

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 4th November 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

This week we celebrate All Saints day, and we have a special memorial rite at each of our services to remember those who have gone on before us, especially remembering those who have died over the past year.

Our focus for this week is a sermon of Jesus' that Matthew captures, and it is entitled 'The Beatitudes' and beatitude really just means 'supreme blessedness'.

In this passage Jesus calls people 'blessed', and we remember how we have been blessed by the saints that have gone on before us and influenced and blessed our lives.

Normally we talk about how we should try to exhibit some of the qualities of those who are blessed. How we should try to be more meek, or hunger for righteousness, or be merciful - but if we truly believe in the gospel and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, then maybe there is more to this passage.

Maybe this is all about Jesus lavishing blessings upon the people around him on the hillside that day, and blessing those who the world, (similar to ours) didn't seem to have much time for: people in pain, people who work for peace instead of profit, people who exercise mercy instead of vengeance.

Yes - we should try and follow Jesus call to be more and more like Him, but maybe Jesus just wants to bless us because that is His nature?

Pastor Ben




All Saints Memorial Service
Bible Reading: Matt 5:1-2

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Mon : 11am-3pm Tue-Thu: 9am-3pm Fri: 9am-2pm 

| Upcoming Dates

Sun	11/11	Bethany	7.30am Traditional Service
Sun	11/11	All Locations	"At the Movies" Sermon Series
Fri	16/11	St John's	Robin Mann Music Concert
Sat	24/11	Bethany	Encounter Women's Conference
Sat	1/12	Bethany	5.30pm "The Star" Movie Night & Sausage Sizzle

| Today

Thank you to Janelle Podlich for leading worship at Bethany Worship Centre (Raceview).

Welcome to those families and friends who have joined us today to remember those who have gone to be with our Father in Heaven. We pray you will be blessed by this service today, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the service.

| Happenings & Notices

Myanmar Mission Trip Our next trip is on the 3 -11 April and will be an amazing opportunity for people from the church (maybe even you), to come and be immersed in the frontline of mission work in Myanmar. It is an opportunity to learn, grow and share Jesus with a group of people who do not yet know him.

⇒ **Just want to know more?** To express interest, you can visit www.ipswich.church/2018/08/28/myanmar-mission-2019

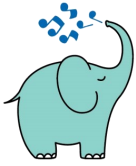
Encounter Women's Conference is being held on the 24 November, 8:30am—3:30pm, at Bethany Worship Centre (86 Raceview Street, Raceview). Guest speaker Tatjana is a wife, and a mother. She also has a Masters of Theology, and has worked as a pastoral assistant and counsellor with the LCA, so come along to enjoy a day of learning, fellowship and food! Early bird tickets are available until the 17 Nov at \$30 p/person (\$35 standard); morning tea and lunch are provided! To register, go to <http://encounter.ipswich.church>.

Final Men's Shed for 2018 will be held at 6:30pm, Thursday, 22 November, at Bethany school grounds, 126 Cascade Street, Raceview. This Men's Shed will be focusing on "MENS HEALTH". We will have a guest Doctor come and talk about the importance of living a healthy life. A must for those who may have or have had health issues. A BBQ tea will be provided on the night. Bring donation for BBQ meal.

Robin Mann Concert Robin Mann is coming to St John's Worship Centre, on the 16 November, 7pm to perform a collection of some of his most loved Christian songs. Tickets are only \$5 per person, and can be purchased at the door!

Theatre Night Thursday 22 November Ipswich Little Theatre is presenting "A Piece of Cake", where Bridget Jones meets Nigella Lawson in a romantic comedy. Admission is \$25, which includes supper. All are welcome!

Mainly Music Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child/ren. The team have been working hard, training and prepping to make things ready, and we are glad to announce that Mainly Music will be recommencing Wednesday, 7 November! As usual, 9:15am start, but we have been relocated to Bethany Worship Centre, enter via the door next to the tennis courts. Please park in the carpark out the front of the church. First time is free, then \$5 per family each session after that. Hope to see you there! For more information please see Josh our youth worker or call the Church office.



Do you love children? Mainly Music is seeking volunteers and helpers with their ministry. Contact our office to join the team today!

Explode /Junior Explode, Blast /Junior Blast Camps is being held from the 9-14 and 16-21 December 2018, at Coolum Beach. Available for kids of all ages to enjoy adventure, water and team activities, food and fun with other youth. Available for both juniors, grade 3-6, and seniors, grade 7-11. Early bird prices are available until 12 November (\$579). To register, visit www.lyq.org.au/summercamps. Registration closes 26 November.

Kids Camp will be held on 7-11 January 2019, for grades 3 –6 in 2018, Coolum or Highfields. This year they will be learning about bible stories, along with many fun packed activities! To register, visit www.lyq.org.au/kids. Early bird price is \$335 per camper before 3 December.

Chaplain Position Available Lutheran Services Tabeel, Laidley, is a “Home” to around 85 residents in Care plus a number of independent living units, and is looking for a part-time chaplain (4 days a week) to provide pastoral and spiritual care to both Lutheran and other residents. Previous experience with Lutheran congregational ministry and/or aged or pastoral care is desirable. For more information, email Ps. Paul Semmler paul.semmler@luthेरanservices.org.au before Friday, 16 November.

Zion Lutheran Church Minden is having their 140th Anniversary Sunday service and Luncheon on the 18th of November, 2018 at 10am. All are welcome! Church address is : 712 Tallegalla road, Minden. For more information, call Steve: 0419 673 184, or Ken: 0408 700 620.

Volunteers Needed!

Synod 2019 Ipswich Lutheran is hosting 2019 Synod in May/June next year. There will be a multitude of skills required to make the event come together, so if you would like to be a part of this event, please contact our office for more information!

Glory City Church are hosting a community dinner for those in need, or alone on Christmas day, 25 December 2-5pm. Ipswich Awakening has been hosting this event for the last 25 years, and has passed this event onto Glory City Church as of this year. Glory City Church have also been supplying food hampers and support to the disadvantaged in the community. If you would like to volunteer to help this cause, contact_volunteers@tivolidrivein.com for more details.

Worship Ministries Come join one of our many teams, which includes: hospitality, home visits, music, children/youth ministries and many more! Email the office to find out where you can best use your God given gifts to bless others!

Prayer

Prayer Points

- for families experiencing grief and loss, that they may be comforted by God.
- for wisdom to be given to those in the legal system, including: police, the prison system and the courts.
- for those who seek to escape life's difficulties through destructive or addictive means, such as drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, extreme cults etc.
- for the younger generation, that they may grow in wisdom as they enter adulthood.

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, for comfort & strength.

General Prayers

- the Pastors, staff team and leaders of 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 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: 3288 8799 | www.bethany.qld.edu.au) and Bethany Lutheran Primary School (126 Cascade Street, Raceview Ph: 3288 8799 | 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)*