



Alstonville Anglicans

Easter 2022

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



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Alstonville Anglicans are committed to ensuring that all people who participate in our worship, programs and ministries have a safe and rewarding experience.

Liturgy for 17th April Easter Day

Sentence of the Day

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

Collect

God of glory,
fill your Church with the power
that flows from Christ's resurrection,
that, in the midst of this sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,
raised to new life with Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **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.

Liturgy for 24th April Easter 2

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20.27

Collect

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put

it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Messages

Worship & Spirituality



Easter Giveaway

Good Friday 10am
Easter Sunday 6am
& 9am

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Last Chance to sign up for the **Easter Vigil** following our Maundy Thursday Service 14th April at 6pm.



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Egg-citing
Easter Egg Hunt

Messy Church
Sunday 24th
April 4pm

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Our Passover Dinner

On Sunday 10th April the Parish celebrated a Passover Dinner. Here we share with you Doug's introduction to and explanation of the Passover Seder.

'We gather to commemorate the origins of the Sabbath, embodied in the Jewish Seder and the Christian Eucharist. Both feasts bring into the present the Exodus, a story of bondage, deliverance and liberation. The common ground of the two Sabbath liturgies are the sacramental elements of the

Bread and the Wine in which and Wine is poured, blessed and shared; Bread is blessed, broken and shared.

Interestingly, in the In the Jewish tradition, Shabbat is a feminine being called Shekinah, or Holy Mother, favourite Sister, intimate Friend.¹ In Christianity, she is known by her Greek name, Sophia, Holy Wisdom. Shekinah/Sophia is about building community, harmony and balance; and remembering our interdependence with each other and with the Earth herself. She turns grapes into wine; she feeds us with her body.

In a Passover Seder we ritually search for any leaven in the room and remove it. Since mobility may be an issue, you can find it on the table. We partake of the Seder Plate comprising bitter herbs, green herbs and haroseth. Bitter herbs symbolize the bitterness of slavery in Egypt; green herbs symbolize hope and renewal; and both are dipped in salt water, to symbolize the salty tears that the Hebrews shed during their enslavement in Egypt. The haroseth represents the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves in building the palaces and pyramids of Egypt.

The three main parts to the Seder are the blessing of the Candlelight, the blessing of the Wine, and the blessing of the Bread. One candle represents loving kindness and the other wise discernment. When the table is set, the wine glass is empty, a symbol of the heart that cries out in longing for God; and the bread lies veiled with a white napkin until the wine is blessed. After the blessings, the wine is poured and the bread broken and shared.

The Passover is, actually, a joyful occasion. So, we will dance simple Jewish dance, and we will sing a popular Jewish song.

¹ See *Wild Mercy* Mirabai Starr Chapter 2

The Dayenu Song is based on a lengthy Passover Seder litany that rehearses all the remarkable things that God did for the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt, basically the Exodus story. The litany response is Dayenu, which means "It would have been enough." Our version is a much shorter 3 verse one that children first learn.'

Community Engagement

Fete 2022



This year's Mother's Day Fete will be held on **Saturday 7th May**. Donations of potted plants are needed labelled with plant name and flower colour. Contact is Barbara Fewtrell 0429385713. If you are able to assist with making cakes, please contact Robyn Beck.

Fete Planning meeting Tuesday 19th April 4.30pm.

Anglicare North Coast 2022 Northern NSW Flood Appeal

Please continue to support this Appeal.

www.anglicarenorthcoast.org.au

Community-On-the-Verge



Help yourself to what is ripe and ready for picking. If you are keen to be involved as the garden evolves, please contact Alan Larsen on 0409 655 123 or Barbara Fewtrell 0429 385 713.

World Day of Prayer New Date



World Day of Prayer 2022 will be hosted by Alstonville Catholic Church. Friday 29th April 10.00am.

