

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 17 MARCH 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

This week we enter into Part 2 of our series 'The Me I Want to Be' as we look at what it means to Change our mind.

And I don't mean change our mind as in from 'yes' to a 'no', but a more in-depth change from thinking negative thoughts to thinking Spirit-filled thoughts.

And one of the ways we learn to change our minds is through having an exciting vision, which is provided to us through Jesus and his death on the cross for our forgiveness and his rising again for the gift of eternal life in heaven.

We along with a vision, we need to have an intention to change, and not just an intention, but the means to change as well.

No one says "I wonder if I'll learn Cantonese" or "I wonder if I will wake up tomorrow able to speak Cantonese". This is something that we need to intentionally do through our decisions and our actions.

And the best means to change is to follow the life of Jesus, and we do that by reading His Word. In School Worship this past week I was blessed to be involved in presenting Bibles to the Year 1 students, and they were so excited to receive God's Word and instantly many of them opened the covers and started reading.

My prayer is that your desire for God's Word is as strong, and that with the right Vision, Intention and Means you enter into the life God has for you, and become the 'You that God wants you to be'.

In His service, Pastor Ben




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

The Me I Want To Be - Changing Your Mind (Part 2)

Bible Reading: Mark 2:1-5; Romans 8:1-7

| Upcoming Dates

Day	Date	Location	Description
Sun	24/03	All Locations	The Me I Want to Be Series - The Energising Impact of Scripture (Part 3)
Sun	24/03	St John's	St John's Combined Service (St John's only) @ 9am Followed by the Annual General Meeting
Wed	27/03	Bethany	Mid-week Holy Communion Service
Thu	28/03	The Shed	Men's Shed @ 6.30pm
Fri	29/03	Bethany	Engage Junior Youth

| Today

Baptism at St John's Worship Service, we welcome into God's family through Holy Baptism, Oliver Kevin Jeffreys, son of Daniel and Sarah Jeffreys.

Thank you to Mrs Lisa Gant and Ms Meighann Pedley and the Year 1's for blessing us with their presentation today at Bethany Worship Centre, Raceview.

Thank you to Bob Weiss for lay leading at Grace Worship Centre (Riverview) today.

| Happenings & Notices

Bethany Annual General Meeting is being held Sunday, 14 April, after the 9am Worship Service.

St John's Combined Service is this coming Sunday, 24 March at St John's Worship Centre at 9am (no 8am or 9.30am service on this day). Other location services will continue as normal.

St Johns Annual General Meeting is this coming Sunday, 24 March after the 9am St John's Combined Worship Service (approximately around 10:30am).

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Mornings This year - as we continue to focus on how we can be 'Better Together' in small groups, we are setting aside the normal Wednesday mornings through Lent as an opportunity for people that are not normally in a small group (or even if you are) to gather together at **St. John's** at **9:30am** for a small group time facilitated by the pastors. Any and all are welcome to come and join us during this time. *Please note: There will be no evening Lenten Worship services this year, and we encourage those who would normally gather at this time to join a small group.*

Small Groups As you know, you don't need to be in community to have salvation in Jesus Christ. That is a matter of grace through faith. But you will never be all that God created you to be until you invest yourself in spiritual community. The journey of discipleship was never meant to be taken alone. So if you are not in a small group, get into one!. Even if you've tried once or twice before, try again. Even if you don't think you have the time, make the time. Even if you've been burned before... what a great opportunity to practice forgiveness! Let's continue to journey in faith 'Better Together' . Contact the church office if you require any further information.

Junior Youth will be having it's last Friday Youth evening for the term on 29 March! Come along for a fun night and finish the school term strong before the school break. Engage is held every fortnight on Friday, 6pm during the school term @ Bethany Worship Centre Raceview! All children from Grades 4-7 are welcome to join for a night of fun, learning and dinner. \$5 p/child or \$10 for a family. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, contact Josh Jaeschke (07 3202 4035) for more information!



mainly music

Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child/ren, which is held 9:15am on Wednesday mornings, except for the last Wednesday of the month. For more information on joining or volunteering, please see Youth Worker: Josh or call the Church office on 3202 4035.

Ladies Morning Coffee is this Thursday, 21 March, 10-11.30am at the Queens Park Kiosk. All are welcome! Contact Val Lucas on 0428 677 579 for more information.

Townsville Flood Appeal If you would like to support families suffering from floods, you can give by a bank transfer to Lutheran Church Queensland Foundation BSB: 704 942 Account: 100937144 , or mail a cheque to Queensland Lutheran Giving C/O PO Box 1535 Milton Qld 4064, or visit <https://donation.lca.org.au/project?id=P24011>.

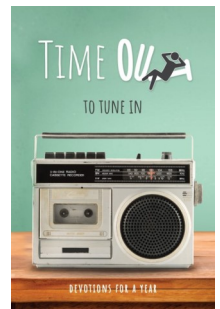
Men's Shed The next Men's Shed is being held on Thursday, 28 March at the Men's Shed on Bethany Lutheran Primary School grounds, at 6:30pm. Guest Speaker Bruce Beasley is coming to speak about his life experience as a fire fighter . Bring a donation for the BBQ dinner! Call Will on 0427 793 338 or Russell on 07 3201 8708 for more information.

Counselling Veronica Heck (our onsite counsellor) has more openings available for people to receive professional counselling at our church office during office hours. She offers a reduced rate, while having years of experience in life coaching and improving emotional/spiritual/mental health during life circumstances. To find out more, call Veronica on 0414 695 594.

Time Out to Tune In 2019 LCA Daily Devotional we still have a few copies left available for purchase for \$23. To get your copy, call or email the church office.

2019 Lutheran Church of Australia Year Book is available for purchase from our church office for \$20. To get your copy, call or email the church office.

Synod Volunteers NEEDED Everyone has been gifted to serve in different ways, and we need a few extra hands to help us as we as a church host this annual QLD District Synod for 2019. Some roles include: Prayer team, Musicians, Transport Driver, Registration desk, ushers, car park attendants, welcomers, vote counters, hospitality (serving), audio/visual, First Aid Officer, minute takers, movers/shifts. Express interest by filling out the "Synod Volunteers Needed 2019" form in this week's bulletin. Please place it in the offering bowl once complete, or give to a Pastor, or your congregational Chair.



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Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the nations of the world, that they may receive the blessings of peace.
- for those who preach and teach the gospel.
- for those who persecute Christians, that they may know Christ and turn to Him.
- for couples who remain childless despite their prayers, that God would hear their prayers.

Connect Card & Submitted Prayer Requests

- for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) and our partnership with them in the gospel.
- 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: 3294 0024 | www.qlecs.org.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)