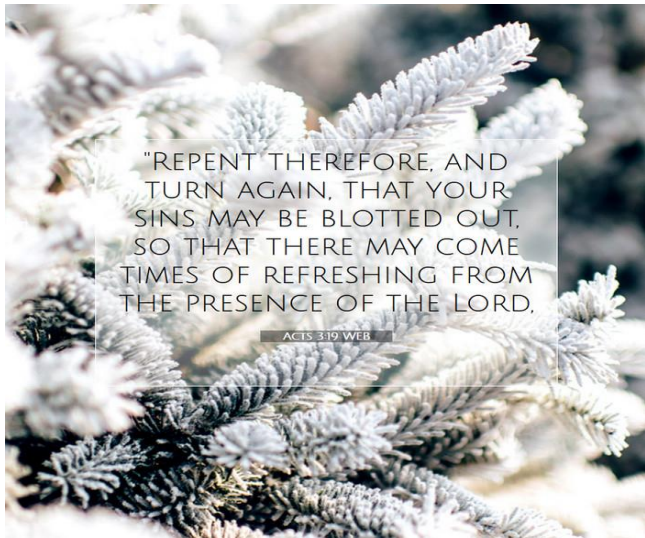




Community News
14 APRIL 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Weekly Church Services

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8.00am Holy Communion
Batemans Bay
8.00am Holy Communion
NO RADIO SERVICE
10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm NO SERVICE TONIGHT
Thursday: 10am Holy Communion
Readings:
Acts 3:12-20 (Page 886)
Psalm 4 (Page 425)
1John 2:15-17,3:1-6 (Page 990)
Luke 24:36-48 (Page 860)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 119:17-24; John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Psalm 31:1-5; John 6:30-35
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; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

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2024: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship –they remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. We offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup. COVID and Flu– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other’s space.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL: There will be **no 6.30pm evening service** at church on Sunday 14 April.

LEAVE: Doug and Julie are on leave Monday 15 – Friday 19 April.

VALE ANNE MITCHELL: Anne attended the Anglican Church about ten years ago. She was a long time resident of South Durras then Sunshine Bay. Her funeral service will be at Broulee Crematorium on Monday 15th April at 11.00am.

SOMA: The latest SOMA Newsletter can be found here: [Microsoft Word - SOMA Newsletter April May 24 \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.wordpress.com/microsoft-word-soma-newsletter-april-may-24) It has details of Rev Liz Rankins induction and also of future ministry activities for + Ian and Jill Lambert.

2EARFM RADIO: Congratulations to Cherie Hall who has retired from her Sunday morning radio slot on 2EARFM. Cherie invited Doug to present on her show during COVID and her retirement also ends Doug’s morning radio broadcast. It is possible that he may move to an afternoon timeslot, but this has yet to be confirmed.

BBECET SUPPORTERS LUNCH: On May 4th at 12 noon at Cross Central Church Surfside. Tickets are \$25 and available from Gayleane in the office, need to know numbers by Sunday 28th April please.

COASTERS AND CARDS FOR SALE: In the office are coasters and cards featuring Belinda Parrish’s artwork. She will be donating 50% to church missions.



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

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, Dora Coma, Harry Lewis, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Annette Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Duns, Ken Ormston, Katrina Nicolls, Kerry-Lee Smith, Judy and Jane Chapman, Amanda Lloyd, Matais Harpley, Alisha & Jess.

Bible Study: Read John 20: 19 -31. Thinking about the death and resurrection of Jesus – what mind state are the disciples in on that Sunday night and what are they afraid of? The disciples are confused and afraid. They are wondering whether or not they are the next – are the Jewish leaders coming for them as well – will they be crucified like Jesus. This is not an unreasonable fear as the Romans were known to ruthlessly suppress all rebellion. They cower together in a locked room unsure of what to do next.

What are Jesus first responses to their condition? What does this say to us when we are anxious and afraid? Jesus first action is to greet them and clearly identify himself – look at my hands and my side – it is I and I am with you. It reminds them of who he is and what he is able to do. His second action is to command peace be with them and to commission them to go out with his authority (God’s authority) to forgive sins in God’s name. As well as his words of commission he imparts to them the Holy Spirit by breathing it upon them. When we’re anxious or afraid we should remember that God has called us and has breathed his Spirit upon us so that we can trust him to be present and to bring his peace into all our fears and anxieties.

