

# BUNDABERG LUTHERAN PARISH

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## OUR MISSION

*“Celebrating life in Jesus, Growing in Faith, Sharing his Love”*

***First Sunday of Advent***  
***3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023***

*May you walk this week in the Advent promises;  
the promise that Jesus is with you,  
the promise that Jesus is coming again.*



## ADVENT 2 SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

|                    |                                            |                         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Faith:</b>      | 8.00 a.m. H.C.                             | (Pastor Graham Pfeffer) |
|                    | <i><b>Children's Christmas Service</b></i> |                         |
| <b>Redeemer:</b>   | 8.00 a.m.                                  | (Lay-Led)               |
| <b>St. John's:</b> | 9.00 a.m. H.C.                             | (Pastor Greg Graham)    |
|                    | 5.30 p.m.                                  | (Tony Bowes)            |
| <b>Gracehaven:</b> | 10.30 a.m. H.C.                            | (Pastor Graham Pfeffer) |

**Lectionary Readings for next Sunday**  
Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8



# Celebrating life in Jesus

**Valuing: Joy, Vibrant Worship, Hospitality, Discipleship, Faith at Home, the Gospel, Grace, Personal Faith.**

## **Our Ministry for This Week**

**Monday:**

Pastor Greg's Day Off  
Pastor Graham's Day Off

**Tuesday:**

10.00 a.m. Funeral Service at St. John's for Phyllis Lambert  
6.00 p.m. St. John's Property Committee Meeting

**Wednesday:**

10.45 a.m. Bible Study in the Church Meeting Room

**Thursday:**

8.45 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group. **ALL WELCOME**  
*Please bring your own Bible*  
11.00 a.m. Faith Ladies Lunch at Café 1928, Botanic Gardens  
5.00 p.m. Faith Church Council Meeting  
7.00 p.m. Young Adults Fellowship Group in the Church Hall

## **CONDOLENCES**



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Phyllis Joyce Lambert (nee Richter) who passed on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Mackay. Phyllis' funeral service will be conducted at St. John's on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m. by Pastor Greg Graham.

## **BIBLE STUDY**



Bible Study with Pastor Greg will be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room. *The last Bible Study for the year will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December.*  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



### **2023 LLL CALENDARS**

*The much anticipated and eagerly awaited LLL calendars for 2024 have arrived. As usual the quality is terrific, showing some inspiring scenes and images of Australia.*

*We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful country that can provide such beautiful pictures.*

*For the St. John's members, the calendar will be in your message pigeon hole. For other congregations, your LLL rep will have copies.*

*If you are a visitor and would like a calendar or would like an extra one for family, please see one of the stewards at your service or phone Eryl at the Bundaberg Parish Office on Ph: 4152 5900.*

*Did you know that LLL provide these calendars free as an expression of gratitude for your support throughout the past twelve months?*

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO A TRADITIONAL CAROLS AND READING SERVICE**

**To be held at St. John's Church on  
SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.**



### CRAFTY LADIES

There will no further "Crafty Ladies" gatherings for this year. The group will resume in February 2024.



### ROSEDALE'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Will be held at **5pm TODAY, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

The service will be followed by a shared dinner and fellowship hosted by Barry and Lea Ruhl, 5472 Lowmead Road, Rosedale. Please bring a main and dessert dish to share, along with your chair.



### FAITH CELEBRATIONS FOR EVERYONE

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5pm**

Advent Dinner and Fellowship - Bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks. A sing-a-long is planned for the evening.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 8am Service**

Children's Christmas Programme - Children are invited to read the lessons for the day. We will have a gift for each child in attendance as well.

Anna Feierabend's 90th Birthday celebration - Our much loved Anna is turning 90 this week and her sons have invited us to join with their families for a sumptuous morning tea, which they will be providing with the help of caterers and a coffee van. This will be held in our foyer immediately following service. Our children will also be catered for on this occasion. Your attendance will make this a memorable occasion for Anna.

