It will be held at Bethany Worship Centre, 86 Raceview St, Raceview on 23 June 2018 starting at 5.30pm. There will be a light supper (gold coin donation). This event is for 18 year plus (sorry no children). Donations will be taken for Black Dog Institute and Cancer Council Queensland.

**Save-The-Date** On the first weekend in August (3-5) we are blessed to have Pastor Peter Steicke coming to join us. We are in the process of planning what will be an awesome conference/event – so make sure that you lock that date into your calendar now!

**Thanks** to all who helped and supported the fundraising festival on Pentecost Sunday. We raised \$715 to support kids going to camp, Myanmar, Days for Girls and Tabeel nursing home.

**For Sale - \$5 – Coat Hangers** – Bethany Margaret Ploetz has kindly crafted and donated covered coat hangers. Funds raised will be used for transportation costs for Operation Christian Child 2018. Please see Loraine Stokes or Betty Taylor.

# Prayer

## Prayer Points

- that the church would always remain committed to following Christ
- that the church would always hear and proclaim God's word and do his will
- that Christians would not become discouraged, but be filled with hope, knowing that a great glory awaits them
- that governments everywhere would be committed to opposing evil and corruption and upholding justice and goodness
- that all who face discouragement and troubles may be comforted by God's loving care

## Connect Card & Submitted Prayer Requests

- Prayer for ALL disabled people and for millions of refugees.
- Thank you God that you are always with us and helping us to do your will.
- Thank you for our children and families. Thank you for all we have. Please be with all recovering from surgery and illness please help them rest and recover.
- For those in our church family suffering stress and overcome by life problems - comfort & strength.

## General Prayers

- Please continue praying for
  - the Pastors, staff team and leaders of the Church
  - all upcoming meetings around the Church
  - worship services across all our locations (beforehand and as they take place)
  - specific events as they arise (i.e. funerals, weddings, baptisms etc.)

# Stay Connected

**Want to know more about Jesus?** Head to 'Next Steps' on our website: [www.ipswich.church](http://www.ipswich.church) or alternatively, speak to one of our pastors. We would love to hear from you and help you if you want to continue in your faith walk, learning more about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Guests** – we trust that you have drawn closer to God in worship today. Our church is blessed by your presence today. Please stay and enjoy a 'cuppa' with us after worship and make yourself known to us. We'd love to answer any queries you may have, and be able to bless you with a special welcome pack & gift – just for you!

**Help Us To Care** - if you know of someone who has fallen ill or who is suffering in any way, please let the Pastoral Care Coordinator or one of the Pastors know by contacting the parish office so that appropriate care and follow up can occur.

**Looking for Christian Education?** – We are blessed to be able to partner with Bethany Lutheran Kindergarten (86 Raceview Street, Raceview Ph: 3294 0024) and Bethany Lutheran Primary School (126 Cascade Street, Raceview Ph: 3288 8799 [www.bethany.qld.edu.au](http://www.bethany.qld.edu.au)). as they provide quality Christian education to the children and families of our city.



*Worship  
Times*

**8am**  
**St. John's**  
*(32 Roderick St.  
Ipswich)*

**9am**  
**Bethany**  
*(86 Raceview St.  
Raceview)*

**9.30am**  
**St. John's**  
*(32 Roderick St.  
Ipswich)*

**10am**  
**Grace**  
*(19 Ipswich Rd.  
Riverview)*