

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE



EASTER DAY 1st April 2018



SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

FRIDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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SERVICE ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 1st April 2018

Priest: Locum Priest Canon Dr Ray Cleary

Organist: Roger Brown

Servers: Joan Skene, Chris Hayward, Neil Appleby

Eucharistic Assistants: Coral Tudball Readers: Marion White

Sidespersons: Ian James, Bob Hill

Morning Tea: Alison Smart

Flowers: All members of the Flower Guild

Church Cleaning: Anne and Bob Hill

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th April 2018

Priest: Canon Dr Ray Cleary

Preacher Revd. Bob Mitchell, Anglican Overseas Aid

Organist: Roger Brown

Servers: Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady, Chris Hayward

Eucharistic Assistants: Server

Reader: Rosemary Cotter
Sidesperson: Ian James, Bob Hill

Morning Tea: Alison Smart Flowers: Alison Smart

OP SHOP 9499 5166 Manager - Mary Jones 9499 2268 Assistant Manager - Joan Skene 9459 0325

Building Maintenance EMERGENCY contacts:

Steve Howard 9499 6410 or 0400 890020, Alison Smart, Vince Cristiano, George Hall. Any person welcome to join, just ask anyone on the BMC. Please write NON urgent maintenance items on the Building Maintenance List found on the table in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to follow the Way of the Cross at any time that the Church is open. A booklet is available as a guide to your meditation.

SHARED DINNER

Second Saturday of the month at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. All welcome. The next dinner is the 13th April. Invite friends and colleagues along.

Readings April 8th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-37, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-22, John 20.19-31.

LOCUM'S LETTER

"Who are you looking for?' She is standing in the entrance to the tomb. She replies with exasperation, with tears running from her eyes. Where have you taken him? I suspect a few minutes of silence followed. Then Jesus, who Mary had recognised as the gardener, says to her "Mary", and according to John's Gospel, she turned to him and said, "Rabboni"- which means teacher. I am sure this was a moment of surprise, an intimate and very personal moment. It was a moment that changed history.

Today we gather and begin our celebrations. It requires effort and commitment. We kindle fire and light. We listen to the stories of God's engagement with human kind. We renew our baptismal vows and in many places children and adults are baptized. We ring bells. We shout Christ is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia and we gather around the table like the first disciples at Emmaus and are offered the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Easter Day is not about the normal. It is an inconvenient truth for many who cannot accept the Easter story as authentic and confuse the resurrected Jesus with a resuscitated corpse. Jesus asks many questions in the accounts in the Gospel's of his resurrection. 'Why are you weeping?" "Who are you looking for?"

"What are you discussing?" These questions continue to be asked today. They are questions that cannot be easily answered but provide us with the opportunity to go deeper into the mystery of his resurrected life and his ongoing presence in the world. Easter invites us to recognise a new level of being, embracing relationships with those near and dear to us but also the unlovable and the outcast. Easter invites us to live in a new world one that has at its centre love and grace in their fullest.

Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed Alleluia Alleluia"

Blessings to you all this Eastertide

Ray

The choir, servers and priest enter the church and gather at the new fire as the congregation turn in their places to face towards the font.

The priest greets the people.

Dear friends in Christ, at this time, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites believers throughout the world to come together in prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

We remember his death and celebrate resurrection, confident that we shall share his victory and live with him forever in God.

The priest says the following prayer.

Holy God,

you gave your Name to Moses from the burning bush. By the blessing of this new fire, bring us to stand with awe on this holy ground, our eyes alight with the glory we have seen in Christ, and our hearts aflame with resurrection joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Paschal candle is brought to the priest, who marks a cross and traces Alpha and Omega and the numerals of the current year on it
The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire and the priest says

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The priest takes the Paschal candle, lifts it high and says The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Paschal candle is carried into the building, The minister pauses in the centre of the nave and at the sanctuary: in each case the minister announces:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

When the Paschal candle is placed in its stand, the Exultet is sung to the tune Woodlands AHB 109

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing! Around God's throne exult in harmony! Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your king in glorious symphony!

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly! Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death! The night is past; the day of light is here!

Sing Church of God! Exalt with joy outpoured! The gospel trumpets tell of victory won! Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore! Let all God's people shout the loud Amen!

The priest says the collect for the Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Collect at the time of choosing an incumbent Bountiful God.

