



# The Cornerstone

## December 2015

Welcome to St Jude the Apostle - an Contemporary and Traditional Anglican Church reaching out to all generations at Everton Park

## From one level of Glory to another

### SERVICES

#### TUESDAYS:

- 9:30 am Holy Communion Service
- 22nd December - *Thanksgiving Service*

#### FRIDAYS:

- **Alive & In the House - In RECESS until February 2016**
- 9.30 am Ladies Study Group

#### SUNDAYS:

- 7.15 am **Traditional Communion Service**  
*(followed by morning tea on 1st Sunday of the month)*
- 9.30 am **Contemporary Communion Service**  
*with Kid's Time (followed by morning tea)*
- 20th December—*Thanksgiving Services*

### December Calendar

#### MONDAYS:

- 7 pm - **Men's Study Group**

#### TUESDAYS

- 1st December - 7 pm **Creative Arts Rehearsal**
- 8th December - 7 pm **Creative Arts Rehearsal with Brisbane Brass Music Assoc.**
- 15th December - 10.45 am **Christmas Morning tea and Birthday Party**
- 15th November - 6.30 pm **Parish Council**
- 22nd December - 7 pm **Creative Arts Rehearsal**

#### WEDNESDAYS:

- 10.30 am - **Beacon Counseling Ministry**
- 16th November - 3.30 pm **Beacon Counselling Ministry Supervision Seminar**

#### FIRDAYS:

- 25th December - 8.45 am **Christmas Day Service**

#### SUNDAYS:

- 6th December - 11.00 am **Kid's Christmas Party**
- 13th December - 5.00 pm **Christmas Carols**
- 20th December - 11.15 am **St Jude's Christmas BBQ**

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Walking with God in our lives is not always easy and never straight forward. With the pressures of life and the constant attack upon our Christian Faith, and its values, we often struggle to keep our heads above water. To make ground we need to understand what is distinctly different about our Christian Faith and its outworking in our lives. Paul writes:

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another (2 Corinthians 3:18)

In this chapter Paul has been comparing the nature of the covenant of the Law established through Moses and the covenant of the Spirit which came into being through Jesus Christ. He concludes with the verse noted above. From this we can note a number of things:

#### God wants us to walk with Him

God is on about a relationship with us, not our keeping to the rules. Not that rules are not important but holiness does not come by keeping them, whether it is the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7), or some other form of Christian rules and regulations. True holiness comes from our beholding the glory of the Lord in Jesus Christ. It comes from inviting Jesus Christ into our hearts as our personal Lord and Saviour. It is as we live with, walk with, learn from and commune with Jesus Christ, and through Him God the Father, that we become holy and righteous people. No amount of good works or obedience to regulations and rules can substitute for this relationship that God wants to have with us.

#### We are changing into His likeness

Christians are people who are changing. If you have become fixed and inflexible in your life then chances are that you are not where God wants you to be. God is in the process of changing us so that we can become like Jesus Christ and reflect His nature in our lives. We are being "changed into His likeness." the Christian life is about growing and maturing, and then growing again. No matter how long we

have been Christians there is still room to grow. If we believe we have made it, or think we know all there is to know, and feel that there is nothing more we have to do, then we are not growing. We have become stagnant in our lives and it tells.

#### From One Level Glory to the Next

God's growth in our lives occurs at different levels. Paul tell us we are being changed into the likeness of Jesus "from one level of glory to another". The Greek word *doxa* for glory means to show recognition and has the sense of "splendour, glory and brightness". Each level of our growth as Christians is a degree of glory and recognition as we draw closer to God and reflect more and more the nature of Jesus in our lives.

If we look back over the last couple of years we should be able to recognise how we have grown in our lives. That is, how we have grown in: our character and personality; our strengths and confidence; our abilities and skills; and our love and affection. If we cannot see how we have grown at all in that time then we need to recognise that it is time to go up to the next level of glory. We need shore up our faith and take the step that God has been asking us to take for some time.

