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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 28th March
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Sunday, March 28th 9.30am
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2: 5 -11
Mark 11: 1-11 or
John 12: 12 – 16

Thursday April 1st 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
1 Cor 11: 23-26
John 13: 1-17, 31b - 35

Friday, April 2nd 9.00am
Good Friday

Isaiah 52: 13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9
John 18: 1-9: 42

Sunday April 4th 9.30am
Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 or 25: 6-9
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or
Acts 10: 34-43
John 20: 1-18 or
Mark 16: 1-8

Palm Sunday

A special welcome to the family and friends of Darcy Iles, who will be baptised into Christ's church today.

South Pacific School Aid Retiring Offering – to be placed in the bowl marked accordingly. Or by direct debit with the reference "SPSA"

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week and the end of our Lenten journey with Jesus to Jerusalem.

In "The Last Week": What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan speak of the palm parade as a social commentary on the big pompous fan-fares that powers and principalities would use to enter a city. The parade could be seen as a protest. At the start of Passover, Jesus rides into the city of Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey. Large crowds gather around and follow him. People spread cloaks on the road; others spread leafy branches cut from the fields.

While this was a seemingly simple procession, it could also be a challenge to political power. At the same time Jesus was entering the city of Jerusalem by one gate, Pilate was entering from another gate in another part of the city. Pilate's procession was a striking display of state and military power. He entered with warhorses and Roman soldiers. Pilate's powerful entry would have served to remind people who had gathered from far and wide to maintain order, and to obey their current ruling authority. Don't even think about protesting! Pilate's processional was a manifestation of empire. Jesus' processional, by contrast, was a simple one where he rode a donkey. The people shouted "Hosanna," which means "save us." The crowds with Jesus were not people who traditionally held power in society. They were part of a peripheral religious group that was led by an unusual leader.

One way of describing this processional is as a counter-protest that resisted the status quo.

Across the world in Myanmar, Thailand, Hong Kong, the United States and some European nations, we have seen a surge in protest marches. As you view these events from the comfort of your living room, what do you make of the protestors?

What might the Roman garrison leaders have made of the man on the donkey being heralded in by a group of protestors?

What would stir you to be part of a protest march?



Congratulations to our **Administrator, Lorraine Schroder** and **Angela Zhang, our Treasurer**, who have served the Rosefield congregation for 1 year, this month. (and survived COVID lockdowns and working from home) We praise God for bringing them to us and thank them for their willing and thorough work.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm “On the night when he was betrayed”

This reflective, informal service will journey with the events of the final night Jesus spent with his disciples. The congregation will be able to participate in voluntary foot washing and Holy Communion. Those who choose to participate in the foot washing will wash and dry their own feet, so please wear suitable footwear. Rev Sue Ellis will bring the reflection.

Good Friday 9am “What have We Done?”

A sombre worship experience that follows Jesus from his arrest to his death on the Cross. This service will be marked by the gradual extinguishing of the Lenten candles and the stripping and covering of our worship space. Our choir will present a song and Rev Tony Eldridge will bring the Good Friday reflection.

Easter Sunday 9.30am “Look! He is not here!”

A celebration of the resurrection will bring our faith to life again! The choir will lead our rejoicing, and the congregation will join Joan Morton as she re-affirms her baptism. We will share a celebration Holy Communion. Rev Sue Ellis will bring the Easter Sunday message.

COVID19 Please remember that compliance to Covid19 regulations for our Church, relate to the specific requirements for “Places of Worship” determined by the Federal and SA Governments and also by the South Australian Uniting Church Synod. These requirements are different to those applying to commercial properties, sporting venues and restaurants and cafes in many instances. We ALL need to do the best we can to obey the rules, and ensure we have a Safe and Compliant Church. It is with sadness that we inform you we will not be serving Tea and Coffee after the services. This is to help us conform with Covid regulations.

POSITIONS VACANT

This year we have five positions vacant on Church Council - three Councillors are re-nominating.

The next election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday. 11th April 2021, Church Council meets on the third Tuesday in each month at 7.30 pm.

Nomination forms are available in the Foyer - to be returned by Sunday 28th March 2021.

ALSO

Secretary of the Congregation falls vacant – Belinda Smith is willing to be re-nominated. Other members may wish to nominate for this role.

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For more information, see Heather Williams.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday, 11 April at 10.45 am immediately following the Church Service.

Please collect the Agenda, Annual Report, Financial Statements (2020) and the Annual Budget (2021) from the foyer.

Brenton Schulze, Chair, Congregation
Belinda Smith, Secretary, Congregation

PASTORAL CARE

ROSEFIELD PRAYER MEETING - 8:00am Wednesday mornings (online)

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and particularly for the JNC and the whole process of calling a new minister. Come online at 8:00 am on Wednesday mornings if you would like to be part of praying for our church, or if you would like prayer (for yourself or someone else) or would like to pray for something on your heart. Everyone is welcome. Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg.

Go to: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUlR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

Palm Sunday Peace Walk

Churches Together for Peace and Justice, Walking in Unity, March 28th **TODAY** AT 1.00pm for 1.15pm start, Nth West Triangle – Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) to Tarntanya Wama Rotunda (Elder Park) Community banners welcomed. Here is the link to register (and for more information!).

<https://bit.ly/2Mm8cwHd>



COMMUNITY NEWS

TODAY, Sunday 28 March, **South Pacific School Aid** will be holding a Book Stall to raise funds for shipping costs. We will set up in the courtyard from 9am till 12 noon, weather permitting. There will be a good range of interesting books.

Please note...

Cash sales only, or we can take an IOU!



The WoW (Women on Wednesday) group would like to a big thank you for your donations to fill their bags to go to those in need. **TODAY (Sunday)** is the last day to contribute.

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday	9.30am (with an Infant baptism)
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm (a reflective service with Holy Communion)
Good Friday	9.00am
Easter Sunday	9.30am (with renewal of Baptism and Holy Communion)

MARY MAGDALENE ADELAIDE DINNER - Saturday 3rd April

For 80+ people doing-life-tuff. Rosefield members are invited to help sponsor the dinner by providing:

- Soup, casseroles, \$ donations
Soup & casserole recipes and food list sign up etc. are at the foyer info desk.

Thank you,

John Carrangis: 0478 074 238

Women's Breakfast Tuesday April 6th at 7.30am. Will be meeting at the home of Jill Fuss. The speaker is Marilyn Kyrylenko. All Ladies Welcome

Do you have any **Rosemary** in your garden??? If you have Wendy Davis would love some for Anzac day flowers in the church