



**SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

***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 a service leader.

***Revd. Debbie***

#### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,  
by whom the lost are sought  
and guided into the fold:

feed us and we shall be satisfied,  
heal us and we shall be whole,  
and lead us that we may be with you,

where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LADIES LUXURY BASKET (Spearwood)

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

If you have any donations towards this special Ladies Luxury Basket can you please let Ann have them . The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 5th May at the HIGH TEA EVENT



### Care Basket

We continue to set aside a care basket to collect donations of non-perishable food for those in need in our communities. Please place your items in the basket at the rear of church and these will be distributed as care baskets to those in need. We particularly have a need at this time for lunch box items as we have a number of families with school age children in need. Please check the expiry date on your donations as things that are passed the 'Best before' or 'Use by' dates cannot be given. Thank you.

### **\*\*Volunteers Please for Spirited Generosity\*\***

Rev Debbie is planning on focusing some of our Worship services during May on Spirited Generosity leading up to our Stewardship Service at the end of May, however to go ahead with this we are in need of a couple of volunteers who are willing to help with making a craft and cutting out some simple shapes and someone who is willing to insert names on a composed document and send out some letters of invitation. If you can help with this please will you let Rev Debbie know by this Wednesday, Thank you.

### What's happening?

Singing Group Practice 26th April	6.00pm Hilton
Hilton Parish Council 26th April	6.30pm

### Parish Annual Meetings

**St Michaels Spearwood** 10th June following Morning Service at 10.30am

**St Edwards Hilton** 9th June beginning at 8.00am with breakfast.



**Anzac Day** on 25th April 2018, it is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who have fought and died for their country, and is marked annually on the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War.

### **ANZAC DAY**

*From A Prayer Book for Australia*

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. Amen

### **Thanks for Flowers**

Our thanks to Colleen at Spearwood for providing and arranging the beautiful flowers in the church.

They are very much appreciated and several people commented how beautiful they looked.

### **Flowers in Church.....an offering of thanks to God**

It can be such a joy to give thanks to God and praise Him through the gift of flowers and service in His church. We don't all have the gift of flower arranging but if you would like to donate towards the provision of flowers maybe in remembrance of a loved one or to give thanks for a special occasion, perhaps a birthday anniversary/birth of a child etc. please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked flowers and place it in the offering with the date that you wish to donate for and if you wish the details of the occasion. The offering will then be used to provide flowers that week in church. If you would also like us to place a note in the pew sheet to mark the special occasion that can also be arranged. In addition, if you would occasionally like to thank God by arranging some flowers in the church please let Rev Debbie know.

### **Volunteers for Painting**

As part of our essential ongoing maintenance of our church buildings and facilities, we are looking for a couple of experienced people who are willing to do a little preparation and painting of walls/ceilings for us in the toilets and the vestry. It would be good if we can find some experienced and willing volunteers in the church rather than have to employ expensive painters for these small jobs. If you can assist with this please let Rev Debbie know, thank you.

### **Cleaning Roster (Spearwood)**

Revd. Debbie is putting together a weekly cleaning roster for the church and the toilets if you can help with some light cleaning/dusting and vacuuming on a roster basis please let Rev Debbie know. Thank you

**Church Membership/Electoral Role Forms** are available at the rear of the church as are nomination forms for Council Warden, Nominator of clergy Auditor and Synod. Please return all completed forms to Revd. Debbie or a Church Warden. Thank you.

## **The road to Emmaus – one of the best short stories in the world**

The story of the two disciples walking the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus on the first Easter day is 'one of the immortal short stories of the world' (W. Barclay). Their encounter with the risen Christ is also a model for how we can meet him in our lives. (You can find the story in Luke 24: 13 -35)

***Hearts Opened.*** The disciples displayed 'downcast' faces (17), as their hearts were preoccupied with grief. They felt let down by God, as well as bewildered by all they had heard. No doubt their emotions prevented them from recognising Jesus walking with them, even though their hearts burned within them. Despite our feelings, Jesus is still with us in situations of loss or desolation, as well as when we feel let down by God or other people.

***Minds Opened.*** Although this pair knew the Scriptures, they didn't understand what they said about the Christ. Therefore, Jesus opened their minds to make sense of the events they were experiencing. The Holy Spirit also brings God's word alive for us, as He challenges our preconceptions about Jesus.

