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BUT THE GREATEST  
of these is

Love

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The Eagle does not fight the snake on the ground. It picks it up into the sky and changes the battle ground, and then it releases the snake into the sky. The snake has no stamina, no power and no balance in the air. It is useless, weak and vulnerable unlike on the ground where it is powerful wise and deadly. Take your fight into the spiritual realm by praying and when you are in the spiritual realm God takes over your battles.

Don't fight the enemy in his comfort zone, change the battle grounds like the Eagle and let God take charge through your earnest prayer. You'll be assured of clean victory. Pray without ceasing.

# Sonya's Salutations

Hi everyone!

Well I hope everyone had a great Christmas! Over the Christmas period, I was asked by the Oakey congregation to play the piano for the communion services at the old folks home and at the hospital. John accompanied me by playing the flute and we took along Nikara & Kynan as well who helped in bringing the folk who were in wheelchairs down from their rooms to the big room for worship. One of the songs we all sang together which many of you know, was Aub Podlich's "A Christmas Blessing". It has always struck me that although it mentions Christmas in the title, there's not one mention of Christmas in the verse (apart from Child of God)! So me being me, I decided to compose my own verse which we ended up singing as well. Everyone loved it! So for those who can't remember, here's the song. Verse 1 is the original with verse 2 being mine. Feel free to sing mine with no problem of copyright.

## A Christmas Blessing

1.

May the feet of God walk with you, and His hand hold you tight,  
May the eye of God rest on you, and His ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you, and His breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you, and His love bring you home.

2.

May the bells that ring of Christmas, bring delight into your life  
May the carols of the season, speak into your heart with joy.  
May the Christ child that we worship, give you comfort in your stress,  
May your love and faith in Jesus, bring you to eternal life.

You'll find in this edition the photos from the Live Nativity that was held at St. Mark's in Dalby. That was a great community event which presented the gospel to quite a few visitors in a fantastic way. Not boring and drab, but filled with humour as well. We have some very talented actors in our midst!

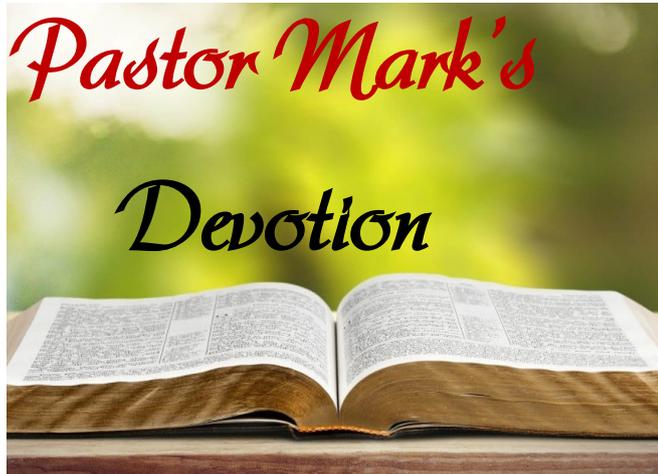


After going to the Live Nativity, our family went over to the Dalby Baptist church to view all the trees made by various people and groups in the Dalby community for their Christmas tree display in the church. The photo on the left shows the entry created by our St. Mark's craft group. The ladies obviously had a fun time putting it all together with various crafts on show—even the cups and plates show not just craft as they're all glued together into the tower, but also symbolise the coffee and food enjoyed while they craft and chat.

[If anyone is interested in taking my role over as editor, please contact me](#) as we are now worshipping at Norwin which is closer to us, but not in this parish. We still occasionally go to Dalby to keep in touch as I'll still be a Holiday Fun Time teacher for this year. But unless someone else takes over the reins for the BOV, I won't have as much news to give you unless a lot more people start submitting news from all the different events that I won't be going to! Please pray about it to see if this is where God wants you to serve Him. I can easily take you through the 'how to' steps or you may already have even better talents than I have to create your own touch!

I really hope that everyone has enjoyed their little community being "in the Spotlight" and that you've all learnt a little bit more of these places that we don't always get to visit. When I started the spotlight articles, I thought it would be an interesting way to have each area feel a real part of this newsletter while at the same time reminding the rest of us that you are an important part of our parish. I for one haven't been to all the places that this newsletter covers although since moving to QLD we've quickly learnt that distance is nothing! Especially the further west you go... It still amazes us how those who live in Brisbane think Toowoomba is too far to drive! On behalf of our family I wish you all a blessed Easter.

