

## April

**Saturday 15th** Bunnings BBQ

**Easter Sunday** 10.30 am Family Celebration with Holy Communion

## June

**Sunday 11th** following 10.30am Service

St Michaels Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Dates for the Diary:



	WELCOME	READERS	PRAYER	SACRISTAN	LPM & LA	M/TEA
16-April	Karl	Lorraine Merv Priest	June	Lorraine	Len Lorraine	Bern Barb
23-April	Merv	Ann Bernard Priest	Lorraine	Colleen	Collen June	Sylv Merv

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...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

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## 10.30am Holy Communion Service Easter Sunday 2017

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, whose risen Son opened the disciples' hearts to understand the Scriptures that told of his death and resurrection: grant us the peace of the living Lord, that our eyes may be opened to recognise him in the breaking of the bread, and to follow him wherever he leads; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### This Week Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4,

John 20:1-18

### Next Week

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:1-12, John 20:19-31

**A warm welcome** to the Parish of Spearwood. Children are especially welcome. We do hope that you will find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

If you have any questions about what we do here or about the Christian Faith in general I would be happy to make time to discuss them or any other issues with you.

We also would very much like to invite you to stay for light refreshments and a chat following the service.

*Revd. Debbie*

**On Easter morning Jesus left his tomb....why did he fold the napkin? Here is one explanation...**

Why did Jesus fold the napkin?

On that first Easter morning, John's gospel (20:7) tells us that when Peter stooped and went into the tomb, he found the linen wrappings that Jesus' body had been wrapped in, thrown to one side. But the napkin, which had been placed over the face of Jesus, was neatly folded, and placed at the head of that stony coffin. Why? Why should Jesus fold the napkin after his resurrection?

The significance of the folded napkin might be found in Hebrew tradition of the day. When a servant waited on his master at the dinner table, and the master was done eating, he would rise from the table and toss the napkin to one side. But when the master was not finished, he would fold his napkin to indicate that though he had left the table for the moment, he was coming back.

When Jesus folded his napkin, could it be that he was saying to the world: I may be leaving now, but – I am coming back!

One day, the Bible teaches us, he WILL!

### **Why Easter chocolate and wine are good for you**

As Lent has come to an end, and you reach for your Easter chocolate, here's some great news: eating chocolate and drinking wine or tea can improve your memory.

In recent research, people who regularly consume modest amounts of all three performed best in a series of brain tests.

Apparently chocolate, wine and tea all contain micronutrients called flavonoids, which may reduce the risk of dementia.



But - the bad news is that the positive effects of wine level out after just half a glass, while all your brain needs is four squares of chocolate. Most depressing. Better put the kettle on.... ☺

**St Michaels Annual Meeting** of parishioners will be held on **SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2017** following our 10.30am service. Nominations are sought for the positions of Warden, Church Council, Nominator of Clergy and Independent Examiner.

Nomination Forms and Electoral Role forms can be found on the table in church.

The first meeting of the newly elected council will take place on 11th June immediately following the Annual meeting to elect a Secretary, Treasurer and Signatories to the accounts.