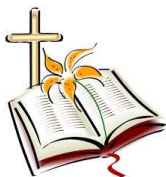
**INVITATION TO REDEEMER, GIN GIN'S**  
**SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH**



Redeemer Congregation is having a Christmas lunch on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Morning tea will start at 10.00 am. Pastor Graham will conduct a church service with communion then lunch. It will be at Marion Pape's house, 122 Skyring Reserve Road, Gin Gin. Please bring a plate of food to share. RSVP to Cheryl Fritz by 9<sup>th</sup> December on 0427 572 587 or [c.fritz@bigpond.com](mailto:c.fritz@bigpond.com).

EVERYONE WELCOME

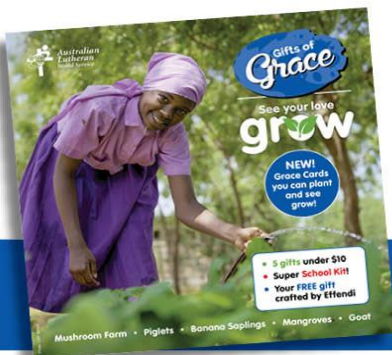
**ROSTER FOR SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR**  
**ST. JOHN'S 9.00 A.M. SERVICE**



03/12/23 Greg Dwyer  
10/12/23 Brenda Cochrane  
17/12/23 Jenny Sampson  
24/12/23 Melva Ferguson  
31/12/23 Christine Tyson  
07/01/24 Kay Tesch  
14/01/24 Greg Uebergang  
21/01/24 Laurel Mathews  
28/01/24 Russell Hensel  
04/02/24 Tamara Carroll  
11/02/24 Greg Dwyer  
18/02/24 Trevor McLaren

**2023 ADVENT DOWNLOADABLE DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

The Lutheran Tract Mission has prepared a downloadable advent devotional booklet "Experiencing Jesus" which can be read through the Advent season from 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 6th January. The booklet is available at <https://www.ltm.org.au/flipbkadvent-2023/> and is available to copy or use as a flip book on your device. *Experience Jesus with your family.*



See your love  
**grow**  
this Christmas

**Tired of throwaway  
Christmas gifts?**

**This year, why not give gifts that GROW?**

Your kindness will bless someone in a poor community who really needs your help.

**20+ gifts, from just \$5. All tax-deductible.**



**Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service**

**[alws.org.au/grace](http://alws.org.au/grace) \* 1300 763 407**



## HOSPITAL VISITS

If anyone is in hospital, please advise either Pastor Greg, Pastor Graham, Nicole or Eryl, so arrangements can be made to visit.



## **Growing in Faith**

**Valuing: Spiritual Growth, Biblical Knowledge, Relationships, Passing on Faith, Innovation.**



**MAINLY MUSIC** - Will be in recess during the School Holidays and will resume in February 2024. New families, including Grandparents, are welcome to attend.



**Asia Focus Australia Inc**  
**Faith & Love in Action**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED NEPAL**

A 6.4 earthquake has affected the areas where Pastor Rabindra and Livingstone Lutheran Mission operates. This is a poor region and houses are made of stone, wood, timber, mud and slate for the roof. They are not earthquake resistant. People have been forced to live in the open making temporary shelter out of plastic. The elderly, children, pregnant women and mothers are at high risk.

Asia Focus Australia has already started relief aid to these affected areas. Rabindra and his team are planning to distribute more than 300 relief packages which include 2 tarpaulins, 2 mattresses, 2 bedsheets, 2 blankets, 2 hygiene kits, dignity kit, per family. Each kit will cost \$150. If you can help in anyway, please leave your contribution in the Asia Focus box in St. John's church or bank transfer to Asia Focus Australia as follows :-

BSB 124-047,

Acct 22597127,

Reference - Earthquake Nepal

Cheques can be mailed to Asia Focus Australia, PO Box 911, Gympie, Qld, earmarked Earthquake Nepal.



