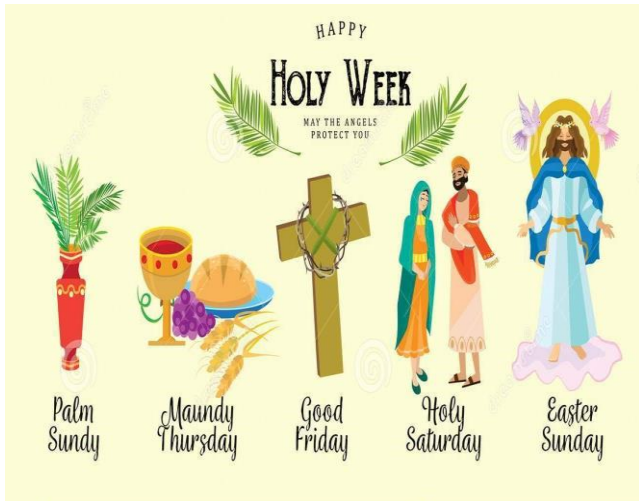




**Batemans Bay
Anglican**

**Community News
02 April 2023
Palm Sunday in Lent**



Church Services

Sunday:

- 8am** Holy Communion
- 9.25am** No broadcast today
- 10am** No Service - Combined Churches
Palm Sunday Walk
- 6.30pm** Communion

Readings:

- Psalm 31:9-18 (Page 439)
- Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 954)
- Matthew 27:11-54 (Page 810)

Readings

- Monday:** Psalm 36:5-11; John 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Psalm 71:1-14; John 12:20-36
- Wednesday:** Psalm 70; John 13:21-32
- Thursday:** Psalm 116:1-2,11-18; John 13:1-17,31-35
- Friday:** Psalm 22; John 18:1-19:42
- Saturday:** Psalm 31:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
- Sunday:** Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;
Matthew 28:1-10

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love toward us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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DIRECT DEPOSIT: Anglican Investment & Development Fund. BSB: 702 389 Account:05202562 Ref: AnglicanBBay2562

CHURCH: The church office is open Thursday mornings 9am-12pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

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ANGLICAN NEWS: <https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/01.-Anglican-News-March-2023.pdf>

2023: A year to Stand! Please extend this newsletter to someone to encourage them.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship – to avoid multiple people handling them they will remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship.

Intinction is not allowed and we continue to offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup.

Masks: There is no requirement to wear a mask to attend church but you are invited to wear a mask to reduce community risk.

Hand Sanitizing: COVID and Flu remain active – please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

PALM SUNDAY 2 APRIL 10AM: On Palm Sunday 2 April we will meet for our usual 8am Holy Communion service but there will be no 10am service at church and instead we will join in the Combined Churches 10am March from the Clyde Street **Boat Ramp – opposite Seven Cafe** over the bridge and service in Korner's Park. I understand that some of us will find the walk and outdoor venue too challenging and I encourage you if that is your circumstance to consider joining with the 8am service. Alternatively; the 6.30pm service that night will include a simple Communion and Worship service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND SERVICE: Thursday 6 April 6.30pm there will be a bring and share meal, and foot/hand washing service in the Hall. There is a sheet in the office to let us know what meal (savory or dessert) each person is bringing.

EASTER SERVICES:

Good Friday: 7 April 9am Service of prayer and reflection.

Sunday 9 April Easter:

Batemans Bay 8am Holy Communion; 10am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Reflective Worship

Nelligen 8am Holy Communion

BBECET PRAYER MEETING: on Monday 3rd April at 5pm in the hall. Board meeting will follow this.

BBECET LUNCH: Saturday 6th May at 12pm, City Church Batemans Bay. \$25 per person. Tickets available in the office.

