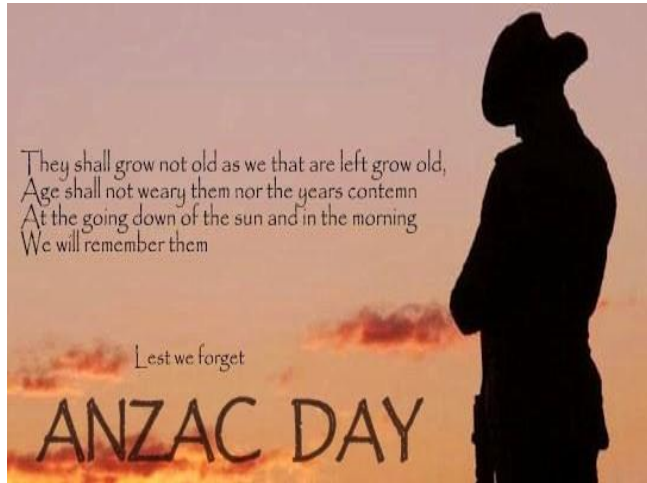




Community News
23 April 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Church Services

Sunday:

8am Holy Communion

9.25am 2 EAR FM

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Worship

Readings:

Acts 2:36-41 (page 886)

Psalm 116:1-18 (page 491)

1 Peter 1:13-25 (page 983)

Matthew 28:8-15 (page 811)

Readings

Monday: Psalm 119:17-24; John 6:22-29

Tuesday: Psalm 46; John 15:9-17

Wednesday: Psalm 66:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday: Psalm 66:7-11; John 6:44-51

Friday: Psalm 117; John 6:52-59

Saturday: Psalm 116:11-18; John 6:60-69

Sunday: Psalm 23; 1Peter 2:1-10; John 10:1-10

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through 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

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.

BOOMERANG MEETING PLACE: The Cultural Burn at Boomerang on Thursday was a significant community event with up to 80, mostly young, people attending. Boomerang is moving to build a large work shed and space behind the current building that will enable ongoing expansion of Boomerang's activities.

ANGLICAN RENEWAL: A national ARNA E-Gathering is planned for Saturday 27 May (day before Pentecost). The gathering will include worship and a focus on prayer led by Jill Weber as our key-note speaker. Jill is the Global Convenor for the Order of the Mustard Seed, Elder and Spiritual Formation Director at Emmaus Rd Church UK and a key leader within 24-7 Prayer movement. The gathering will also introduce this year's Pentecost Retreat Podcast which commences on 29 May. Batemans Bay will be a regional gathering hub – please gather at church for 3.30 – 5.30pm. A light fellowship meal will be provided at 5.30pm.

CREATIVE WORSHIP: We are looking for a group to gather, pray and to prepare creatively for Pentecost (28 May); including our worship space, banners, art and music. Pentecost readings: Numbers 11: 24 -30; Prayer to the Holy Spirit; 1 Corinthians 12: 1 –13; John 7: 37- 52 Meet in the church on Tuesday 2 May at 1.00pm. Please come along if you are interested.

MARKET STALL: Thank you to those that supported the stalls, a good turnout and \$245 was raised for BCA. Next market will be in October.

BCA BOXES: Thank you to all who bought in their boxes, \$892.70 was raised.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE: Will be on Sunday 30th April at Cross Central at 6.30pm.

CHURCH BRASS: If you would like to/or able to help clean the church brass on a Friday, could you please leave your name and phone number with Gayleane in the office or in Stephanie Pidcock's pigeonhole. Stephanie will train you to show you how it's done. Thanks.

BBECET SUPPORTERS ANNUAL LUNCH: Saturday 6th May at 12pm, City Church Batemans Bay. \$25 per person. Tickets are available in the office. Come along and support our school ministries.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE:

- Continuing prayers for those going through tough times and illnesses.
- Give thanks for answered prayers and healing.
- Please keep Rev Liz, Tilly and the SOMA Team in prayer as they minister in Rwanda.
- Please keep Bishop Ian, Jill, and the SOMA Team in prayer as they travel to Vietnam next week.

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, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson.

Bible Study Answers: In recess until 28 April

Sunday 23 April – Be Holy

Be holy as I am holy. We are called to live holy lives that shine as a beacon in the midst of our communities. Devote yourselves to God's teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread together and to prayer.

Traditional: Shine Jesus [SHINE, JESUS SHINE BIG SING at ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON 30 12 2012 - YouTube](#)

Contemporary: Our God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5d_gm9zrnY&ab_channel=EthanJ1993

Read. Acts 2: 36-42 ³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Thoughts: As we continue reflect on the deep significance of Easter we are comforted by Jesus words to not be afraid and that he goes before us, to Galilee, into ministry, in life and into death. Because he lives, because he was raised, we can live this life with confidence and a living hope that we also will be raised from death and set free from the sins that seek to drag us down and bind us up in this life, that constrain our life, our words, and our dreams. Jesus resurrection confirmed for the Apostles the truth that they had seen and known, that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Lord and Messiah, the true Son of God. This belief had consequences for them, as it also has for us, we are a people saved by repentance and baptism called to devote ourselves to living holy lives that emulate Christ's life. About three thousand responded on the day of Pentecost, were baptized and began to live in by the Holy Spirit. We to are called to live by the Holy Spirits leading.

Prayers:

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

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; help us to live holy lives and to be holy as you are holy. We pray for the SOMA team led by Rev. Liz Rankin as they minister in Rwanda and for Bishop Ian and Jill Lambert and their team as they leave for Vietnam this week. God of grace equip and direct them that the Kingdom of God is proclaimed captives will be set free and the glory of God revealed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we reflect on ANZAC day and give thanks for those who have carried the cost for us we continue to intercede for the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Loving Father, as the appearance of your Risen Son saying do not be afraid for I am with you gave hope to his disciples so move amongst the faithful in Ukraine and Russia to strengthen their resolve to labour for a just and speedy end to this conflict. May they know the presence of the risen Christ and find unity, peace and blessing in this time.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our community returning to school and especially those doing Year 12. May your peace be present and may they all run the race with passion until the end. Protect them from any spirit that seeks to distract and discourage them and speak to each one of your abiding deep love for them. We commend to your care, merciful God, all who are in sorrow, sickness, discouragement or any other trouble. We particularly pray for those feeling isolated, anxious or depressed and those not confident to step out and back into our communities. Give them patience and a firm trust in your goodness. Help those who care for them, and bring us all into the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: we pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We conclude our Prayers saying: **Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant them their requests; fulfil now, Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Traditional: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story [I Will Sing the Wondrous Story \(Tune: Hyfrydol - 6vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Contemporary: Waymaker [Way Maker \(lyrics\) by Leeland - YouTube](#)

Blessing: Almighty God, who redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Christ; and who has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Shalom**

Bible Study: — Bible study is in recess for Easter – recommencing from 28 April.

