

# BUNDABERG LUTHERAN PARISH

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## OUR MISSION

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

*First Sunday after Epiphany,  
Baptism of our Lord  
9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022*



*Child of God, may the Holy Spirit come and rest on you.*

*May the Spirit make you strong and bless you with peace. Amen.*

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

<b>Faith:</b>	8.00 a.m. H.C.	(Brett Mankofski)
<b>Redeemer:</b>	8.00 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Ryan Norris)
<b>St. John's:</b>	8.30 a.m.	(Lay-Led))
<b>Gracehaven:</b>	10.30 a.m.	(Dave Stewart)
<b>Rosedale:</b>	10.30 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Ryan Norris)

## Lectionary Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11



# Celebrating life in Jesus

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



## **CHECK IN QLD APP**

Effective from 9<sup>th</sup> July, the “Check in Qld” App is mandatory for Places of Worship. All Congregations in the Bundaberg Parish are using the “Check in Qld” App. If you do not have a smart phone or you did not bring your phone to Service, please speak with an Usher for assistance to check-in. Information to download the app can be found at <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/>

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## **ORDINATION OF BENJAMIN GRAHAM**

*Welcome*

A warm welcome is extended to all at today's Parish Worship Service, with Holy Communion and the Rite of Ordination.

*We pray that God will bless Benjamin on his Ordination as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Australia & New Zealand, and that he may faithfully fulfil the duties of his ministry with courage, strength and wisdom.*

## **CANCELLATION OF SERVICE AT GRACEHAVEN TODAY**

Due to Gracehaven currently being in lock-down, there will be no Worship Service at Gracehaven today.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF CALL**

*Pastor Graham Pfeffer has accepted the call as Pastor to serve in the Bundaberg Parish. Pastor Graham's installation will be on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022.*

## **COMMUNION KITS**

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



### **NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY**

Five years ago, members of the Bundaberg Parish completed a National Church Life Survey. The information collected was returned to the various congregations in the parish to guide their decisions then and into the future. The time has come for another National Church Life Survey to be completed. The survey forms arrived prior to Christmas and the survey needs to be completed by the end of February.

The survey can be completed in two ways: either by filling out the paper survey form or by going on-line. The survey period has been established as 23 January to 20 February. The on-line survey can be completed at any time in this four week period and the date on which the paper survey form is to be completed is 13 February. Filling out the survey form is planned to follow immediately after the church service on that date.

Individual identification codes for each congregation and the address for accessing and completing the on-line survey will be advised closer to the survey period. *Graham Duldig.*

### **FROM THE OP SHOP**

Please note that the Op Shop is **CLOSED** and will re-open on Monday, 17th January, 2022 at 9.30 a.m. ***PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY DONATIONS FOR THE OP SHOP UNTIL THE SHOP HAS RE-OPENED.***

### **ST. JOHN'S MORNING TEA FOR 2022**

Additional helpers are needed to assist with morning tea after the 9.00am Worship Service. *Please contact Hanne, mobile: 0408 324 362, if you can assist.* 😊



Have a wonderful day

## **MORNING TEA ROSTER FOR MORNING WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>
9 January 2022 <b>Ordination Sunday</b>	Lyn Duldig & others	Laurel Mathews & others
16 January 2022	Lindsay Zunker	Irene Zunker
23 January 2022	Dawn Wood	Cheryl Leisemann
30 January 2022	Cheryl Renouf	Alicia Graham

**Slices are allowed, but must be served in a serviette.**

**All sanitising requirements are still necessary.**

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

*Please note: If supplies for morning tea are running low or out, please contact Allison Heiner on 4151 2760. Thank you ☀️*



## **Growing in Faith**

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



### **ROSTER FOR SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ST. JOHN'S 8.30 A.M. SERVICE**

09/01/22 Brianna Graham  
 16/01/22 Russell Hensel  
 23/01/22 Tamara Carroll  
 30/01/22 Sandy Bowes  
 06/02/22 Laurel Mathews

# ORDINATION SERVICE

Benjamin Graham



*Parish Service, Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022  
at St. John's, Bundaberg, commencing at 9.00 a.m.*

## THE PSALM

### **Psalm 29**

P: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.**

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

P: The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

**C: And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**

P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King for ever.

**C: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 43:1-7 (NIV)** *The Lord will be with his people*

But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

<sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**Acts 8:14-17** (NIV) *The people of Samaria receive the Holy Spirit*

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22** (NIV) *The baptism of Jesus*

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



# Sharing his love

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

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**



Dear heavenly Father, thank you for installing Jesus as the Christ, the Saviour of the world, and that he went on to win salvation by his obedient suffering and death. Remind us of the eternal judgment that is due because of our sin, and also of the wonderful gift of forgiveness and eternal life that you have lavished on us in our baptism.

Life-giving God, at the dawn of time your Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep and brought order and life to your creation. Overshadow your world today, sustain the life and planet we so badly mistreat, and bring order out of the chaos of human sin and wickedness.

In the days of the great flood you saved Noah from drowning and made a covenant of preservation with him and his descendants. Look with compassion on all who suffer from catastrophe, and save the world from more disaster.

In ancient times you brought your chosen people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea. Free all people who are held in the bondage of cruelty, oppression and injustice.

In the waters of the River Jordan, your Son Jesus was baptised with those he came to save. Bring all people today to receive salvation from him, and to seek baptism in his name.

Through the waters of our own baptism, you have sealed us as your own and made us one with Christ and all who bear his name. Empower us by your Spirit to faithfully serve you in our different callings in the world and in the church, and in our common calling as your holy people in every situation.

At Jesus' baptism you named him your beloved Son and anointed him with miraculous power. Bring healing today to those who are sick. Give hope to those who despair, and comfort to those who are lost and lonely.

Father, you have sustained your whole church in faith by freely giving your Holy Spirit. Keep us in the power of your Spirit, so that we may always live with the freedom that comes from trusting your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.