

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 09 FEBRUARY 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR

Hi Church,

This week we embark on a brand new series called “First Fruits” as we examine the significance of being a good steward of the resources God provides to us, and of the willingness to offer him our best.

This week we follow the story in Genesis of a couple of brothers who both provide offerings to God, and see how giving God our best is really a reflection of our relationship with Him.

As we look at ways that we give our firstfruits to God in terms of our finances, time, gifts and whatever he asks from us, you will hopefully find within this bulletin some helpful resources to help you do this.

Because while as consumers we are willing to cheerfully give our best for the latest smart phone or concert with headline artist, these products and concerts are nothing compared to the God who created us, saved us, and loves us.



God Bless you, as you steward all that He has given to you. In His service - Pastor Ben



First Fruits: Good Stewards (Part 1)

Bible Readings: Genesis 4:2-10

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

| Upcoming Dates

Day	Date	Location	Description
Sun	15/02	Karana Downs	Ladies High Tea @ 9.30am
Sun	16/02	All locations	First Fruits (Part 2)
Wed	26/02	Bethany	Mid-week Holy Communion @9.30am
Wed	26/02	St Johns	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service @7.00pm
Sun	01/03	Grace	Annual General Meeting
Sun	08/03	St Johns	Annual General Meeting
Sun	15/03	Bethany	Annual General Meeting

| Today

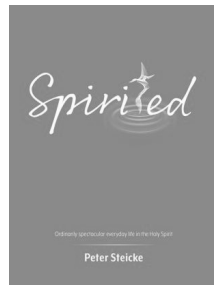
Thankyou to Gary Hermann for leading at Bethany Worship Centre.

| Happenings & Notices

Ladies High Tea Ladies Ministry is starting up again for 2020, so why not join us for a High Tea, fellowship and fun! Ladies from ages 18-100 are all welcome. Bring a friend or two! High Tea will be held Sat, 15 Feb, 9.30am-11.30am, at ESKAY Kids, 36 College Road, Karana Downs. RSVP to Leanne Kreis - 0438280861 leannekreis@gmail.com or Lee Stiller – 0407648962 - leestilla@gmail.com.

Bethany's joint Ministry & Worship Team Meeting will be meeting on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at 7.00pm at Bethany Worship Centre. All are welcome to join us!

Spirited If you would still like to purchase a copy of Peter Steicke's book Spirited, you can get a copy by contacting Martin Oldfield on 0418 786 149. For more about Peter's publications, visit incrediblyloved.com.



Myanmar We have confirmed our 2020 visit dates for Myanmar as 27 April - 6 May. If you are interested in being a part of this mission trip, please contact Ps. Ben on 07 3202 4035 or email ben.hentschke@ipswich.church.

St Johns Court Units for Rent Unit 11 - Upstairs level, (2) bedroom with kitchen currently being renovated and will be available February. Please contact Lyn, St John's Treasurer, on 0408 190 221 or Will, St John's Chairman on 0427 793 338, or email property.sj@ipswich.church for further information.

LYQ Position Vacant | In-school Training Manager If you have experience with teaching and inspiring children (primary & secondary), have strong managerial skills and are looking for a new career, visit <http://www.lyq.org.au/about/careers> to view and apply for upcoming jobs!

Novel Coronavirus Announcement regarding Holy Communion: There is little evidence that sharing a common cup in Holy Communion is especially risky for the spread of any germs or disease.

However, due to the threat of Novel Coronavirus, additional individual wine cups will be made available during Communion at all of our worship services, and we encourage using them if you feel safer to do so.

The intinction (dipping the bread into the common cup) is not recommendable for hygiene reasons.

We have further provided additional hand sanitizer at all of our locations, and we encourage you to make use of these.

Australian Bush Fires While we are thankful for the rain, Australian bushfires are continuing to threaten the livelihood of families, and the lives of Australians and animals, many of us are asking how we can bring the love of God into this awful situation.

To help those in immediate need donate to **Red Cross, Salvation Army and other organisations** that are able to provide on-the-ground local support right now. To help Lutherans and the communities they are supporting with immediate assistance and then, later, post-emergency restorative support, you can donate to **LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund (tax-deductible)**

To make a bank transfer: BSB 704942 | Account: 100042902 | Account name: LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund . For more payment options, visit the LCA website www.lca.org.au.

Ways to Give If you are looking for ways to give towards the mission and ministry of our church "To know Christ and to make Christ known" just head to the giving page on our website: **www.ipswich.church** and then click on the 'give' section to find out more.



Prayer Points

- for the church, that they be a beacon of Christ's forgiveness for the world.
- for peace and reconciliation between nations and various people groups.
- for those experiencing loss due to the fires across Australia.
- for those experiencing loss and hardships due to the novel coronavirus.



When	Location	Contact Person	Description
Tue, 2nd & 4th of the month @6pm	Flinders View	Jenny Schiller 0439 958 633	All ages.
Mon, Fortnightly during term @7pm	Flinders View	Leanne Kreis 0438 280 861	Women's Group, all ages!
Mon, Weekly @10am	Raceview	Nicole Hartfiel 0407 574 280	Women's Group, ages 25-45.
Tue, 1st & 3rd of the month @1.30pm	Raceview	Janice Boardman 07 3281 1017	All ages. *Nearly full capacity*
Tue, 1st & 3rd of the month @2pm	34 Roderick St, Ipswich	Vicki Park 07 3202 4035	All ages.
Tue, fortnightly @7pm	Ipswich	Harry Fritsch 0468 540 272	Young Adults (BYO snacks/food)
Thu, weekly @2pm	Grace	John Kathage 0438 729 702	All ages.
Sat, 2nd & 4th of the month @8.30am	Karalee	Janelle Podlich 0402 058 974	All ages.
*Contact for details	Brassall	Martin Oldfield 0418 786 149	All Ages.
*Contact for Details	Brassall	Anne Scholl 0438 879 416	All Ages.
Thu, fortnightly@7pm	Flinders View	Ann Little 3288 6858	All Ages.
*Contact for Details	Flinders View	David Taylor 0434 412 635	All Ages.

Want to know more about Jesus? Head 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 families of our city.



**Sunday
Worship Times**



8am
St. John's
32 Roderick St, Ipswich



9:15am
Bethany
86 Raceview St, Raceview



10am
Grace
19 Ipswich St, Riverview



9:30am
St. John's
32 Roderick St, Ipswich