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BEAR WITH EACH OTHER

Elizabeth Reynolds

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

I was running late for school the other day, driving down Wattle Street towards Unley. You might know that Wattle Street is 50kph. But I was going 40kph. And that's because the person in front of me was driving at 40kph. If there's one thing that annoys me on the road... it's people tailgating me. BUT... I find it very hard not to tailgate myself when the person in front of me is not observing the liberalities of the speed limit. We came to some roadworks, where the speed limit changed to 40kph. So the person in front of me is going the right speed now right? Nope! They slowed down to 30kph.

"Um... you were already going 40! No need to slow down! You were fine!"

Soon, we come up to the Duthy Street traffic lights. The lights had been green a little while back, but as we approached, they turned red and I felt very confident that had I been able to go 50kph this whole time (even with the roadwork stretch) I would have made it through those lights. And I

said it. I announced to myself in the hearing of Beth and Emily, sitting in the back seat, "I would have made those lights if it wasn't for this person in front of me!"

At the intersection, the road splits into two lanes — both go straight, but the left can also turn left and the right can also turn right. The car ahead takes the left lane. There's no one else at the lights, so I go in the free lane on the right. Naturally, I glance over at the driver beside me — because apparently, we all need to get a good look at the face of the person who's been annoying us.

Now stationary, I reflect that my little grumble was probably not a great example for my girls. I lift my left hand up a little, palm out towards the car next to me and say, "I love you with Jesus' love," and then say no more about it.

Now that we had been at the lights, the road was clear in front of me. The slow person was going to turn left (I had seen their indicator earlier) and I had nothing in front of...

No. Just milliseconds before my light goes green, a last second right-turner from Duthy street comes and turns onto Wattle. My light goes green. This new car is now right in front of me. And slow.

...On their back window is a sticker that simply says, "Jesus" in a little fish symbol.

I purse my lips, blink my eyes and chuckle to myself. I felt the Lord say, "Good job eventually having the right attitude with the last one. Here's another one to practise." Or perhaps even, "This is Me. Jesus. I'm this person. I'm the last person too. Just love."



Love covers everything. Every situation. Every person. Every circumstance, thought, attitude and action. In the bible, God calls us to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient and forgiving. This is all too hard sometimes. But one thing that helps us do all of them all at once, is *love*. If you love a person, (the action, not the emotion), you will have a heart for them, you will be thinking of them, considering them, bearing with them, trying to understand them, showing empathy towards them.

I love how teaching as a profession keeps you in check. Or at least gives you a jolt from time to time. I am teaching Colossians 3:12-14 with my Year 3/4 Class at the moment as we practise our handwriting. We focus on a different 'clothing' item each week and write and learn scriptures about that particular thing.

This very same week as my 'Jesus-bumper-sticker-encounter' was the very same week we talked about 'grumbling' and 'being patient' at Talking Tuesdays (James 5:7-12), and

also the very same week we arrived at 'Forbearance' in our handwriting series. Bearing with each other. We talked in the classroom about how that can be bearing with, as in (quite frankly) 'putting up' with and being patient with, and it can also mean *carrying* each other's burdens.

I would like to add that at the time of typing this into my newsletter template (Friday), I wanted to check that I had written out the scripture at the top correctly, so I visited biblegateway.com. And you'll never believe what the 'verse of the day' was:

Galatians 6:2

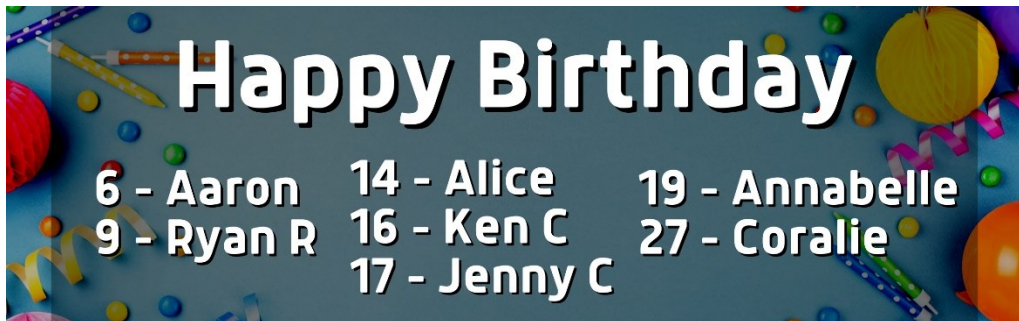
Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