What does the story tell us about resurrection bodies and why are Jesus visible scars important? The answer could be not very much – we have to reflect and ask questions of the text. Firstly – Jesus appears in the room despite the door being locked - is it only Jesus who can do this or will all resurrection bodies be free from the constraints of worldly bodies? Secondly, he is recognized by his voice, how he speaks (Mary at the tomb is a more profound example of this), by his actions and significantly by his wounds. His body is healed but his scars remain. Our scars are visible reminders of past adversity and struggle - they are a means of advertising our testimony of the inwards growth and experience (or not) of God’s spiritual presence in difficult times in our lives – the stories that we use to tell of God’s love for us. Scars tell us that a new resurrection body does not change the fundamental nature of who we are – our identity in Christ.

Why has John written his gospel? So that we and many may read it and come to understand and belief that Jesus of Nazareth is the son of God, the Messiah sent to save us.

How does Jesus equip and commission his disciples in John’s gospel? What does this mean for us? Jesus equips and commissions his disciples with the Holy Spirit. He physically imparts the Spirit to them by breathing on them. God still equips us as disciples by giving us the Holy Spirit – we only minister effectively when we minister in Jesus name (i.e. with his referred authority) and when this ministry is inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. God gives to us the power to discern and understand what is happening in the spiritual world and to speak into that with forgiveness of sin (i.e. to point those we speak to the one who gives them life).

Sunday 14 April – Children of God

Traditional: Love Divine [Love Divine, All Loves Excelling \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiHxW3zMGyU&ab_channel=JesusChristismyLord)

Contemporary: Jesus Messiah [Chris Tomlin - Jesus Messiah \(Lyrics And Chords\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiHxW3zMGyU&ab_channel=JesusChristismyLord)

Reading: 1 John 3:1-3. See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Song: Behold https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiHxW3zMGyU&ab_channel=JesusChristismyLord

Thoughts. In his resurrection Jesus appeared to many so that they might testify to his risen life. We serve a Risen Saviour and our belief in the resurrection and our understanding of it matter. Jesus earliest followers held to one solid conviction – Jesus was risen from the dead – and that gave them revelation and understanding as to what God, in Jesus, had done through the cross. It empowered and emboldened hem to speak of Christ as the Messiah and to recast the role of the Messiah from the Jewish vision of a political/ Kingly/ earthly ruler overcoming the oppressors to and understanding of being called into the Kingdom of Heaven and to be living our lives here on earth as effectively resident aliens. Our true being

and identity are only completely realized in eternity. We are first and foremost to identify ourselves as beloved children of God. We witness to the great love of God for us as so that the world may come to know him. No other means of identity is valid for those who profess Christ crucified, died, dead, buried and risen! Take up your cross and follow Christ.

Prayers. Loving God, Jesus forgave his enemies from the cross, and loved them. He commands us to love our enemies and pray for them. We pray for all in Israel, Gaza, Nigeria, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia who are suffering in these wars. For all who are displaced, for all who are fighting, for all who are dying, for all who are fearful, for all who feel hopeless. Lord Jesus, help them to find your peace and live in hope. Watch over all those taking holidays at this time, especially school children. May they return safe, refreshed, rested and prepared for the next time of studies.

Holy God, all tenderness and healing flow from you: give strength to the weary and courage to the downhearted, and show mercy to all who are in trouble. We pray for the sick, the dying and all in need; for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed; for those in darkness, depression and despair; especially those known to us. We give thanks for healing for Joy and her and Rob's return to the Bay.

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: What a Friend We Have in Jesus [What a Friend We Have in Jesus \(Tune: Converse - 3vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: Only a Holy God [CityAlight - Only A Holy God \(youtube.com\)](#)

Blessing May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart and give you the grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Christ; and the blessing God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. **Shalom**

Bible Study: Read Psalm 23 aloud – sit quietly for 2 minutes and pray for God to reveal an insight or highlight a specific verse or phrase for you. Repeat this process having someone else read from a different translation (or reading for yourself if you are alone).

Did you focus on the same words each time, if not what caught your attention (it may have been a pleasant catching or it may have been discordant). How important are familiar words (i.e. familiar translations) to us? What is the value of reading from several different translations and how might the change in wording jar us into closer listening?

Listen to these songs based on Psalm 23:

[The Lord's My Shepherd \(Tune: Crimond - 5vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

The Lord's My Shepherd [The Lord's my Shepherd - Stuart Townend \[with lyrics\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

The Shepherd [Shepherd - CityAlight - YouTube](#)

Note how each artist draws different emphases from the same psalm – ponder its riches. What does psalm 23 say to you, now and when life is a bit tough? Share.