
WEEKLY BULLETIN – 31ST DECEMBER 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

I wonder if you were really honest, how many of you would say ‘I am a little bit relieved and glad that last year has gone?’

It has been a tough year for so many people, and so this weekend, I invite you to allow God’s Word to speak to you as we seek to begin a New Year tomorrow.

If you are a New Year’s resolution type of person, and been working out what to put on your list for next year, I have some bad news. By the end of January, 40% of you are going to be down and out, and by mid-February, 75% of people are no longer keeping what you set to do.

Why is that? I’m not sure, but a lot of us, we have what we call ‘good intentions’, but unfortunately, they are not always ‘God intentions’. And there is a big difference.

We have some good intentions, things we want to accomplish, but I want to challenge you this year to go beyond having just some ‘good intentions’, and instead have some ‘God intentions’ – listening to the Spirit of God and letting him reveal *one thing* that God wants for you and from you, and wants to do in your life in this New Year.

Have a happy, safe and blessed New Year as we launch into 2018.

Pastor Ben



Series: **One Thing**

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| Upcoming Dates

Sun	04/02	2.00pm	Installation of Pastors Ben & Roelof (Bethany)
Wed	28/02	to 06/03	Myanmar Mission Trip

| Today

Thank you to Martin Oldfield (8am) and Stephen Wood (9.30am) for leading worship at St John's services today.

| Happenings & Notices

Church Office Closure The office will be closed over the Christmas break from **Monday 25th December 2017 to Monday 1st January 2018**. If you need Pastor Ben urgently, please ring office number to receive automated message for alternative numbers.

Prayer Haven in recess from 5th December. Will begin again on 6th February, 10am-12 noon at 86 Raceview Street. Enquiries and prayer available during recess on appointment. Contact 0455777008.

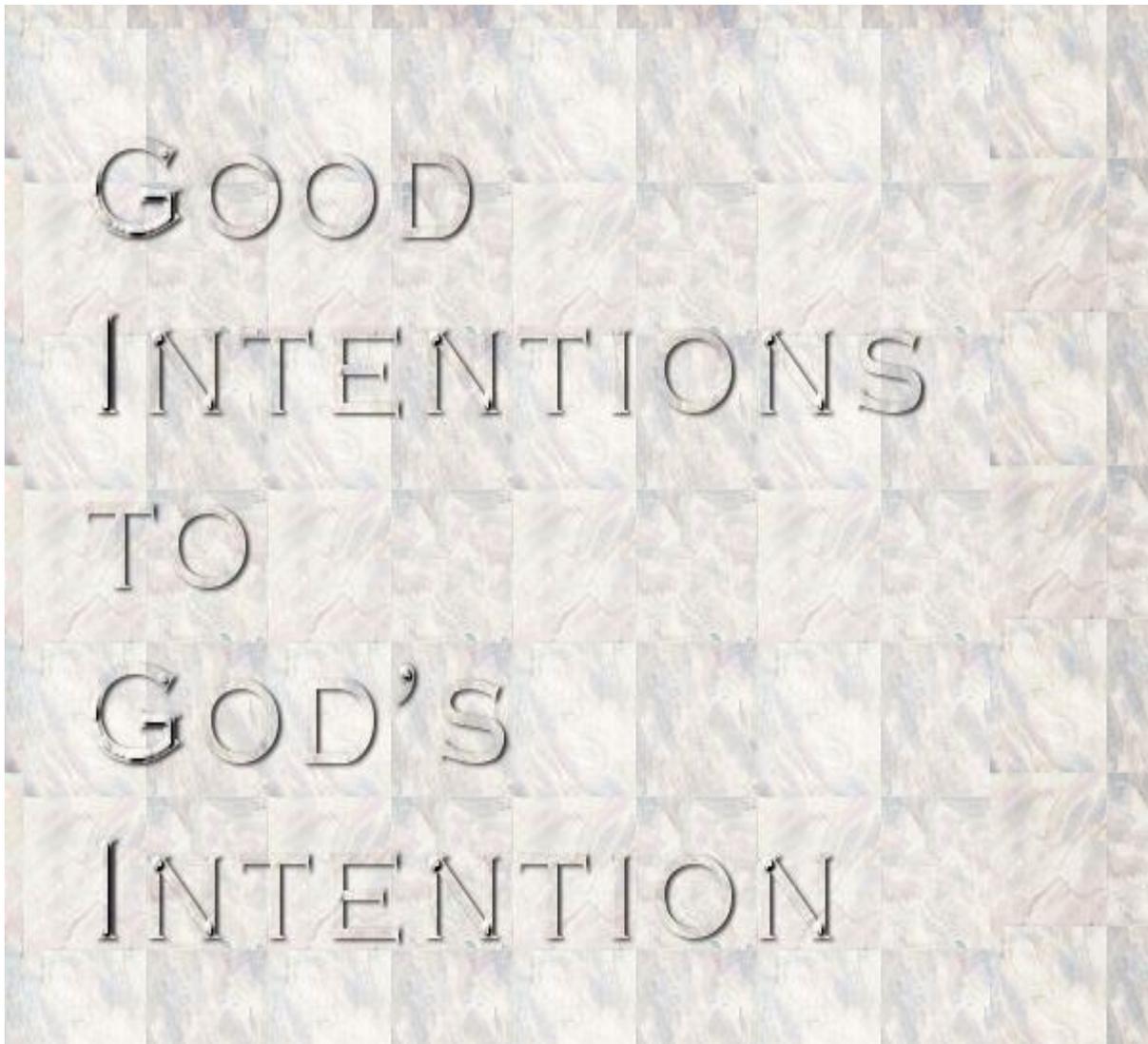
Meals on Wheels Volunteers required for Ipswich MOW to enable regular volunteers to have a Christmas break. Our church has been asked to supply 6 x drivers and 6 x helpers on Friday 22nd Dec, Wednesday 3rd Jan and Friday 19th Jan. Please contact Des Damm phone no. 3288 9336 if you are able to help on any or all of these dates.