***In His love, Sonya.***



## Be an Ostrich and Bear much Fruit

Think of the ostrich. When the ostrich lays her egg, she carefully covers it with sand. Then she meticulously camouflages its location. She disguises it so no one can harm her egg. She is so good at camouflaging her egg, that if she moves her eye from the site, she cannot find it

again. Thus, the ostrich gives all her attention to the eggs resting place even if it means giving up her life. If she looks away, she loses everything. The symbol of the ostrich hangs in many a church in the Middle East. Christians use this symbol to remind them to focus completely on God's Word in their worship and let nothing distract them, and we could well benefit from doing the same thing!



Why? Because, only as we meditate and hear the Word of the Gospel, do we receive forgiveness, life and salvation and all the truly good things we yearn for. Only as we hear and receive the Word, does God, the giver of all good gifts (James 1:17), give us the Holy Spirit who bubbles through us and in us like a fountain of living water, (John 4) satisfying us, making us joyful, filling us with good things, giving us the Kingdom, (Luke 6:20-23 Gospel for Epiphany 6).

All this because the Word, Jesus Christ, became poor for us, went hungry for us, wept for us, was hated and excluded for us. The man of sorrows and acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53), died for us, so that He could pour out His Spirit upon us, having gotten rid of the curse of sin (Joel 2). This is what enables us to leap for joy, and rejoice even when physically and materially there seems little to rejoice about.

*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.*

*Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.... (Luke 6:20-23)*

Pr Mark Hampel

Chinchilla, Downfall Creek, Miles, Charleville

Having gone through the commandments we will move on to the creed.

Here we come face to face with the Living God. The only God who reveals to us who He is and leads us to put our faith in Him. We can confess faith in Him even though He is a mystery who we never come to know completely. We can confess what in scripture He has revealed of Himself as Creator, Saviour and Life Giver.

He reveals Himself as the one through whom all things came into existence simply by His Word. We in our unbelief like to know the how. God simply tells us the why. Because He is a God of love, He created us and all creatures as is stated in our catechism. He wants to be in a relationship with us and has given us all things. Not because we deserve it but because of His Mercy. In our unbelief we see the gifts as ours and something to be worked for. We spend our time gathering the gifts for ourselves rather than working to see that the gifts are meant for all people to use. Creation didn't stop when the world began. God intended for us to continue working together with Him in the future creation. When we see how gracious God is we can be left feeling obligated. Then we no longer serve Him willingly. The catechism says of all God's goodness it is our duty to thank and praise for all His goodness. A duty can be something we have to do. Here God steps in to solve our problem.

He willingly sent Jesus, His most prized Son. He came and laid down His life for me. He didn't do it because He had to, but because he wanted to. Jesus willingly gave Himself into death for us. The ransom money was not gold or silver but His innocent suffering and death. All this so that I might belong to Him. In other words He owns me and I can serve Him in everlasting innocence and righteousness. Here I learn I can serve God and it is possible but I need to be willing. Something needs to happen to give me a willing spirit. Here again God comes to the rescue.

Our catechism then reveals God as the one who comes to give faith – The Holy Spirit. The means he uses to call me is the Good News. I can accept this news with my mind but I cannot believe it in my heart. God has to enlighten me not just with knowledge but He has to show me in my very being that what He has done was for me. When this happens, I am justified and put right with God. The other side of being justified by faith enables me to want to thank and praise Him for all His gifts to me and use them to serve others. Then I can serve Him in everlasting innocence and blessedness with a willing spirit. It becomes a joy to serve Jesus. St. Paul calls this having the eyes of your heart transformed by the Holy Spirit. I am then free to serve the God I confess: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Happy catechism reading.

