

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday	Patchwork Group meets @ 12.30pm
Tuesday	ANZAC Day
Wednesday	Golf Group meet @ 6.15am COGs Group meet @ 1.30pm
Thursday	Woodlake Service @ 11am GFS AGM @ 7pm
Saturday	Walk for Women's Cancer @ 6.30am onwards
Sun 21 st May	Bring & Share Lunch @ 11am

BRING & SHARE LUNCH – our next social function will be on Sunday 21st May at 11am. This year all the courses – soup, main, desert - will be at church. BYO drinks. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please put your name on the Notice Board so we know how many will be coming along.

Expenditure for the month	\$10,715.15	
Offertory for month March		\$5,574.50
Income from other sources		\$1,995.31
Shortfall of	\$ 3,145.34	

Please pray for: Paul; Monica; Isla; Peggy; Cameron; Deidre; David; Andrew; Dave; Kate & Helen; Greg; Mike; Tony; Stenton family



Happy birthday to Simon Laws on the 27th

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Welcome to Worship



Easter 3

23rd April 2023

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- Know God personally
- Love and respect one another deeply
- Disciple and serve those around us

Sentence: Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38-39

Collect of the Day

O God,
your Son made himself know to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18
1 Peter 1:13-25
Luke 24:13-35

Next Week:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 10:1-10



Easter 3 – Luke 24:13-35

Jesus meets the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: “While he was sitting with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him . . .”

Today’s Gospel begins on the afternoon of that miraculous Easter Sunday. Having just completed the observance of the Passover Sabbath, two disciples of Jesus (one identified as Cleopas) are making the seven-mile trip to the village of Emmaus. By identifying them as disciples, Luke is emphasizing that these two were more than just impartial observers of the events of Holy Week.

Luke writes that their exchange was “lively” – we can well imagine! As well as anger at the great travesty of justice that had taken place, they must have felt emotionally shattered at what had befallen their revered Rabbi

Jesus. The two are suddenly joined by a stranger who asks the subject of their “lively” conversation. The stranger then explains, to their astonishment, the meaning of each of the events of the past week. When they reach the village, the two disciples ask the stranger to stay with them. And, in the words from Luke’s Gospel that we have come to treasure, the two disciples “come to know (the Risen Christ) in the breaking of the bread.”

Luke’s Easter night story parallels our own experience of the Eucharist: We come to the Lord’s table feeling angry, hurt, despairing, alone – but at this table, coming to “know him in the breaking of the bread,” we can experience the peace and presence of the Risen Christ.

It has been said that true friendship begins when people share a memory. Like the two disciples who recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, we, too, are bound as a Church by the same memory of the Risen One. In the word we hear together and the bread we share together, God’s love is both remembered and relived, giving us hope and direction and meaning in the course of our individual journeys.

As the two disciples discover on their journey to Emmaus, Christ is alive and present in our midst in the love, charity and goodness we give and receive, in the sacrament of his body and blood, in moments of grace and prayer.

Like the disciples journeying to Emmaus, we are disciples on a journey, a journey reaches its zenith in the great Paschal journey from crucifixion to resurrection. As the disciples traveling to Emmaus discover, the journey is not ended. It continues through the wilderness and is marked by the cross. But God is still very much present to us along the way.

God travels with us on our own roads to Emmaus; God is present in the broken bread of compassion and healing we offer and receive from our fellow travellers. Easter faith is to recognize God in our midst: in our wanting to understand, in our struggle to make things right, in our brokenness. May this Easter season open our hearts and spirits to recognize Christ among us in every moment of our lives, in both the bright promising mornings and the dark, terrifying nights.