This was one of the verses I included in my class's handwriting task this week. If you don't believe me, here is a screenshot:



Forbearance is one of the 'items' we are to 'clothe ourselves' in. And over all these virtues, put on 'love' – as though it's a big, beautiful overcoat to finish off the perfect ensemble! And then the trickiest bit (or should it be easy?) is to go about your day accordingly.

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



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.

DIARY DATE REMINDERS	
1 ST NOV	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am
6 TH NOV	Tamil Gospel Outreach Meeting (in English) 6:30pm
16 TH NOV	Music Practice – 12-2pm
22 ND NOV	Norwood Christmas Pageant! 10am (9am for volunteers)
28 TH NOV	Kid's Club Special Christmas Break-Up Special
UPCOMING	
21 ST DEC	Family 'Celebrate Christmas' Carols Service
25 TH DEC	Christmas Day Service



November Spring

teaching series

2 | Steve Chapman

9 | Devinder Raju

16 | Ben Delaney

23 | Jim Derrington

30 | Ben Delaney

THE DISCIPLINES...



worship

silence

meditation

prayer

hearing

service

tithing

studying

fasting

Norwood Christmas Pageant 2025

22 November



Every year, Burnside Family Church, and several other churches in the Eastern Suburbs of Adelaide have the opportunity of taking part in the Norwood Christmas Pageant.

The “Combined Christmas Endeavours” has a prominent section near the start of the Parade, where we have the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus’ birth to the streets of Norwood.

We always need volunteers to make this a success.

- Walking in the Parade carrying a banner or sign
- Distributing our gifts of bubbles with flags attached
- Riding on the Carol Singing truck,
- Walk with one of the nation groups in the ‘Christmas Around the World’ section

The Norwood Pageant starts at 10am, however if you are volunteering, you will need to report to the Combined Christmas Endeavours section (near the front of the Parade) to get ready and help preparations from 9:00am to 9:45am.

Volunteers, if you have any questions, call Alf on 0412 899 779

November

- 1 ☐ Jn 7:37-44 | Job 1
2 ☐ Jn 7:45-53 | Job 2
3 ☐ Jn 8:1-11 | Job 3
4 ☐ Jn 8:12-20 | Job 4
5 ☐ Jn 8:21-30 | Job 5
6 ☐ Jn 8:31-47 | Job 6
7 ☐ Jn 8:48-59 | Job 7
8 ☐ Jn 9:1-12 | Job 8
9 ☐ Jn 9:13-25 | Job 9:1-20
10 ☐ Jn 9:26-41 | Job 9:21-35
11 ☐ Jn 10:1-10 | Job 10
12 ☐ Jn 10:11-21 | Job 11
13 ☐ Jn 10:22-42 | Job 12
14 ☐ Jn 11:1-16 | Job 13
15 ☐ Jn 11:17-37 | Job 14

- 16 ☐ Jn 11:38-44 | Job 15:1-16
17 ☐ Jn 11:45-57 | Job 15:17-35
18 ☐ Jn 12:1-11 | Job 16
19 ☐ Jn 12:12-19 | Job 17
20 ☐ Jn 12:20-36 | Job 18
21 ☐ Jn 12:37-50 | Job 19
22 ☐ Jn 13:1-11 | Job 20
23 ☐ Jn 13:12-17 | Job 21:1-21
24 ☐ Jn 13:18-30 | Job 21:22-34
25 ☐ Jn 13:31-38 | Job 22