***We will not grow without the humility to recognise the need to grow; and the willingness to be obedient to what God has asked us to do.***

Our growth as Christians and our development from one degree of glory to the next is not automatic and depends on our willingness to go with God where ever He wants us to go and to do what He wants us to do. There are three important areas in which we all need to grow:

1. We need to grow within ourselves
2. We need to help bring the Kingdom in
3. We need to give to God and the work of His church with abundant joy

With God's Blessing  
Pastor Andrew Peters



# Christmas Carols

Sunday 13th December 2015

at 5.00 pm

Brisbane Brass Music Association

With

St Jude's Contemporary Band

Carols, Christmas readings, children's item and drama



Picture from Family Christmas online



Picture from Gospel Clip Art

# Christmas Day

25th December 2015

at 8.45 am

Communion Service with carols, drama and children's item



Picture by Dona Gelsinger

# St Jude's Christmas BBQ

20th December at 11.15 am

*Ps Andrew and Lynette request the pleasure of your company at our end of year Christmas celebration for our church members, families and teams.*



**Food:** Could you please bring your own meat to be cooked and a salad

**Other Refreshments:** sweets, drinks and other refreshments will be provided.

**RSVP:** Tuesday 15th December



CHILDREN - AGES 8-10

# Bible Story Word Hunt

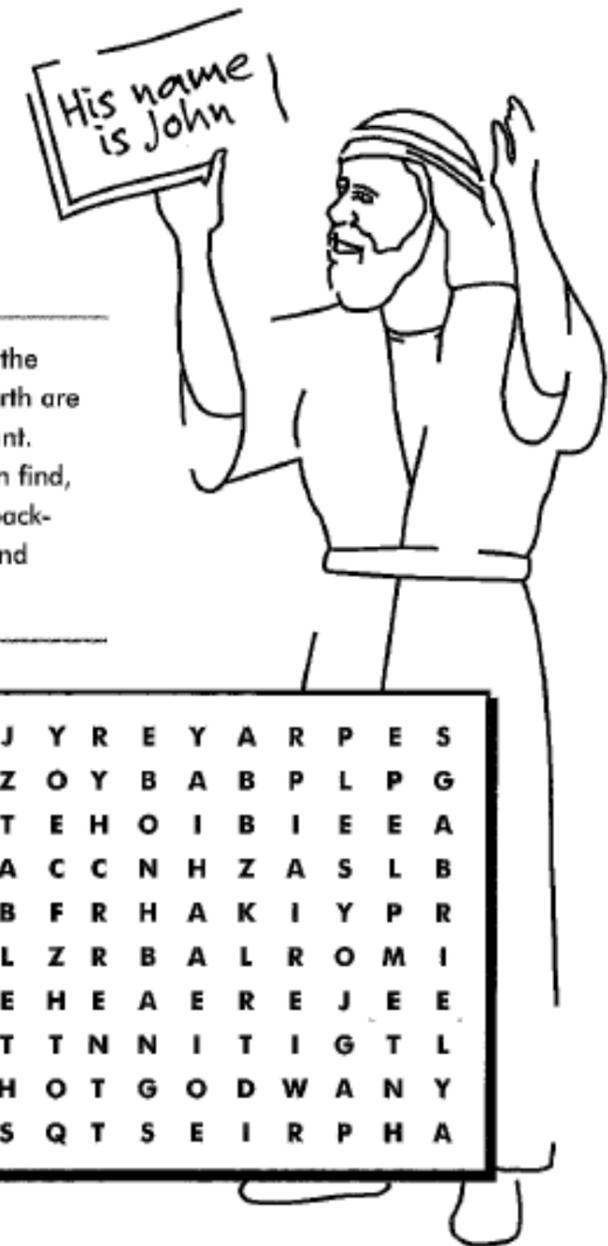
Birth of John

—Luke 1

## Word List

AFRAID  
ANGEL  
BABY  
ELIZABETH  
GABRIEL  
GOD  
JOHN  
JOY  
PRAYER  
PRIEST  
SILENT  
SON  
SPEAK  
TABLET  
TEMPLE  
ZECHARIAH

Important words from the Bible story of John's birth are hidden in this word hunt. See how many you can find, reading forward and backward, up and down, and diagonally.



