



Alstonville
Anglicans

Easter Sunday

4 April 2021

**Welcome,
so good to see you.**



Sharing the Good Life

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people,
Traditional custodians of the Land.
Our doors are open: LGBTQIA+ welcome here.
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Liturgy for 4th April

Sentence of the Day

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

1 Corinthians 5.7–8

Collect

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

John 20:1–18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen



wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other

disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Messages

Worship and Spirituality portfolio

Messy Church

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Messy Church afternoon so much fun.





Join us for Easter

Here is your itinerary for your

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authentic
and timeless**

Easter Experience

with Alstonville Anglicans

from 1 April – 4 April

6-8 the Avenue Alstonville.

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The Easter Experience begins with

Maundy Thursday 6pm 1 April

We gather in the Ministry Centre at 6pm on 1 April for a meditative Eucharist. There are many symbols to guide our worship through Maundy Thursday

- including the commandment to love,
- love in action through the act of foot-washing,
- and the Institution of the Eucharist, a feast of bread and wine where we remember Jesus is in us and with us.



**Maundy Thursday
All-night Vigil
from 7pm Thursday 1 April
to 8am Friday 2 April**

The all-night vigil is in the **Church Sanctuary** and begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday 7pm and continues through the night until Friday morning 8am. The vigil is an act of **silent prayer** when we are symbolically with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, near the mount of Olives. Jesus said to his disciples “Watch and Pray.” So, we watch. And pray. In silence. With Jesus.

For some, swimming silence is easy. Others need some guidance – this is okay. The silence is supported by meditative music, a visual display and some cue cards to help you step into silent prayer.

All members of the community are invited to sign-up for an hour between 7pm Thursday 1 April and 8am Friday 2 April to be with Jesus in the silence of the night.

As a gift of prayer, participants are invited to bring a bunch of flowers or greenery from their own gardens and place it near the Altar as a symbol of self-offering before being in silence for their rostered hour. At the end of their hour each participant is invited to light a candle before leaving.

What to do?

- Sign up for an hour of silent meditation on Maundy Thursday. (Sign-up sheet is on the church door).

- Bring flowers or greenery from your own or a neighbourhood garden.
- On arriving at the Church, sign-in and sanitise.
- Place your greenery or flowers in the growing garden of Gethsemane near the altar.
- Enjoy the silence with others for an hour (or more).
- When you are ready to leave, light a candle in the baptismal font and depart in peace.

FAQ

Why do we observe the all-night vigil on Maundy Thursday?

In the Scriptures Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before he died the next day. He asked for help saying to his disciples “Watch and pray with me.” We symbolically spend time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane through silent prayer.

Where is the all-night vigil held?

In the church sanctuary, enter through the front door.

What do I wear?

Wear something warm if necessary. Come as ...you. Shoes optional. Slippers normal.

Can I come if I didn't sign up?

We need a minimum of two people for each hour, but we can have up to 40 people so feel free to come.

Am I allowed to talk?

This is a moment in your life where you are given freedom not to talk. Give yourself and others the freedom and gift of silence and notice what happens in you.

Can I bring my dog?

We have had a new carpet placed in the church and ideally, we prefer not to have pets shedding hair etc. However, we are aware that late at night people, especially those who live alone, may feel safer with their dog and this may help them come to church to enjoy the silence. If you feel it necessary to bring a dog for your personal safety, please take full responsibility for your pet not disturbing the silence of others. There is a carpet sweeper in the vestry for you to clean up any hair your four-legged child may have left behind.

Can I bring a friend or a partner?

The more the merrier, guide them in what is expected by offering them this information.

The all-night vigil ends with

Morning Prayer at 8am in the Church on Good Friday 2 April.





EASTER

**The Good Friday Service is
at 10am on 2nd April
in the Ministry Centre.**

On Friday the 2nd April at 10am we meet for worship in the Ministry Centre. The Good Friday service is a solemn occasion where we gather with Mary, the Mother of God, Mary of Magdala and some of Jesus' friends to be with Jesus at the Cross, the place of his death.



