

# 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

- For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) and our partnership in the gospel with them.
- 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)*

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

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

This weekend I get to share with you from my favourite passage in the bible, and it is basically a question that is getting discussed by the early church of 'Who should be in' and 'Who should be out'.

You see, up until this first business meeting in the church things had been growing along at a rapid rate, but there were two groups of new Christians – those who had a Jewish background (but had come to believe in Jesus) and those without a Jewish background (the Gentiles).

And those with the Jewish background (the 'insiders') thought that before you could become a Christian, you had to basically become Jewish (which involved a surgical procedure for the men). But the apostle Paul in his travelling and telling people about Jesus erred on the side of grace and said to these people (the 'outsiders') to 'Come as you are'.

This caused a bit of friction in the church, and eventually, James, the brother of Jesus got up in front of the meeting and he said (and it was subsequently decided) "We should not make it difficult for those who are turning to God."

My prayer is that as a church that we can do exactly that. If you want to help more – see the notice and request 'Big Church' inside!

Have an amazing week ☺ *Pastor Ben*



Series: **Big Church**  
Part 5: **Big Drift**

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## | Upcoming Dates

Thur	28/06	'Our Shed'	Men's Shed: Young Diggers
Sun	01/07	All Locations	Big Church Week 6 – "Big Answers:
Fri-Sat	03/08-04/08	Raceview	Exciting Conference (with guest Peter Steicke) <b>LOCK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!</b>

## | Today

**Thank You** We thank Kay Pike and Robert Suthers, for leading worship at St. John's today.

## | Happenings & Notices

**Alissa Belby and Simione Nabutulovo** joyfully invite you to celebrate their marriage on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1.30pm at Catalyst Church, 142 Pine Mountain Rd, Brassall, followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Jenny by Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June on 0439 958 633 if you would like to attend, for catering reasons.

**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.

**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!

**The Lutheran Subscriptions** Subscriptions for The Lutheran are now due and your invoice will be in your pigeon hole. Payments can be made by cash or cheque to LCA Subscriptions and given to your church collector or put in an envelope and placed in the offering bowl. Payments can also be made online and if you pay this way please advise your collector. If you are interested in being a new subscriber, please talk to your collector. The cost is \$44 for the year. Collectors are Marie Canfell (Grace Worship Centre); Eileen Banks and Helen Mibus (St. John's Worship Centre) and Betty Taylor (Bethany Worship Centre).

**Office Hours** Please note that office hours are currently reduced to Tuesday and Friday 9:30am to 3pm unless by appointment.

**Looking to Board** A school staff member is looking for a place to board (and will pay appropriate compensation) two or three night a week during school terms from Term 3. It will be mainly Monday and Wednesday nights with the occasional Thursday night also. There won't be any weekends or school holidays. She would prefer a couple or female to board with. Please contact Trudy for more info: 0422 916 265

**Traditional Service at Bethany** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7:30am

**Men's Shed** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Our next shed night in June will welcome a guest speaker from an organisation called 'Young Diggers' who run bush camps for Ex serving defence force personnel who want to chill out or relax from their normal duties (Peter Walters V.P). A BBQ tea will be provided on the night.

**Bethany Prayer Group** Please note that the group are not meeting during school holidays.

**For the Love of God** confronts the worst that Christians have done – and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus. This is not the history we think we know. Join us at BCC Cinema Ipswich on **July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Tickets need to be purchased on-line before the event from <https://goo.gl/wG9Bpa>



**FOR THE LOVE  
OF GOD + -**

**How the church is  
BETTER + WORSE  
than you ever imagined**

**IN CINEMAS NATIONALLY FROM MAY 9**

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**+ CENTRE  
FOR PUBLIC  
CHRISTIANITY**

**Big Church** As part of the series 'Big Church' the leadership teams from across each of our worship centres have been gathering together to dig deeper into the concepts and ideas that have arisen from the weekly messages. We are discovering what these mean for us as a church as we look to our future, and as we construct a vision of what that future might look like. We are seeking to be intentional about where we are headed as a church, and ways that we engage with our local community. If you would like to have your say in this process, please go to the anonymous survey which can be found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YH8BDTW> and provide your valued feedback as we seek to be a church that is big on mission and on reaching out to those who do not yet know Christ in our community, across our city and around the world.