November 2025

October '25							December '25						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	27	28	29	30	31		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	27 w3 Operation Christmas Child Collection Ends	28 w3 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	29	30	31	1 7.30p BICC Prayer
2	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	3 w4 7.00p Elders	4 w4 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	5 10.30a Magill Estate 7.00p Flourish Connect	6 6.30p Gospel Outreach Meeting (English)	7 5.15p Kids Club/Youth	8 6.30p Intercuss. Prayer
9	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	10 w5	11 w5 9.00a Prayer 7.30p EnCourage Connect	12 7.30p Glenside Connect	13	14 5.15p Kids Club/Youth	15 6.30p Gospel Outreach Meeting (Tamil)
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30	9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	1 w8 7.00p Elders	Notes				

NOVEMBER 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
2/11	Steve Chapman	Ben Delaney	Jim	Ben	Sharon Elizabeth	-	Joshua	Brandon	Ally C Carol Jeff Leonie	Andrew Sharon	Benjamin Amy	Leonie Sheila	Jim	Alice Brian	Lachlan & Ben	Michelle
9/11	Devinder Raju	Vicky Alkmim	Ben	Laura	Jenny C Joshua	Mel & Ally C	James	Annabelle	Smita Sarah Liz D Jenny S	Aaron Monica	Ally T Elsa	Jeremy Monica	Mark	Ally Keming	Joshua & Ben	Jenny S
16/11	Ben Delaney	Brian Raynor	Sharon	Jim & Carol	Nev	-	Jeremy	Andrew	Tony Michelle Neville Jelita	Vicky A	Brandon	Jeff Donovan	Brian	Leonie Jelita	Tans & Ben	Sharon
23/11	Jim Derrington	Sheila Chetade	Ben	Laura	Bronnie James	Ben	Brian	Elizabeth	Ally C Renee Liz D Mark	Sheila Nick	Beth Amayah	Lyn Devinder	Nick	Renee Lachlan	Joshua & Ben	Alice
30/11	Ben Delaney	James Newton	Alf	Laura	Lyn Mel	-	Joshua	Sheila	Jenny S Jim Carol Lester	Ally Liz D	Beth Clara	Andrew Jenny S	Nev	Tony & Vicky Donovan	Lachlan & Ben	Helene

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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BETHEL CHILDREN'S HOMES | 2025 UPDATE

Since our last update newsletter in November 2024, significant developments have taken place both in the children's homes and on the farm property. We are excited to share some of the highlights with you.

English Classes In February 2025

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom from Adelaide, together with their daughter Mikaela Geno and her husband Chrioni (who were based in Papua New Guinea at the time), visited the children's homes. During the visit, Mikaela led a week long English program, building on the regular Zoom lessons she had already been delivering. Children were divided into four groups (three age groups of girls and one group of boys), each receiving one hour of lessons per day. The program focused on basic greetings and vocabulary, helping the children grow in conversational skills and confidence.

Fresh Spaces for the Girls' Home

During the same visit, Chrioni assisted in carrying out long-overdue maintenance work, preparing and painting the girls' kitchen and dining room. Both of these rooms had been untouched for over a decade. The refreshed, clean spaces have been a huge blessing to the children and staff.



Farm Development and Sustainability

Exciting progress has been made on the farm property.

- **New Well Completed:** Now providing a reliable water source for the coconut plantation and vegetable crops.
- **Irrigation Improvements:** A new pump housing is being prepared to support long-term irrigation.
- **Trial Crops Planted:** Testing which crops thrive best in the sandy soil.
- **Fencing Upgrades:** New fences now protect crops from cattle and create clearly defined zones for farming.



A new farmer has also joined the project, moving onto the property

with his wife and children. His sons are actively assisting in farm management, bringing fresh energy and efficiency to the work.

Education Support

Children in both homes are receiving regular tutoring support, thanks to a newly engaged tutor and the ongoing help of the boys' home warden's wife. This additional academic support is ensuring the children stay on track with their schooling and continue to grow in confidence.

A Memorable Holiday

In August 2025, a team of eight people from Adelaide visited Sri Lanka. Together with our team on the ground, they organised a special holiday trip for the children. Highlights included visits to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Giragama Tea Factory, Kandy Botanical Gardens, Sigiriya Lion Rock, Passikudah, and the children's homes in Valaichenai. This time away was a wonderful opportunity for the children and our staff to experience new places, learn, and make lasting memories.