**ST. JOHN'S KEYS**

If you have any keys to St. John's Church, hall or office that you are no longer using, please return them to Eryl in the Parish Office.



**COMMUNION KITS**

Please return Communion kits before Friday mornings, for replenishment and sanitising, this happens Friday mornings every week. *Thank you.*



# Sharing his love

Valuing: Outward Focus, Loving One Another, Using our gifts, Shared Ministry, Service, Community Care.



Have a wonderful day

## **ST. JOHN'S** **MORNING TEA ROSTER 2023/24**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you are unable to attend for your rostered day,  
please swap with someone on the roster below.**

| DATE             | NAME           | NAME             |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 3 December 2023  | Laurel Mathews | Laurel Mathews   |
| 10 December 2023 | Judy Krenske   | Adrian Krenske   |
| 17 December 2023 | Dawn Wood      | Cheryl Leisemann |
| 24 December 2023 | Melva Ferguson | Lyn Milton       |
| 31 December 2023 | Laurel Mathews | Laurel Mathews   |
| 7 January 2024   | Judy Krenske   | Adrian Krenske   |
| 14 January 2024  | Dawn Wood      | Cheryl Leisemann |

**There is no need to supply cakes, slices or other baked goodies,  
it is strictly voluntary.**

**If supplies for morning tea are running low or out,**  
**please contact Allison Heiner on 4151 2760.**  
**Allison is happy to continue to provide this service.**

*Thank you.*





## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Lord Jesus, thank you for coming in the flesh at Bethlehem, and for coming to us whenever we gather in your name. Keep us alert and watchful through the dark night of this world, and give us confidence as we wait for your coming in glory.

We pray for your church – its people and pastors. Keep us alert and watchful in support of one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of your holy word.

We pray for the people of the world. Wake all people up to your just judgment and to your saving blood. Keep us alert and watchful as your witnesses in the world.

We pray for the nations. Lift the eyes of those in authority to their duty to govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Curb all terror and replace it with peace. Keep us alert and watchful to serve you by giving good service to others in our daily lives.

Thank you for providing us with everything we need for daily living. Bring relief to all those affected by drought, and poverty. Keep us alert and watchful to the needs of others and move us to give generously to appeals at Christmas time.

Lord, stand by those who wake or watch or weep. Rest those who are weary. Soothe those who suffer. Shield those who prosper. And come to those we know in particular need.

Lord Jesus, we do not know the day or the hour that you will come with great power and glory. Keep us always alert and watchful so we may welcome you with joy.



## DATES FOR YOUR ADVENT DIARY



|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, December 2  | 5.00 p.m. <i>Faith Advent Dinner</i>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday, December 3    | <b>ADVENT 1</b><br>5.00 p.m. <i>Rosedale Christmas Service and Dinner</i>                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday, December 10   | <b>ADVENT 2</b><br>8.00 a.m. <i>Faith Children's Christmas Service</i>                                                                                                                                  |
| Saturday, December 16 | 10.00 a.m. <i>Redeemer Christmas Break-Up Morning Tea, Service and Lunch</i>                                                                                                                            |
| Sunday, December 17   | <b>ADVENT 3</b><br>6.00 p.m. <i>St. John's Carols and Reading Service</i>                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday, December 24   | <b>ADVENT 4 AND CHRISTMAS EVE</b><br>8.00 a.m. <i>Faith Service</i><br>9.00 a.m. <i>St. John's Service</i><br>10.30 a.m. <i>Gracehaven Service</i><br>6.00 p.m. <i>St. John's Christmas Eve Service</i> |
| Monday, December 25   | 8.00 a.m. <i>Faith Christmas Day Service</i><br>9.00 a.m. <i>St. John's Christmas Day Service</i><br>10.30 a.m. <i>Gracehaven Christmas Day Service</i>                                                 |