



# DECEMBER 25



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*It will be good*



## IT WILL BE GOOD.

Ben Delaney

My kids are giddy with excitement when it comes to Christmas. It's such a special time of year for them. The story of Jesus, Christmas trees, decorations and the anticipation of presents can almost be too much for them.

We will frequently go to our local Big W or Target and the girls will walk the aisles picking, choosing, or requesting what they might like for Christmas.

I have often wondered, why younger kids seem to enjoy Christmas so much and that sense of 'awe and wonder' seems to fade as they get older. I think it is because even though they don't know what they are going to get, they know it's going to be good. That knowledge allows them to eagerly anticipate what is coming.

I think God wants us to have a child-like faith like this when it comes to life.

One of the most impactful verses in my life has been Romans 8:28 which says:

*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for*

*good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

You can find that particular verse plastered all over things. Yet it holds a significant truth that can change the way we view life.

God is working everything out for our good.

Not just the good times when everything is going according to plan. But the bad times, when everything is a mess. The times where we are heart broken and disappointed and frustrated and wishing that things could just be different. Even in those times, God is working everything for good.

I once heard a preacher state it like this: "If it's not good, it's not over."

If I can capture that truth in my heart, it changes the way I see the world. I can eagerly anticipate the future, not because I know, understand or have control over what it will be. But because I know that no matter what the future may hold, because of Jesus and His love for me, it will be good.

## BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Elizabeth D - 4**

**16 - Trevor**

**Zach - 12**

**21 - Valory**



Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!

Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

### DECEMBER DIARY DATE REMINDERS

<b>6<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	BICC Prayer Breakfast @ St Saviours
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	AMOS Christmas Banquet @ Charlie's Diner Brighton
<b>7<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	10:40 Group – Christmas Break-Up
<b>14<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	Kids Church Christmas Break-Up Music Practice – 12-2pm
<b>21<sup>ST</sup> DEC</b>	<b>"He Shall Be Called" – Celebrate Christmas Service</b> and Community Lunch, Fun and Fellowship 10am – 2pm
<b>25<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b> 9:30-10:30am
<b>31<sup>ST</sup> DEC</b>	New Year's Eve





# HE SHALL BE CALLED...

## December Teaching Series

7 DEC

ALF CHEHADE

14 DEC

JIM DERRINGTON

21 DEC

BEN DELANEY

"HE SHALL BE CALLED" CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

25 DEC

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

28 DEC

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# December



1 ☐ Jn 14:1-14 | Job 23

2 ☐ Jn 14:15-21 | Job 24

3 ☐ Jn 14:22-31 | Job 25-26

4 ☐ Jn 15:1-8 | Job 27

5 ☐ Jn 15:9-17 | Job 28

6 ☐ Jn 15:18-27 | Job 29

7 ☐ Jn 16:1-11 | Job 30

8 ☐ Jn 16:12-24 | Job 31:1-23

9 ☐ Jn 16:25-33 | Job 31:24-40

10 ☐ Jn 17:1-5 | Job 32

11 ☐ Jn 17:6-19 | Job 33:1-11

12 ☐ Jn 17:20-26 | Job 33:12-33

13 ☐ Jn 18:1-18 | Job 34:1-20

14 ☐ Jn 18:19-27 | Job 34:21-37

15 ☐ Jn 18:28-40 | Job 35

16 ☐ Jn 19:1-16 | Job 36:1-15

17 ☐ Jn 19:17-27 | Job 36:16-33

18 ☐ Jn 19:28-37 | Job 37

19 ☐ Jn 19:38-42 | Job 38:1-21

20 ☐ Jn 20:1-9 | Job 38:22-41

21 ☐ Jn 20:10-18 | Job 39

22 ☐ Jn 20:19-23 | Job 40

23 ☐ Jn 20:24-31 | Job 41:1-11

24 ☐ Jn 21:1-14 | Job 41:12-34

25 ☐ Jn 21:15-25 | Job 42



# NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to everybody who supported in the Norwood Christmas Pageant on Saturday 22nd November! It blessed the hearts of so many present to see a strong Christian message at the front of the procession. Keep praying for those who received a bubble dispenser with the flag attached that communicated the gospel message!