EASTER

**Easter Dawn Service
on 4th April 6am
in the Church**

The climax of our easter journey is the dawn service held on the 4th April 6am in the Church.

- At **5.30am** **gather outside the church door** for the lighting of the Easter Fire.
- At 6am the Fire is blessed, and the Paschal Candle is lit.
- We walk into the church prayerfully, led by the Paschal Candle.

The Paschal Candle symbolises our faith in the Resurrection of Christ. Through chant, we remember how the presence of God, sometimes called Shekinah, has been our faith ancestors and will always be with us. The Paschal Candle is decorated with bees, butterflies and other symbols of the risen life. The candle is signed with the Alpha and Omega, Greek letters that remind us that Christ is the beginning and end of time and that all time belongs to Christ.

The Dawn service includes the renewal of our baptismal promises and we are sprinkled with water to remember the grace of our baptism. The service concludes with holy communion.



Easter Service (including families)
9am 4th April in the Ministry Centre

The Easter Service at 9am in the Ministry Centre includes the first Eucharist with the new Paschal Candle. Children are included in the worship of this service. The Scriptures, sermon and prayers will sustain us in our resurrected faith.

To summarise:

- 1 April Maundy Thursday Service
6pm in the Ministry Centre
- 1 April All-night vigil 7pm – 8am 2 April
in the Church
- 2 April Good Friday Morning Prayer
8am in the Church.
- 2 April Good Friday Service
10am in the Ministry Centre
- 4th April Easter Dawn Service
6am in the Church (arrive at 5.30am and gather
around the Easter fire)
- 4th April Easter Eucharist
9am in the ministry centre





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- Google YouTube
- click on one of our videos
- below it you will see a subscribe button
- click on it and you can become a subscriber.

If we are able to get 1000 subscribers, we can begin to advertise on our channel and generate income.

Coming soon...

Beginning 18 April

Messy Life?

What is it?

- Content rich teaching
- in the context of engaging and energising worship.
- Informed discussions in safe community
- Incorporating preparation Confirmation and First Communion.



This is an intergenerational approach to teaching and worship. People of all ages are accommodated.

When is it?

This new service launches on 18 April

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5pm beginning 18 April. Each session will include confident teaching and group discussion. We will begin and end with worship.

Who is it for?

Those seeking confirmation, new membership and first communion preparation are asked to sign up. This service is for any and all who seek to deepen their faith through teaching, discussion and worship.

we will take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and God's overall call for each of us to partner with God in mending this fractured world. The hope is that after we have done so, our interpretations and use of the scriptures will be truly liberating and life-enabling.



Community engagement



Volunteers required to prepare morning tea at Play Place on Thursday mornings. If available, please contact Margaret Brown.



**Mother's Day Fete
Saturday 8th May 2021**

Good Governance

Current Status of COVID Restrictions

Restrictions for Places of Worship were relaxed in NSW from 29th March.

1. Limit of 1 person / 2sqm ie. now 72 for St Bartholomew's and 20 at Tregagle.
2. Checking in is very important and is mandatory.
3. Ventilation is important ie. opening windows and doors and morning tea outside.
4. Hand sanitization is mandatory.
5. 1.5m rule of separation is advised.
6. Singing is ok with no restrictions.

In other words, things are very much back to normal for worship in church.

STOP PRESS: Due to local COVID spread new restrictions have been suddenly mandated for at least the next week including the compulsory wearing of masks in church! Watch this space!

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Dates 4th April to 11th April

4 th April	Sunday 6am Easter Dawn Service Sunday 9am Easter Eucharist
5 th April	Monday 10am Anam Cara Praying for You
7 th April	Wednesday 9am Anam Cara 11am Pastoral Care Meeting 4pm Executive Meeting 6pm Messy Life Meeting
8 th April	Thursday 6pm Anam Cara
9 th April	Friday 10am Holy Communion
11 th April	Sunday 9am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul's