



St. Michael & All Angels Anglican Church EASTER SUNDAY 2018

Welcome to our worship this morning.

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.

We seek to be a church that loves God, our local community and each other, in the same loving way that Christ loves us. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

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.

Gluten free wafers are available for Communion, if you require these please speak to the service leader.

Revd. Debbie

Easter 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, honour and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity.

Amen

EASTER – the most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be ‘growing’ in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Why the name, ‘Easter’? The festival’s name comes from ‘Pesach’, the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word ‘Easter’, however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in ‘Eostur month’, but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean ‘shining in the east’. So, Easter might have meant simply ‘beginning month’.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in many cultures. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it’s easy to see how decorating and eating them at Easter became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

High Tea

Tickets will be available soon for our fund raising High Tea event to be held on Saturday 5th May in the church. Please put the date in your diary and make sure you secure your tickets early as the numbers will be limited. 2-30 for 3-00pm start till 5-00pm with Savoury Sweet and bottomless cups of tea and coffee.

Bible Study and Friendship

We are a small group of Ladies who meet together to discuss Scripture or study a topic based on living as a Christian.

At the moment we are looking at the biblical understanding of friendship and meet fortnightly on a Monday at the home of Ann Punch.

If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome, no previous knowledge or understanding of scripture is necessary. More information from Ann Punch 9418 4551

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets are now available to win the beautiful Mother's Day pamper Basket.

Happy Easter

Rev. Debbie and Wayne would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

St Michael's Grant Application is in!

I'm pleased to report that the grant application along with all the accompanying documents, of which there were many, have finally been submitted to Cockburn City Council. The grant request is for monetary help towards setting up a mainly music group at St Michaels Spearwood and if we are successful, will be aimed at preschoolers and their carers of all ages. It is hoped that this will be another step in moving forwards in mission and ministry at St Michael's. Please pray for Gods guidance and that if this is His will that our application might be successful and all the resources found.

Rev. Debbie

HALL FOR HIRE

Large Hall with wooden floor (fantastic for dancing etc.) available to hire at St Edwards Hilton. Available for occasional or regular use. Disabled Access/Toilets. Baby Change table and kitchen.

VISITING REQUEST CARDS

There are some new visiting request cards in the church. Please complete the details and hand to a Warden if you know of a need in the parish.

Thank you.

This Weeks Readings (1st April)								
Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18								
Next Weeks Readings (8th April)								
Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20:19-31								
SPEARWOOD								
Date	Welcome	Reader	Prayer	Sacristan	LPM&LA	M/Tea	Musician	Counters
1st April	Len	Maryvonne Lauren	Bernard	Colleen	Colleen June	Bernard Barb	N/A	
8th April	Merv	June Lee Ann	Lorraine	Lorriane	Len Lorraine	Maxine	N/A	
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