On the Parish front I have been conducting services in St. George and Glenmorgan on a monthly basis on the second Sunday of each month. This Sunday (17th February) I have a confirmation service in Roma. I missed a service in Roma in January as a Uniting minister took a baptism on the Sunday I was due to go out. Otherwise I have a service in Roma the third Sunday of each month. I have a baptism lined up for Glenmorgan next month. In St. George we worship with the Anglicans. Last Sunday there were 22 present. And in Glenmorgan 12. This would have never been possible if it wasn't for some of our Lutheran folk making contact. The same applies in Roma. In Roma we get from 20 to 30 come to communion. All I can say is I thank the Holy Spirit for going with me both in delivery and preparation. The people appreciate our coming. I do home communion at Mitchell when I can.

Greetings in the name of Christ,  
Pastor Ken von Pein.

# Downfall Creek celebrates Advent



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHINCHILLA, MILES, DOWNFALL CREEK & CHARLEVILLE

**Christmas Eve:** The Church of Christ and the Lutheran communities joined as one on the lawns in front of Trinity Chinchilla. Folks invited their friends and neighbours, and some even went around the street delivering flyers inviting people along. God blessed our efforts and around 150 people turned up for 'Carols by Candlelight'. The night was warm and balmy and God sent a wind to keep the mozzies away. Dan from *'Intelligence by Design'* provided marvellous sound and lighting. A great night was had by all, and we hope to do it again this coming Christmas, on the Sunday evening prior. I think this was the only Christian Christmas Carols evening in town, which makes it something special.

**Church Times:** We are trying to boost the number of preaching services Miles & Downfall Creek get by altering the worship schedules. Although it's a little unsettling to do this, there are good benefits to be had, once its all sorted. Also, a new schedule means that Pastor Mark gets to talk with the Chinchilla folk after church, which is not possible now.

### **Melon Festival Combined Service:**

Last Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 450 people from all Christian Churches gathered in the Town Hall for a last official event of the Melon Festival, our combined service. All the churches helped out. Pastor Mark had the privilege of offering the



Prayer of the Church, and prayed for the wellbeing of our community, for the crops and the animals, the council and mayor, and thanked the Lord that we can all gather as the Body of Christ together on such an occasion. The singing was truly fantastic, especially the two old hymns, which everybody knew, which is the beauty of a common memory.

**Noel Due Seminars:** Pr Noel Due is booked in for a visit to our SWQLP **this April/May**. He will be leading a seminar at Charleville on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April, (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter), and one at Miles on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, preaching at the Parish Service in Dalby on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, then heading off to NSW. During the week 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Noel is planning to visit the various small groups in the area who would like to have him along - Miles, Downfall Creek, Chinchilla, Yelarbon(?), Wandoan (?), Moonie(?), etc, individually to encourage and resource them. He will also be here for Ron, Ken & Mark's Pastor's Team Meeting at Chinchilla on the last Tuesday in April. Please plan to attend, if you want to get some wonderful encouragement on Mission, Evangelism and Church Life. We are very blessed to have him here, all expenses paid, courtesy of the LCA.

- Pastor Mark.

# A Christmas to Believe in



*Live Nativity  
19th-20th  
December  
St. Mark's  
Dalby*



Thanks must go to Kylie Conway for coordinating the fantastic play, A Christmas to Believe in, with so many hands making it a wonderful night for all who attended.

The actors, singers, musicians, behind and in front of the scenes helpers, animal wranglers, food organisers and attendance gift givers (sorry if I've left anyone out!) all made the night one to remember, especially with some of those ad-libbed lines by the Noller's in the performance!

# Live Nativity



# **CHURCH FAMILY CAMP @ DUCKADANG!**

Driving through the entrance to Camp Duckadang late Friday night, we were greeted by many familiar sights. The BYO camping area with caravans and camper trailers; the variety of brick accommodation buildings from a self-contained house, block of separate bedrooms and the dorm rooms; kids running, riding and playing around the spacious grassy grounds (no normal bedtimes on camp!); young, old and in-betweens sitting in the dining room or outside under the covered area, playing cards, chatting and chilling.

As people arrive when they can, anytime from afternoon onwards, there is always a warm, excited welcome from those who have already settled in, followed by some assistance in finding your 'space' and getting settled. We had a fully enclosed room for the 3 of us with plenty of space, ceiling fan and comfy beds. Many of the young families and couples choose this block, while the 'cool kids' sleep in the separate Male/Female Dormitories.

Our first night was simple and relaxing – unpack, check the kitchen rosters, and familiarise with the program for the weekend. Then it was time to join in any variety of board or card games that were underway, or sit and chat and unwind, with plenty of snacks available for all. We missed seeing some of our regulars this year, but it was such a blessing to welcome quite a number of new faces. Usual bedtimes for many were dismissed, as young and old enjoyed the excitement and anticipation of the start of camp!

Saturday was a great day of food; fellowship; worship time and devotion; food; canoeing; using the camp facilities of swimming pool, mini golf, low ropes course, table tennis, volleyball, tennis; kids riding around sharing the various 'wheels' they had brought with them – bikes, trikes, etc; cards; food; jigsaw puzzles; board games; slip'n'slide; afternoon naps; great meals; and wonderful interaction with everyone of all ages in a relaxed, casual, peaceful setting.

What I really loved about camp this year was the great program the organisers developed. Plenty of activities and things to keep everyone occupied but lots of opportunities for free time or quiet time, and everything is optional if you have a different plan. Due to the hot weather, swimming is always 'on' and it's very easy to spend a couple of hours in the cool water. The menu was again well planned by the organisers, and everyone always brings plenty of extra fruit, cakes, slices, bickies and other snacks.

saturday night was going to include a bush dance but by mutual opinion everyone was happy doing whatever activities they were already engaged in, so we didn't swing our partners! Another sign of a great camp – there's no need to enforce the program. Making changes and alterations as needed, continues the flow of fellowship, relationship building and relaxing, and results in 'Happy Campers'!

sunday morning, as I was leaving my room, late for breakfast, I was greeted by my family singing 'Happy Birthday' and bearing breakfast in bed! Later I was serenaded by my church family. What a blessing to spend my special day with my special extended family! Then followed a great worship service in the large hall with amazing music and singing (thankyou band), a devotion on family, and community prayer.

people are free to leave whenever they need on sunday, so there is time spent packing and sweeping, in between more play for the kids, more swimming, and those 'last' card games! John had organised a cake for my birthday, so another round of Happy Birthday, and plenty of birthday cake for everyone. After a filling 'left-overs' lunch, camp is officially over, but there's no rush. I had a lovely last swim in the pool with a few others who weren't in a rush.

we left camp Duckadang mid-afternoon, chatting all the way home about all the things we had enjoyed and people we had spent time with, while thinking about how great camp will be in 2020!

Elissa Hensel

### **And a little snippet from Pastor Mark:**



**Pr Graham Pfeffer baptising his granddaughter Emilia Nothdurft on 10-2-19 at Trinity Chinchilla**



## FEATURING:

### ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

#### STORY:

St George Lutherans are part of the South West Diaspora which consists of Roma, Charleville, St George and Meandarra/Glenmorgan preaching places.

We are a small number of Lutherans who have made St George or Dirranbandi (100 kl away) our home.



At present, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. We have a Lutheran Communion Service combined with the Anglicans in the Anglican Church at 8 am. Pastor Ken von Pein (Special Ministry Pastor) takes this service and both Lutherans and Anglicans do readings and prayers and an Anglican LA (Liturgical Assistant) helps Pastor Ken with Communion. The offering is shared between both groups. The Anglicans don't have a residential Priest so are thankful for the second Communion Service each month.

As the service is 8am on the Sunday Pastor Ken and his wife or visitors who travel with him have to arrive on Saturday afternoon so they have to be accommodated over night. After the St George Service Pastor Ken then travels to Meandarra/Glenmorgan for an afternoon Service.

A cuppa always follows service so we can enjoy fellowship with other Lutherans and the Anglicans.

We have regularly attended Anglican Services since 2010 when Lutherans were advised to go to Anglican or Catholic Church as the Lutherans couldn't support us with regular bi monthly services.

We are very thankful that we can now have regular monthly Lutheran Services and thank Pastor Ken for his commitment to the Lutherans in St George, Meandarra/Glenmorgan and Roma.



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# ST MARKS COURT

## RETIREMENT UNITS

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# IT'S NOT FAIR!

Many years ago, an elderly missionary couple returned from Africa to retire in New York City. As their ship steamed into New York harbour, they reflected on their bleak situation: they had no pension, for they belonged to no missionary board. Their health was broken. They were defeated, discouraged, and fearful about the future. And they couldn't help comparing their circumstances with those of a fellow passenger who also had boarded the ship in Africa—President Teddy Roosevelt, who was returning from one of his big-game hunting expeditions.

As the ship pulled into the harbour, past the great city and the Statue of Liberty, the people on the ship could hear a band playing on the dock. A huge crowd had gathered to welcome the returning president from his hunting trip in Africa. The old missionary turned and said to his wife, "Dear, something is wrong. Why should we have given our lives in faithful service for God in Africa all these years? This man comes back from a big-game hunting expedition and everybody makes a big fuss over him, but nobody gives two hoots about us."



"Dear," his wife replied, "you shouldn't feel that way. Try not to be bitter about it."

"I just can't help it," he replied. "It's not right. After all, if God is running this world, why does He permit such injustice?"

As the boat neared the dock, and as the sound of the band and the cheering of the crowd grew louder, he became more and more depressed.

The mayor of New York City was on hand to greet the returning president, along with many other dignitaries—but no one even noticed the missionary couple. They slipped off the ship and found a cheap flat on the east side, hoping the next day to see what they could do to make a living in the city.

That night the man's spirit just broke. He said to his wife, "I can't take this! God is not fair! We don't even know anyone to help us, or where to go. If God is faithful, why doesn't He meet our need?"

"Why don't you ask Him?" said his wife.

"All right," said the man. "I will." He went into the bedroom and prayed for a while. Later, when he emerged from the bedroom after talking it over with God, he seemed completely changed.

"Dear, what happened?" asked his wife. "What has come over you?"

"Well," he said, "the Lord settled it with me. I went and knelt beside the bed and poured out my feelings to Him. I said, 'Lord, it's not fair!' I told Him how bitter I was that the president should receive this tremendous homecoming, when no one met us as we returned home. And when I finished, it seemed as though the Lord put His hand on my shoulder and simply said, 'But you're not home yet!'"

That's a great truth, isn't it? God does reward believers, but not necessarily down here. The rewards here have to do with the strengthening of the inner life, not the outer. We have no claim on God by reason of our faithful service. Serving Him is only what we should do. We have no right to come to Him in prayer and demand that He answer because we have done this, that, or another thing.

Jesus says that when we stand and list our accomplishments before God, we are not praying. Is it any wonder then that we have been fainting? Is it possible that after years of praying we must now realise we have never truly prayed?

- Taken from 'Talking with my Father, Jesus teaches on Prayer' by Ray Stedman

# KIDS DEVOTION

*This is to be made the evening before Easter.*

## RESURRECTION COOKIES

1 cup pecans  
1 tspn vinegar  
Pinch Salt  
Wooden Spoon  
Mixing Bowl  
Hand Mixer

3 egg whites  
1 cup sugar  
Bible  
Plastic "Glad" snap lock bag  
Sticky Tape  
Cookie tray covered with wax paper

*Preheat oven to 150°C (300°F).*

*Place pecans in bag and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.*

*Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tspn vinegar into a mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.*

*Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.*

*Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.*

*So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus dies because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalm 24:8 and John 3:16.*

*Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the colour white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.*

*Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by tspns onto a wax paper covered cookie tray. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.*

*Put the cookie tray in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.*

*GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight.*

*Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20-22.*

*On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.*



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Please note: there has been a change of date for the June event. It's now at the end of the month, not the beginning.

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## 2019 Calendar of Events



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, 7-11pm**

**Wilsonton State School Hall, Toowoomba**

Entry: \$20 + plate of finger food

Tickets at the door

Band: Cloud 9 + dance instructor

Formal dress - come with a mask or pay an extra \$5

*Enquiries to Sonya 0419 333 848*



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7-11pm**

**Wilsonton State School Hall, Toowoomba**

Entry: \$20 + plate of finger food

Tickets at the door

Casual dress

Are you ready for some fun & games?

*Enquiries to Sonya 0419 333 848*



**Saturday 7th September 2019, 7-11pm**

**Wilsonton State School Hall, Toowoomba**

Entry: \$20 + plate of finger food

Tickets at the door

Band: Top Gear + dance instructor

Formal Dress

Bring extra money for an awesome Auction!