Time Out...with the Shepherd orders are now being taken for this 2018 Devotion Book. Each meditation is a 'time-out' of about 3 plus minutes and consists of a Bible reading, some thoughts on that passage, and a short prayer. This book provides Christian devotions based on the lectionary Bible reading for the day. The devotions can be used for individuals, families and groups. Order your copy now at the church office – 3202 4035 or simply make your request on a careslip today 😊 Cost \$22 including postage.

Volunteers to Move Office Furniture in readiness for replacement of old carpet and vinyl Pastor Ben needs 1 to 2 people to help move Church office furniture on 8th, 9th and 11th January 2018 for approximately half an hour, please contact Pastor Ben or the office if you are able to help.

Volunteer for Food Pantry if you enjoy grocery shopping why not combine it with helping the wider community. We require another person to join our wonderful team who shop for our food pantry. Please contact the Church office if you would like to volunteer or require further information.

CRI Training if anyone is interested in becoming a CRI instructor there is training being held on 24 January 2018 at Catalyst Church, 142 Pine Mountain Rd, Brassall. For information contact suzie@cri-network.org.au or 0412 875 412 www.cri-network.org.au



| Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the faithful who are aged - that God would sustain them in faith, and let their example encourage the whole church
- that the children of the church would grow in God's wisdom
- for those whose marriage is in difficulty
- for those who are hurting because of family problems
- for the families in our parish, that they may learn to pray together
- that all nations would be unified through faith in Christ
- that those who wait on God, especially those who are ill or suffering or troubled, would receive his deliverance

General Prayers

- Please continue praying for
 - the Pastors, staff team and leaders of the Church
 - all upcoming meetings around the Church
 - worship services across all our locations (beforehand and as they take place)
 - specific events as they arise (i.e. funerals, weddings, baptisms etc.)

| Stay Connected

Want to know more about Jesus? Head to 'Next Steps' on 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.

Thinking Of Joining This Church? – We would love for you to make that commitment with us, as you make a conscious decision to be part of something bigger than simply yourself. If you have been worshipping here regularly and are not yet a member, the pastors would be happy to talk to you about 'making our Church home - your Church home.'



Worship Times

8am
St. John's
(32 Roderick St.
Ipswich)

9am
Bethany
(86 Raceview St.
Raceview)

9.30am
St. John's
(32 Roderick St.
Ipswich)

10am
Grace
(19 Ipswich Rd.
Riverview)