MARKET STALL: Saturday 15th April 2023 8am – 1pm at the Church. Supporting BCA. Call Belinda on 0434102480 to book a stall. The church will have a Book and Jigsaw table which Yvonne and John Hoggan will organise/run. Donations of books and puzzles are needed and can be left in the church office. They can collect from you if required. Phone: 0417801566

SOMA MISSION: Rwanda: 17th to 29th April. Rev Liz Rankin and Tilly are part of the team (with John D and Jan H) and both are excited about going to Africa. Please keep the team in prayer. If you wish to financially support the team see the post on SOMA Australia page, [Rwanda Mission – Meet the Team \(somaau.org\)](http://Rwanda Mission – Meet the Team (somaau.org)) or Gayleane has the details.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE:

- Continuing prayers for those going through tough times and illnesses.
- Give thanks for answered prayers and healing.
- Prayers for the Easter period, safe travels to anyone travelling and for the visitors to the area.
- Thanks from Rob and Joy Williams: They would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers over the last two weeks, they were most appreciated and answered.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER: For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS: Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Judy Charman, Dora Coma, Michael Kovacs, Harry Lewis, Ian Oliver, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Noreen Ralston-Birchall, Ian Overy, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Rachel Harding, Tony Hughes, Jason King, Annette Stewart, Jess Hughes, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Bronwyn Lithgow, Lisa Brookes.

Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday!

This year as we consider the proclamation of Jesus as King as he enters Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week we reflect on exactly what sort of King Jesus is. Our experience of Kings is that they appear distant, unapproachable and all-powerful. Indeed, the power of ancient kings and emperors, such as Augustus Caesar, was so absolute that ordinary Greeks and Romans considered the Emperor to be divine – a God on earth. God is all-powerful but the image of the King that Jesus shows us, and calls us to emulate, draws not from his power but from humble obedience, incarnational presence and agape self-emptying love.

Traditional: Servant King

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4963QPHAIM&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurchesChetValleyChurches

Contemporary: I Stand Amazed https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue8ZCAc9xQ8&ab_channel=WorshipVideos

Read. Philippians 2: 5 – 11. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Thoughts: This is a very early Creedal poem revealing who Jesus was and how he is God. In verse 7 Paul says that Jesus 'emptied himself'. People sometime think that this means that Jesus, having been divine up to that point, somehow stopped being divine when he became human, and then went back to being divine again at his ascension. This is, not what Paul has in mind. The point of verse 6 is that Jesus existed and was equal with God before the incarnation. The decision to become human, and be obedient all the way to the cross was not a decision to stop being divine. Instead, it was a decision about what it really meant to be divine. For Paul, the point of the cross is that 'God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself'. The point is that Jesus didn't regard this equality as something to take advantage of for himself. Rather, his equality with God committed him to becoming human that we might see how to live and of dying under the weight of the world's sin, so that we might truly live. He is the servant King, the God of self-giving love. Jesus has done what only God could do!!

Consider the Cross: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6PKpywdaLM>

Prayers: Loving God, we pray for the People of Ukraine and Russia. As we come into the Easter season may the Cross and the Empty Tomb be visible signs of your presence in the midst of this conflict, drawing all to you and placing the iniquity of humanity in a stark light. We pray for those newly elected to lead us in NSW, may they govern with integrity: Sovereign Lord, please protect and encourage those in our new Government. May they find confidence in knowing that their identity is in you alone and not based on media perception or public opinion. We pray that they would be courageous and resilient in the face of adversity. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and insight to understand how best to respond to complex situations. Bless and strengthen the Premier. Lord, we pray for your church in Batemans Bay that as we celebrate Easter you will go before us inviting us into the eternal mystery of the Cross, the Resurrection and the enduring presence of your spirit. Heal and restore all who we persistently pray for.

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 forever. Amen

Traditional: At The Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7w-tDjlpjk&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuTKdkFbx68JxCo0xmtG81A&index=19&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches

Contemporary: O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Blessing: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Shalom**

Bible Study: — Bible study is in recess for Easter – recommencing from 28 April. Come along and join us on Maundy Thursday evening at 6.30pm for the Bring and Share meal and foot/handwashing service which completes our Lent Study.



Holy Week



Monday

Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree; God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice



Wednesday

Judas betrays, Mary perfumes; God waits for the response to the invitation



Holy Thursday

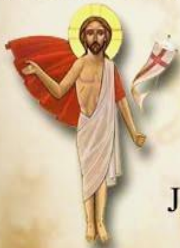
Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper; God offers His sacrifice



Good Friday

Jesus dies on the cross; God accepts His sacrifice (a sweet smelling aroma)

Resurrection Sunday



Jesus is risen; God gives us eternal life in Jesus (the real treasure)



Palm Sunday

Jesus entered as a king; God prepared His sacrifice



Tuesday

Jesus teaches in the temple for the last time; God sends the invitation to come enjoy His sacrifice