*Enquiries to Sonya 0419 333 848*

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**DATE** Saturday 16 March 2019  
8:45am – 4:10pm

**COST** Early Bird Price - only \$55 includes all training materials as well as morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea \$10 discount for students and pensioners

**VENUE** Cannon Hill Anglican College  
Junction Rd, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

**WHO** Sunday School leaders, youth leaders, teachers, junior leaders, parents, lay workers, pastors etc.

**REGISTRATION** Early Bird pricing ends 25 February 2019. Registrations close Monday 11 March 2019.



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Opening the Bible with Children CAROLE DANBY	*How to 'do' faith in the early years! CAROLE DANBY	*Being a Generational Team ABBEY MUDIE	*Leadership Development for Young Leaders ABBEY MUDIE
*Small Group Ministry for Kids RHONDA SOLTES	Intergenerational Worship PS MATT THIELE	*Intergenerational Ministry GROW MINISTRIES	*Blazing the Trail of Faith GROW MINISTRIES
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**Noel Due Seminars:**  
Charleville on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Miles on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Dalby on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Parish Service**  
in Dalby on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

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& THURSDAY 11TH APRIL  
FROM 8.30AM -12.30PM EACH DAY**

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
Cnr Archibald and Condamine Streets Dalby

On line registration at: [www.stmarksdalby.com.au/holiday-fun-time](http://www.stmarksdalby.com.au/holiday-fun-time)  
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# Jokes

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."

Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you just keep him when you took his picture then?"

The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

Not so very long ago, an old German man was feeling guilty about something he had done, so he decided to go to Confession. He said, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I feel terrible because during World War II I hid a refugee in my attic."

The priest said, "But that's not a sin! I wouldn't feel bad about that if I were you!"

"But I made him agree to pay me 50 Marks for every week he stayed."

The priest said, "Well, I admit that certainly wasn't the most noble thing to do, charging the man to save his life -- but you did save his life, after all, and that is a good thing. Don't worry about it too much; God forgives."

The man said, "Oh thank you, Father, that eases my mind. I have only one more question to ask you -- do I have to tell him the war is over?"

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mum, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

When was baseball mentioned in the Bible?  
When Rebecca walked to the well with the pitcher, and when the Prodigal Son made a home run.

A young vampire bat came flapping in from the night, covered in fresh blood and perched himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.

Before long, all the other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He was tired and needing a rest, so he told them to please leave him alone. However, it was clear that he wasn't going to get any sleep until he satisfied their curiosity.

"OK!" he said with exasperation, "follow me," and he flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats following close behind him. Down through the valley they went, across the river and into the deep forest. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly gathered around him.

"Do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all screamed in a frenzy.

"Good," said the first bat, "Because I DIDN'T!"

Before marriage, a man yearns for the woman he loves.  
After marriage, the "y" becomes silent.

# COMPETITION RESULTS

Front Cover competition winner was:

Taleika Sampson, Ringwood.

Christmas Word Scrambles competition winners were:

Nadia Steinhardt, Fig Tree Pocket and  
Val Kleidon, Brigalow.

**Congratulations and enjoy your prizes!!**

**\*\* NOTE: ALL THE COMPETITIONS ARE  
OPEN TO ANYONE, NOT JUST ADULTS, AND  
NOT JUST KIDS...**

**HOPE YOU'VE ALL ENJOYED WORKING OUT  
THESE PUZZLES!**

## ANSWERS TO LAST EDITION'S PUZZLES:

### Competition #2

Work out the following Christmas word scrambles:

1. THEBMEHEL - Bethlehem
2. JUESS - Jesus
3. BLESTA - Stable
4. MYRA - Mary
5. GLEANS - Angels
6. HOPSJE - Joseph
7. ARTS - Star
8. PHRESSHED - Shepherds
9. MALISAN - Animals
10. VITAINY - Nativity
11. LFCKOS - Flocks
12. KNEIPEREN - Innkeeper
13. SEWMINE - Wisemen
14. GRAMEN - Manger
15. SLIDEF - Fields



# COMPETITION TIME

For your chance to win a prize, enter one or both competitions on this page and send by **20th May** to:

BOV competition, 851 West Prairie Rd, Jondaryan QLD 4403 or email it through to me at the address on the front page.

Winners announced next edition.