Give to this parish a faithful pastor
Who will faithfully speak your word
And minister your sacraments;
An encourager who will equip your people for ministry
And enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom

Discernment and patience, And to us give warm and generous hearts, For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

A reading from Acts (10.34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

The Easter Anthem (Sung by choir)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

So let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

Death has no more dominion over him.

In dying, he died to sin once for all:

In living, he lives to God.

See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:

And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:

The first fruits of those who sleep.

For since by one man came death:

By another has come also the resurrection of the dead, For as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians (15.1-11)

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Hear the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

AHB 290 Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today:

Hallelujah!

Let the whole creation say:

Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high:

Hallelujah!

Sing now, heaven, and earth reply:

Hallelujah!

Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won; vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Lives again our glorious king; where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise: ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice Let us feast with joy in the Lord Alleluia Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture

that he had to rise from the dead.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

and she saw two angels in white,

sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying,

one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord,

and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round

and saw Jesus standing there,

but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?

For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

'Sir, if you have carried him away,

tell me where you have laid him,

and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!'

(which means Teacher). Jesus said to her,

'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended

to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them,

"I am ascending to my Father and your Father,

to my God and your God." '

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Homily

The Gloria is sung All Standing
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The congregation turn again to the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Dear friends. through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended. let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will with God's help.

God our creator,
Rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,
and forgiven our sins
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God keep us faithful to our calling now and for ever. **Amen.**

All Standing

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a greeting of peace with those close by.

AHB 439

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne; hallelujah! his the triumph, his the victory alone; hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: 'Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.'

Hallelujah! not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now; hallelujah! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Hallelujah! bread of heaven, and on earth our food, our stay; hallelujah! here the sinful flee to you from day to day; intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own; hallelujah! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne: you within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; you on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

The priest says this prayer over the gifts:
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom
Blessed be God forever

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

All sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The vicar and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.

Communion Motet: Jesus Christ is Risen -Trad Carol

All say together

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

AHB 276

Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victory; alleluia, alleluia! the glad earth shouts her triumph high and groaning hell makes wild reply: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

while our Lord Christ, the mighty king, despoiling death of all its sting alleluia, alleluia!

and trampling down the powers of night brings forth his ransomed souls to light. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

His tomb of late the threefold guard of watch and stone and seal had barred; alleluia, alleluia! but now in power and triumph high he comes from death to victory. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The pains of hell are loosed at last; the days of mourning now are past; alleluia, alleluia! an angel robed in light has said, 'The Lord has risen from the dead!' alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

From every weapon death can wield your own redeemed for ever shield: alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The vicar blesses the congregation.

Almighty God,

who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The vicar says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: Paean - Howells

Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly: Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, Phillip Joubert, Louise Miller and others known to you. We pray for those who love and care for them.

Year's Mind:

Alice Poynton PHILLIPS	1st April	1970
Jackie COOKE	1st April	2008
Violet DIXON	4th April	1981
Violet May BARTLETT	5th April	2000
Jeannie THOMPSON	5th April	1986
Michael TISDAL	6th April	1995
George Henry WHITELAW	7th April	1982
Kenneth Francis PITTS	7th April	1997

Film: Mary Magdalene

Date: Sunday 22 April

Theatre: Palace Balwyn, 231 Whitehorse Rd

Time: 2 pm

Cost: \$15 includes light afternoon tea at theatre at completion of film. Discussion: At completion of film Father Ray will lead a discussion during afternoon tea.

Dinner: Optional dinner at Colombo's, 250 Whitehorse Rd.

Book: List at back of Church or Robert Stevens 0412 397546, By the 15th April

Anglicare and St Mark's Fitzroy food basket is another way this Easter to share with others the bounty of our community.

Volunteers needed for working in the St George's Op Shop.

Please contact Mary or Joan on the contact numbers below

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COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

1st April Easter Day

8am Eucharist, Lighting of the Fire and renewal of baptism vows

10am Choral Eucharist with Renewal of baptismal vows

7th April Blumes Fashions

8th April Second Sunday of Easter

14th April Shared Dinner

15th April Third Sunday of Easter

22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Film: Mary Magdalene

BLUMES FASHIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 1.30 PM

EVANS HALL

\$5.00 includes Afternoon Tea and door prizes.

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