November '25							January '26						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Family Service	1 7.00p Elders	2 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	3 10.30a Magill Estate 6.30p Flourish Dinner	4	5	6 7.30p BICC Prayer 2pm - AMOS Christmas
7 9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids / 10:40 (Break Up)	8 w9	9 9.00a Prayer 7.30p Encourage Connect	10	11	12	13 6.30p Intercess. Prayer
14 9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids (Break Up) 12p Music Practice	15 School Holidays	16 9.00a Prayer	17	18	19	20
21 10a Celebrate Christmas Carols Service "He Shall Be Called"	22 School Holidays	23	24	25 9.30a Christmas Day Service	26	27
28 9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	29 School Holidays	30	31 Christmas Eve New Year's Eve	1 Christmas Day New Year's Day	2 Boxing Day	3
4 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	5 School Holidays	Notes				



# DECEMBER SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team			Kids Ministry			Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team		
	Sermon	Com-munion	Chair/Notices	Kid's Church	Helper/Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Coffee Team	Comm Prep
7/12	Alf Chehade	Devinder Raju	Sharon		Lyn James	-	Jeremy	Andrew / Lachlan	Michelle Renee Smita Sarah	Nick Sheila	Elsa Beth	Leonie Sheila	Mark	Ally C Jelita	Ben Joshua	Sharon
14/12	Jim Derrington	Andrew Jenkins	Laura		Carol Joshua	Mel & Ally	James	Annabelle	Ally C Neville Liz D Jenny S	Aaron Monica	Benjamin Brandon	Jenny S Devinder	Andrew	Alice Brian	Ben Lachlan	Helene
21/12	Ben Delaney	-	Music Team	-	-	-	Joshua	Sheila	-	Andrew Sharon	Nick Aaron	Donovan Lyn	Brian	Ally and Team Lily	Scott Lily	-
25/12	Ben Delaney	-	Jim	-	-	-	Joshua	Elizabeth	-	Tony Vicky	-	-	Nev	-	-	-
28/12	Ben Delaney	Jeremy Duke	Andrew	-	-	-	Brian	Brandon	Leonie Sharon Tony Vicky A	Renee Lisa	Amayah Amy	Andrew Jeremy	Nick	Leonie Carol	Ben Andrew	Alice

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the bulletin board.  
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# REMEMBERING JACQUELINE BROWN

## Adapted from a eulogy shared by Jenny Chapman

I count it a privilege to speak about Jacquelyn as a sister in Christ. My connection with her goes back to our choir days at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Adelaide in the late 1960s. She was in the Senior Choir as a late teen and I was in the Junior Choir at the time, and I remember she sang soprano and always had a very courteous, polite and gentle manner.



Though life took us in different directions for many years, Jacquelyn's love of music and worship continued wherever she went.

She joined Burnside Family Church about six years ago, and God knit some beautiful friendships around her — including a remarkable first encounter with Lisa that led to the discovery of shared roots and ultimately a deep, God-given friendship. When Jacquelyn first attended BFC, she felt prompted by God to go and sit beside Lisa. Although they didn't know each other,

Jacquelyn reached out and grabbed Lisa's hand. Lisa was struck by the fact that Jacquelyn looked so much like her step grandmother so afterwards she showed a photo of her to Jacquelyn who exclaimed 'that woman looks exactly like my mother'. They then discovered that both women were also from Kapunda and guessed they must be related in some way.

When Steve and I began attending BFC in 2022, it was a joy to reconnect with Jacquelyn. She was always immaculately dressed, elegant, thoughtful, and quietly generous — blessing others with clothes, encouragement, and her creative gifts. Even while unwell, she continued to show kindness, often serving others despite her own pain.

In recent months, as her health declined, Jacquelyn faced her journey with courage, grace, and a steady trust in Jesus. On Nov 11<sup>th</sup> after our Tuesday group prayed for her, I knew that I needed to go and visit her. God prompted me to go and see her that day. When I knocked on the door of her room, I didn't recognise her but voices from inside assured me I was in the right place. As I entered the room, I heard a voice utter, "Jenny Kidney" (my maiden name). It was Catherine and David, Jacquelyn's sister and brother — who had not seen me for at least five decades — I thought that was pretty amazing!