Name: ..... Age: 0-5, 6-12, 13-17, 18-30, 31-50, 51+

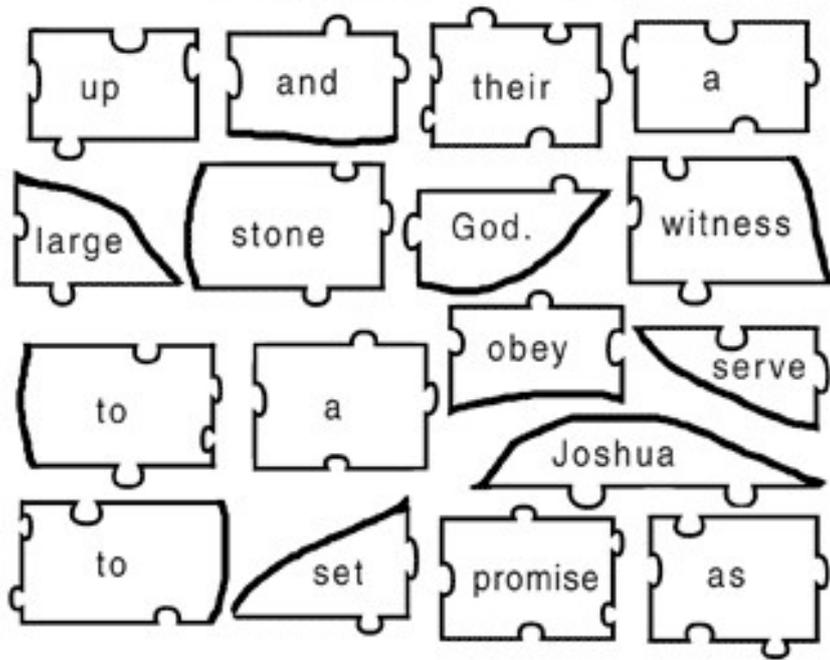
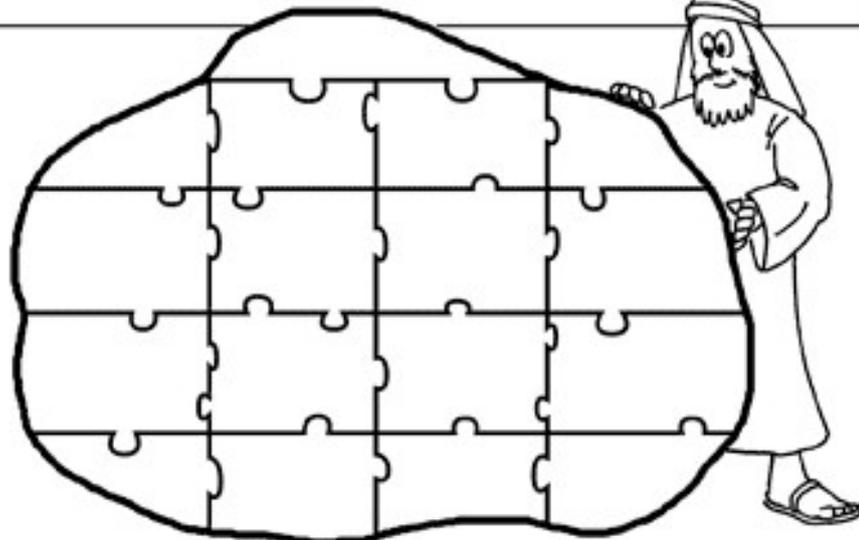
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## Competition #1

1.

The people insisted they would serve the LORD, too. What did Joshua do to make them keep their promise?

Fit the puzzle pieces together.



# Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



Y L X Y P K W G P R X I F L W  
D B A R H V N E S P I C E S K  
P W V S L I P U E F Z S Z U T  
A R W A N U S V T K Q A E F N  
G D O R C K T Z O W T J O N A  
Y R O L T Q O K M B O D Y L Z  
G M O W L D N E B S S T B Q J  
Y D B U G E E V N R T H K E Z  
W L Z O N Q D U L T W H J M T  
F O I Q W D J U F O E R X S C  
R R M V R E M E M B E R R S I  
J D I E I U D P R E C I E P K  
G F E G N N N B D D F C G D O  
O D D A H S G C Q A A I X I V  
L A T F D T M P J F Y Z T F L

living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day