



**Theme: Transformation !!**

**Bible Reading: Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)**

Paul encouraged every Christian to be **continually transformed by the renewing of our mind**. For the mind controls our **thoughts** and our thoughts lead to our **actions** and our **speech!!**

When the Christian is **born again**, we become a **new creation!!**

"The **old has gone and the new has come**"!! 2 Cor. 5:17.

Only through the **renewing of God's Holy Spirit** can we be **totally transformed** from the **old self to the new creation** in **Christ** that we are called to be!!

How is **God's transformation in me progressing??**

Blessings,  
Your Pastor,

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Reading for 10<sup>th</sup> August

Romans 12:9-21

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**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**



### Gympie Winter Shelter

We've previously shared information about the Gympie Winter Shelter which aims to provide a reprieve for local homeless people who've been sleeping out in the cold. **REMINDER:** The Gympie Anglican Church (15 Amy St.) is hosting a **Commissioning Service** for this shelter initiative ... **today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 5:30pm.** All are welcome.

### Congregational Meeting

Please, join us at Uniting4570's Congregational Meeting set for **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 10:45am** in our Gympie Church. This start time allows for a quick morning tea in Gympie between the Worship Service and the meeting and enough time for any of our Imbil Church Family to drive into Gympie.

**MEETING**



### HymnFest



Narelle Towner is organising our next HymnFest for **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2:30pm** in our Gympie Church. You are very welcome to invite friends and family and it would be appreciated if you could bring some Afternoon Tea to share.



### Containers for Change - Lid Removal

Our local depot has asked us to remove all bottle tops - only after which can they issue a refund. If we don't pop the tops first, Mike will be sitting on the depot floor doing it himself. **PLEASE** only drop off containers identified as refundable.

### Backpack Swags



The Gympie Ministers' Network is seeking donations to purchase Backpack Swags for local people in need this winter - those who don't have a roof over their heads. The swags retail for \$144 each.

If you can help in any way, please enclose your donations in an envelope labelled 'SWAGS' and place in our offering box or deposit directly into our church bank account citing 'SWAGS' as a reference. Thank you for your support.

**TRANSFORMATION:** "You could join a church. You can go through a religious ceremony. You can say a prayer and not be changed. But if you really encounter Jesus, you will be changed. No-one encounters Jesus and remains the same."

~ Derek Prince ~



*Many of you will have known John Onton who worshipped at our 8am Gympie service until moving into St Patrick's Villa some years ago, where Joan often visited him.*

*John passed away last Sunday, 27th July 2025, and is now most joyously with our Lord.*

*John's family have arranged a private funeral service.*

### Morning Tea Teams

We have four established teams who serve mouth-watering morning teas after our Gympie worship services. Currently, these teams work on a 4-weekly cycle and operate separately to our wonderful Baristas who are also indispensable.

Would you think about joining one of our Morning Tea Teams? With enough interest, we could even have one or two additional teams extending our existing roster cycle. *Bonus: A great opportunity to get to know each other better!*

If you're up for this and would like to find out what's involved, please talk to our coordinator, Jo Blowes (0407 085 295), or contact the church office.

"After seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples were transformed. They went from doubters to fearless proclaimers of Jesus' resurrection, even dying for their faith."

John Stott once wrote ...

"Perhaps the transformation of the disciples of Jesus is the greatest evidence of all for the resurrection."

### Christmas Shoeboxes

During August, we're asking for funds towards the **Cost of Freight** (approx. \$12.50 per box). Donations can be placed in an envelope labelled "Shoebox" and dropped into the offering plate/box; given directly to Helen or the church office; or deposited into our bank account identified as "Shoebox".

(Account details are on the back page).

If you have any gift donations still sitting at home, please bring them in by the end of August. *Thank you so much for your generosity this year - this is an amazing ministry bringing delight to many children across the globe.*



**Your Gifts Go A Long Way**



GYMPIE: REV. COL SHENFIELD

IMBIL: REV. MARGARET STEHBENS