I was able to tell them that I had met up with Jacquelyn again at church. They asked me which church, and then told me that I had come at exactly the right time, because they had just



discovered Jacquelyn wanted her funeral to be at her church and they needed to be sure of its name and location.

As I lent over Jacquelyn and said, "Hi Jacquie, its Jenny Chapman here, the other lady in the room." Once the others left, and realising that I wasn't going to be able to have a conversation with Jacquelyn, I decided to play her some music from my phone. The fact that dying people can't communicate does not mean they cannot hear. I prayed for God to lead me to some appropriate music and first tapped "*The Lord is my Shepherd*" (the Crimond version). The last verse had the beautiful descant that Jacquie and I both learnt in the Trinity choir all those years ago. It was played by the Billy Graham Crusade Choir led by George Beverly Shea: all familiar to Jacquelyn.

The words in that hymn from Psalm 23 are so comforting, especially the verse *When I go through the valley of the shadow of death, or Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill.*

You see, with Jesus, we don't SEE our own death; we just find HIM by our side and then we go fully into his

presence. After that I played "*How Great Thou Art*", another beautiful hymn of praise that I'm sure Jacquelyn would have loved as she fixed her eyes on her Father God who lovingly created everything for us to enjoy, not even sparing his own Son so that we can have eternal life.

It was only to be another two days before Jacquelyn entered the presence of the Father. We will miss her dearly. However, she is now free of pain and suffering and rejoicing in Jesus her Lord and Saviour.

I want to finish with two verses from the book of 2 Timothy verses 7 and 8 from *the Voice* translation. May we all be like Jacquelyn when our time comes and be able to say:

*I have fought the good fight, I have stayed on course and finished the race, and through it all, I have kept believing. I look forward to what's in store for me: a crown of righteousness that the Lord – the always right and just judge – will give me that day (but it is not only for me, but for all those who love and long for His appearing).*

Amen



## MAASAI MINI UPDATE

The money for the pipeline, \$25k – a joint donation between Burnside Family Church and HealthServe global has arrived, and work on the pipeline will begin this week! It may seem long awaited, but we praise God for His perfect timing and the wonderful work that is happening over in Tanzania for the elderly Maasai people.

Please also pray for Pastor Daniel who has lost his dear friend in tragic circumstances this week.

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS “HE SHAL BE CALLED” – LETTERBOX DROP

One way of promoting our upcoming *Celebrate Christmas* event is a letterbox drop to **neighbours** in your street and/or near the church. Please connect with Elizabeth if this is something you'd like to do so that you can grab plenty of flyers.

**Local shops** and **cafes** are also sometimes very happy to display flyers for local events, so go in and ask them with a bunch of flyers at the ready!

Be sure to invite your **family** and **friends** and share the event on **social media**! You can copy the promo graphic from the church Facebook 'event', or from our church Facebook or insta page.

Let's make the most of this opportunity to invite the community to share in our celebration of Jesus in this season.

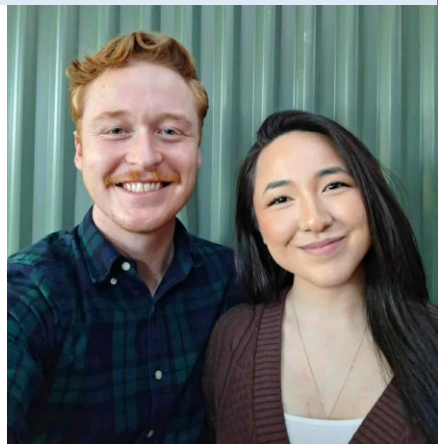
## WELCOME LILY AND SCOTT!

### Ben Delaney

I'm so excited to have Lily and Scott join our church with the heart to lead and invest in our kids and youth.

During the past couple of months, I have gotten to know their heart for young people and passion for Jesus. They have fitted in seamlessly and they are already building connection and relationships with our young people. Please keep them in prayer as they pioneer our youth ministry next year and continue to support and equip our children's ministry.

We recently asked Lily a few questions about herself... Take a moment to get to know her a little more 'up-close-and-personal' with the following Q&A!