J	Y	R	E	Y	A	R	P	E	S
Z	O	Y	B	A	B	P	L	P	G
T	E	H	O	I	B	I	E	E	A
A	C	C	N	H	Z	A	S	L	B
B	F	R	H	A	K	I	Y	P	R
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E	H	E	A	E	R	E	J	E	E
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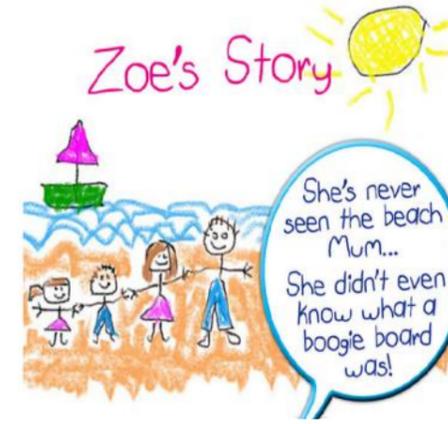
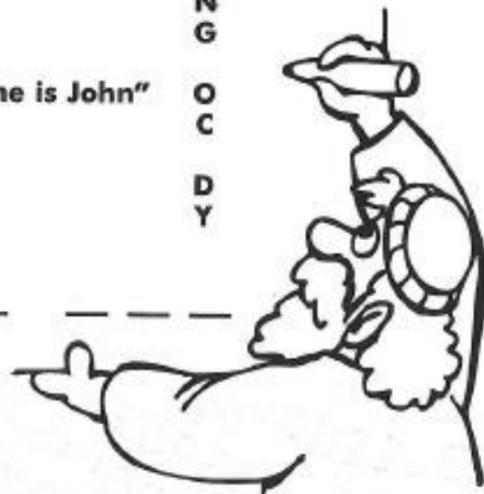
**Zechariah Praises God**  
—Luke 1

# One Happy Couple

Read each sentence. Choose the words that make the sentence true and circle the letter that goes with each correct answer. When you are finished, write the circled letters on the spaces below to find out what Zechariah did next.

Zechariah was a . . .	priest farmer	P F
He and his wife Elizabeth were . . .	young old	O R
The angel said Zechariah and Elizabeth would have a . . .	baby flood	A L
Zechariah . . .	believed the angel did not believe	K I
When Zechariah came out of the temple he . . .	was crying could not speak	W S
Elizabeth . . .	gave birth to a son had a baby girl	E M
The neighbors thought the baby's name would be . . .	John Zechariah	O D
Elizabeth said the baby's name would be . . .	Zechariah John	N G
When asked, Zechariah . . .	wrote, "His name is John" didn't answer	O C
The neighbors and friends were . . .	filled with awe not interested	D Y

Then Zechariah . . . \_\_\_\_\_



# Christmas Day Appeal

Anglicare's  
Caloundra House  
Making dreams come true and  
creating special memories forever

**Anglicare**  
Southern Queensland

1300 244 683 [anglicaresq.org.au](http://anglicaresq.org.au)

Anglicare runs a ministry that helps children and families in need to have great time out. In the promotion of this appeal they focus upon the situation of a young girl named Zoe. They note: Zoe remembers the chaos of her life. Now her life is filled with the simple pleasures of living in a small country town with a family that adores her. With our help Anglicare can support foster families like Zoe's.



# St Jude's Day Celebration

**Service:** We had a really great St Jude's Day service with Bishop Jonathan who was preacher and celebrant. He was also focused upon during the children's talk and a drama, which ended with the whole congregation receiving small hot pies.

**Lunch:** our chefs produced a great BBQ lunch of chicken, sausages and steak with a variety of salads provided by our members. This was finished with delicious sweets and coffee/tea.

**Auction:** We auctioned two items during the lunch: Ps Andrew's Maroon scarf worn during our three services to concede a Maroon win in the State of Origins—\$85; and a diamond/ruby ring that went for \$1,601. We will looking at purchasing electronic advertising screens from the proceeds of the auction (which is in response to one of our LYCIG aims).

**Vision Launch:** Ps Andrew delivered the vision launch for our church for the next 18 months. It contained a consolidation and selection of areas of the church's life collected during the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) program we conducted with all three of our congregations during September/October.





**Anglican Church of Australia -  
Diocese of Brisbane  
Safe Ministry Policy Statement**

The Anglican Church of Australia is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people within its own community.