***Eyes Opened.*** The couple only recognised Jesus when He broke the bread as they ate together. The turning point came when they invited Jesus into their home, and allowed Him to take charge. If we are to recognise Jesus' presence with us, we need to open our lives to Him. What part does Holy Communion play in this?

Open eyes, minds and hearts will lead to open mouths. Having discovered Jesus, the disciples can't keep the news to themselves. The Christian message is never truly ours until we have opened our mouths and shared it with others!

### **HALL FOR HIRE (Hilton)**

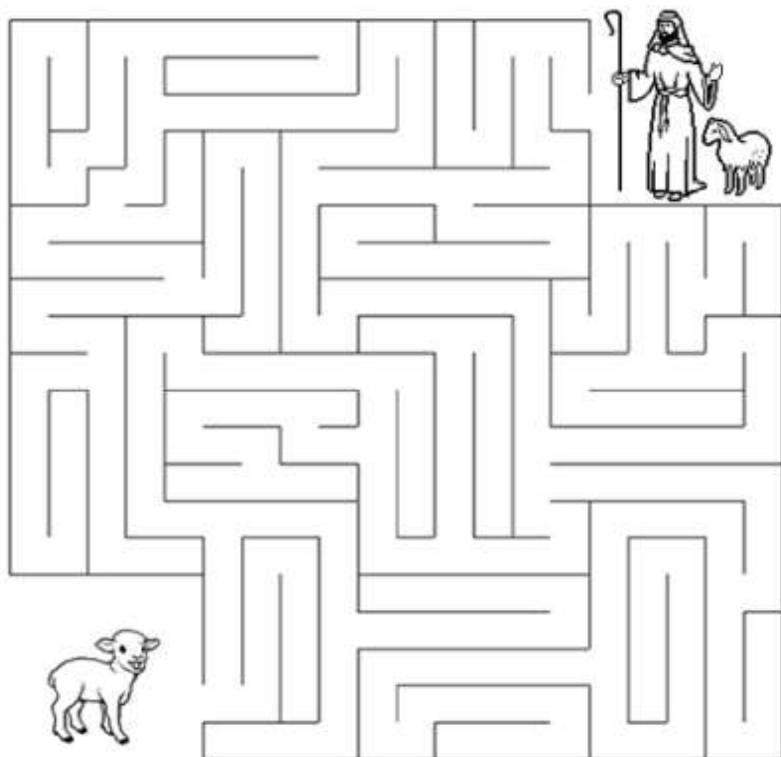
Large Hall with wooden floor (fantastic for dancing etc.) available to hire at St Edwards Hilton. Available for occasional or regular use. Disabled Access/Toilets. Baby Change table and kitchen.

# Kidz Corner

## *Maze Puzzle*

### The Good Shepherd

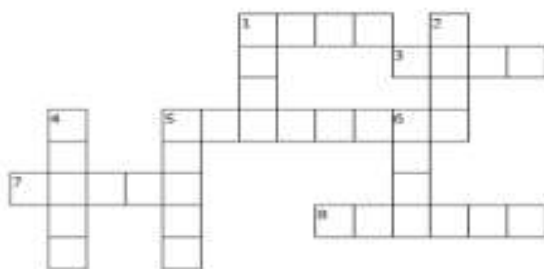
Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd.



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep  
and my sheep know me."

John 10:14 (NIV)

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

## DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE



## VISITING REQUEST CARDS

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

Thank you.

**This Weeks Readings**

Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 3.16-24, John 10.11-18

**Next Weeks Readings**

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:26-32, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

**SPEARWOOD**

Date	Welcome	Reader	Prayer	Sacristan	LPM&LA	M/Tea	Musician	Counters
22nd April	Len	Maryvonne Ann	Bernard	Collen	Collen June	Len	N/A	
29th April	Karl	Lauren Maria	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine Len	Bridgid	N/A	
6th May	Merv	Ann Bernard	Maxine	Lorraine	Lorraine Len	Bern Barb	N/A	
13th May	Len	June Lee Maria	Bernard	Collen	Collen June	Maxine	N/A	

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Notices for inclusion next week to revd.debbie@gmail.com by Tuesday



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
 - JOHN 10:27 NIV