Thank You

We are grateful for the continued support that makes these developments possible. Every improvement in education, living environment, and sustainability is a step toward a brighter future for the children. The remainder of this

newsletter features further details about our project, child sponsorship opportunities, information on tax deductible donations, and photos that capture recent highlights from the homes and farm.



DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT

In 2018, in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG), we began a project (J982N Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project) to raise funds for Bethel Children's Homes. Within this project we receive tax deductible status for all donations that go through GDG.

Main Objective

To support and empower displaced children and young people through quality education (primary, secondary

and tertiary), improved healthcare, adequate subsistence (food, clothing, accommodation, water, sanitation and recreation), a safe family-like living environment, and ongoing developmental support (physical, emotional, mental and intellectual).

Three Main Goals

Goal One: Have a functioning farm that contributes to the ongoing sustainability of the project.

Goal Two: Establish avenues to train and empower young people as they transition to independent life.

Goal Three: Empower displaced and disadvantaged Sri Lankan children through education, developmental support and a safe living environment.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Most of the children in our care come from the Tamil minority group, a community that has faced many years of discrimination and hardship. They have often been displaced due to the death of a parent, parents working overseas, remarriage, unsafe home environments, or extreme poverty. Bethel Children's Homes provide a safe and nurturing environment where each child is valued and given the opportunity to grow and reach their full potential. One initiative that we have to raise money for the children in our care is our child sponsorship program. By donating \$100 a month, the financial support of our sponsors contributes to the following:

- **Education:** School fees, uniforms, shoes, stationery, books, school bags, tuition and excursions
- **Health:** Education on hygiene, medication, immunisations and medical checkups
- **Subsistence:** Clothing, shoes, food, accommodation, recreation, sanitary needs and transport
- **Development:** Physical, mental, emotional and intellectual

For more information about child sponsorship, please email Pr Mike Groom (mike@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au).

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

If you would like to donate towards the project with the benefit of tax deductibility, please follow the instructions below.

Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit

- **Account Name:** Global Development Group
- **BSB:** 064118
- **Account Number:** 10200094
- **Reference:** e.g. J. Smith J982N

Please make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by J982N in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

Step 2: Email GDG your donation details

Email info@globaldevelopment.org.au with the following information:

- a. Your name and address
- b. Amount and date of donation
- c. Project number – J982N

GDG will send you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

We would like to express a very big thank you to everyone who supports our children's homes, particularly to those who have been giving faithfully over the years. Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to continue this vitally important work in Sri Lanka.



Without your generosity, we would not be able to provide a safe environment for these children



USED BUT NOT USELESS

Thank you to folk who put used stamps in the box on the notice table in the rear hall. I collect these and pass them on to our friend, Lorraine, who sorts them and gives them to various charities, including cancer research. I gave Lorraine a whole lot of stamps collected in July and she was very pleased with them! Sometimes it's even possible for serious stamp collectors to pay for a sizable bag of mixed used stamps because sometimes they find an unusual or valuable old stamp in the mix.

If you'd like to help out, be sure to keep all those adventurous little adhesives and drop them in the Used Stamp box when you can!

Coralie Nicholls



LOVE-FILLED BOXES ON THEIR WAY TO FULFIL THEIR PURPOSE

Recently, our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were transported to a collection point. From there, they will be collected by Samaritan's Purse volunteers, who will check them, process them, and include the "Incredible Journey" literature that will introduce many to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Your gift will have an incredible impact and bless a child and their family in ways we can't imagine! If you missed our service on Sunday 19th October, make some time to catch up with Vicky Alkmim, who has seen the amazing work of God on the *receiving* end of the boxes in Brazil! She has some wonderful stories to tell!

A big thank you to Sharon Jenkins who organises our church to take part. And praise the Lord for this amazing ministry. Let's continue to pray for the journey of these boxes and the children who will receive them.



THE HALL BE CALLED...

*Wonderful Counsellor Mighty God
Everlasting Father Prince of Peace*

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

10AM - 2PM

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CAROLS | FOOD | FAMILY FUN | FACE PAINTING | COFFEE | KIDS ACTIVITIES

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...a house of prayer for all nations
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.