The Church will:

- Carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers;
- Adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and lay church workers;
- Respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and lay church workers;
- Offer pastoral support to any person who has suffered abuse;
- Provide pastoral support to and supervision of any person who has been accused of abuse; and
- Provide pastoral support to an supervision of any person known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person.

Resolution of general Synod 2004  
Resolution of Archbishop-in-Council 2005  
Amended by Brisbane Synod 2007

**Information for Parents and Carers**

The Anglican Church of Brisbane is committed to striving to provide a safe and supportive environment for children and young people in all its ministries.

The Diocese has implemented this **Child Protection Risk Management Plan** to assist in protecting children and other vulnerable people from harm in the Church. The Plan helps ensure that the Diocese's ministries are safe and supportive environments by providing strategies to identify and minimise potential risks. Screening lay employees and volunteers through the *Commission for Children and Young People's* blue card system is an integral part of our Plan.

The Risk Management Plan addresses the following elements:

- A Child Protection Risk Management Plan **Policy Statement**.
- A **Code of Conduct** for clergy and lay Church workers who work with children.
- A **Safe Ministry Check**, which provides procedures for recruiting, screening, selecting and supervising lay Church workers.
- A **Protocol for Dealing with Complaints**, which provides clear and mandatory procedures for managing complaints and information regarding sexual misconduct by clergy and lay Church workers.
- Procedures for addressing breaches of the Risk Management Plan.
- Procedures for ensuring the proper implementation of this Plan and regularly reviewing its contents.
- Maintenance of a register for all lay Church workers who hold blue cards.
- A specific Risk Management Plan for high-risk activities and special events.
- A strategy for communicating the Plan to parents and carers of children who participate in all ministries in the Diocese

*Copies of the documents in bold are available for downloading from the Diocesan website: [www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au](http://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au)*

**MU Christmas Lunch**



The MU Christmas Party at the Arana Hills Leagues Club was delightful with great food and company. Thank you to Joan Cooper and her team for all the work they have done this year. Looking forward to greater things in 2016.



**Landscape Work Thanks**



**Working Bee:** Thank you to all those who participated in the working bee on the Saturday before our St Jude's Day celebration. The

team made an early start but had to stop work due to heavy rain. A couple of hours later they were back and completed the work on the alfresco patio gardens and lawn.



**Alfresco-Watercourse Safety Fence:**

thanks to Kevin, Ray, Rob and Don for the work they did in installing the pools standard safety fence between the Alfresco patio lawns and garden and the watercourse



**Thanksgiving Services**

2015 has been full of excitement and challenge. The year to date has culminated in the Leading Your Church into Growth Program and our Vision Launch 2015 which occurred during our St Jude's Day Lunch.. As we draw to the end of this year we give thanks to God for His mighty works. I suggest you use the space below to individually give thanks to God for:

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- ≈ .....
- ≈ .....

To give thanks for this year and sowing our seed of commitment for 2016 our Thanksgiving Services will be on:

**Sunday 20th December &  
Tuesday 22nd December**

**AUGUST TO DECEMBER BUILDING GROWTH APPEAL**

Certification: Certifier (\$1556); Doors (\$845) & Exit Sign (\$200)	\$2,602
Parent's Lounge Gate	\$ 580
Child-proof fence between alfresco patio and the Watercourse	\$1,356
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>\$4,538</b>
<i>Donation Received</i>	\$4,171
<b>Remainder Needed</b>	<b>\$ 367</b>

**LOAN PAYMENTS JANUARY—DECEMBER 2015**

Loan Payments - January—December (includes December promised & c/fwd from 2014)	\$ 21,165.21
Donated/Promised - January—December	\$ 21,165.21
<b>Remainder Required for 2015</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**“whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully”**

*(2 Corinthians 9:6).*



**Merchant Card Facility**

St Jude's has its own merchant card facility that means members and guests can use their credit or debit cards to make payments for:

- Tithes and offering;
- Mission donations;
- Building Fund donations *[not for Tax Deductible Education Trust donations];*
- Event/seminar fees;
- Book Purchases; and
- Other.

*Please see Jimmy or Ps Andrew if you wish to use this facility.*