# Q & A WITH LILY

## WHAT IS YOUR FULL NAME?

Legally I am Lily Young but coming from a half Korean family I also have a Korean name. So I am Lily Misun (pronounced Me-sun) Yang.



## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?

Probably anything Korean. But if I really had to choose it would be Main: Dduk Guk (a Korean rice cake soup usually served for New Years) and Dessert: a perfectly ripe Korean pear (like an apple x pear).

## FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE, BIBLE PASSAGE, OR STORY

I actually have two favourites that I can't choose between.



The first is Philipians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse has always encouraged and grounded me. It reminds me that my strength and capability don't come from myself alone, but from Christ working in and through me.

## FAVOURITE SPORT

At 10 years old I found a love for horse riding especially English style Eventing (Dressage, Cross Country and Show Jumping.) Though I don't ride often anymore since my spinal injury in 2019, it still holds a very special place in my heart.



## FAVOURITE WORSHIP SONG

'Only Jesus' by Casting Crowns.

# Q & A WITH LILY

## WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO BE STUCK IN A LIFT WITH?

I am someone who loves a good laugh so probably a great comedian.

## IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would probably want an Alaskan



Timber Wolf.

## WHAT'S A SKILL YOU'D LOVE TO LEARN?

I have always had a fascination for Heritage trade skills eg. Heritage Carpentry/Stone Masonry. Basically, the ability to restore heritage buildings using traditional methods that date back to 200-300 years ago.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX?

I love the outdoors, so camping trips to the middle of nowhere with the husband, dog and guitar is how I enjoy some Rest and Relaxation.



## AND FINALLY, WHICH SIGNIFICANT FIGURE HAS INSPIRED YOU THE MOST?

Beside the obvious - Jesus, I would say someone I've physically met who really inspired me growing up was a member of our YWAM-ily named Patience Hope Gifford. Her dedication and trust in the Lord was beautiful, and I was always inspired by how she loved others. Both her teachings at DTS (Discipleship Training School) and personal involvement in my life really shaped my understanding of seeing others through the eyes of Jesus as well as understanding servant leadership.

# 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

In 2026 we will continue onto the second half of the two-passages-per-day plan adapted from “The Navigators Bible Reading Plan”. This year, we read ‘Gospels’ alongside the ‘Poetry/Wisdom’ books. Next year we will read ‘Law/History’ books alongside the ‘Epistles’. For those who value the discipline of reading from the Bible daily, a plan offers a great way to pursue it together. As we journey through both Old and New Testament passages again, each month (like 2025) will provide 25 days of reading, allowing a few days’ space for catching up and/or reflection.

2026 Bible Reading Plan booklets will be available just before the New Year or online at: [www.burnsidefamilychurch.com/2026reading](http://www.burnsidefamilychurch.com/2026reading)  
But in case you’re ready and you want a headstart, here are January’s readings.

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## END OF 2025 – THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What an amazing year it’s been! Full of blessings – fresh new things, new faces, new coffee, beautiful fellowship, and deepening connections. And we know that it’s God working all things together for good! *Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* (Isaiah 43:19)

We look forward in anticipation for what God has in store for BFC next year. We continue to be a generational church, centred on Jesus. A place where everyone is welcome – people of all ages and stages of life. All of us are so different and yet united as one in Christ. We continue to have the desire to build each other up, make a difference for the Lord and bring Him glory. A great big thank-you to Pastor Ben and his family, our Eldership, our volunteer teams, and all who lead our connect and prayer groups. As the year ends, take time to reflect on God’s grace and mercy at work in us during 2025, and join us in praying for a flourishing, Kingdom-building 2026. Wishing you a happy, restful, and blessed Christmas and New Year as we continue to place our hope in Jesus.



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accomplishing more than we  
could dream for the  
brokenhearted to call on the  
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every  
day in the name of Jesus to all  
generations [as mission]

## 10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.

# HE SHALL BE CALLED...

# 10AM - 2PM

# BURNSIDE FAMILY CHURCH

88 LOCKWOOD ROAD, BURNSIDE

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## KIDS ACTIVITIES | BALLOON TWISTING



**FREE EVENT**