For more information contact Nikki Wagner nikki.wagner@lism.catholic.edu.au

Good Governance

COVID Update

- Masks not required but encouraged especially when singing.
- Social distancing is still advised as is adequate ventilation.
- Hand sanitiser will remain available but is not compulsory.
- Morning tea will continue to be served outside at the present time.
- The Covid Committee appreciates everybody's understanding, tolerance, and compliance.

Sign Up for Planned Giving

Forms for signing up for Planned Giving are now available from the website and in the church foyer and parish office.

Good News



We now have our own app!

1. Download the app from the app store or google play
2. Sign-up to create an account.
3. Update your profile.
4. Access the member directory.

Sermon Notes

10th April 2022

Palm Sunday



Our Palm Sunday story begins **outside** Jerusalem in Caesarea by the Sea, a stunning seaside village built by Herod the Great. This seaside village was where Pilate spent most of his time. Pilate would only go to Jerusalem for business, especially to keep a Roman peace during anticipated riots that were expected around major Jewish festivals such as Sukkoth and Passover.

Pilate usually paraded into Jerusalem on the first day of Passover week. During Passover, the population in Jerusalem swelled from 50 000 to 200 000. Passover was a time when the Jews remembered how God saved them from being slaves in Pharaoh's Egypt.

Pilate would enter through the west gate, the front gate.

Meantime, near the East Gate, the disciples and Jesus enter with Jesus on a colt, a donkey. Why a donkey? Jesus is drawing attention to a scroll written by the prophet Zechariah.

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey (9.9).

The symbol of a female donkey, still nursing her colt, is in contrast to the war stallion that Pilate had as his mount. The

donkey symbolised peace: "He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations" (9.10).

The point is that the Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem from the East was a shrewd, pre-planned, political statement designed by Jesus to contrast the pomp and circumstance of Pilate's entry from the west. The Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem is subversive; it disrupts business as usual, the normalcy of civilisation.

Two very different processions entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

One was a procession of people who wanted peace and fairness.

The other was a procession of power and people who think of themselves as "big deals."

Pilate's procession was about control and use of violence to subdue the oppressed masses.

Jesus' procession was about the kingdom of God.

Two processions. Two kings. Two kingdoms. Two horses, one a stallion and one a female donkey. Which procession will we follow?

Two faiths: faith in weapons, violence, superiority, wealth; or faith is in truth, in justice, in mercy, in love. What faith do you invest in?



(Image: Wikimedia commons)

Contemporary parallels between today's parades and the processions entering Jerusalem are clichéd but worth noting. Putin's advance?

Obviously, Pilate's procession dressed in post-modern warfare.

Driving to church today and every other day, I wait patiently for the convoy of SES vehicles leaving the military like compound at TAFE to recommence clean-up and repairs in Wardell and Lismore. As I wait for the vehicles to turn out of TAFE onto Sneaths road before entering the Bruxner highway, I feel almost tearful at the extent of their selflessness. Maybe it is a job that they are paid for, but this doesn't explain the weeks away from families, camping in someone else's town, using communal facilities at a TAFE, and spending weeks up to your elbows in toxic mud. So yes, I don't see SES utes, I see donkeys and colts. I don't see sirens atop car roofs, I see hosanna palms branches waving in the air. The SES is a procession, and it stands for mercy and love.



Two processions, two kings. Two kingdoms, two faiths. Which one will you choose? Whether we like it or not, by default, we are already a part of Pilate's procession; we are part of the normalcy of civilisation. The Good News is that we have an opt out option, we can pick up our palms and join the Jesus procession, the peace train.

The peace train, the procession of Jesus, is a gentle but persistent river. It is coming into shape all the time and it can't be stopped, this is what is meant when Jesus says that even if people stop shouting Hosanna, the rocks will shout it in their place.

Cat Stevens was right; the peace is coming, and it can't be stopped:

...Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun
Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come
'Cause I'm on the edge of darkness
There ride the Peace Train
Oh, Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again.

Regular Reminders

Worship & Spirituality

Church Open

The Church is open for meditation during office hours.

Mothers Union: third Monday of each month. Contact Pam on 0417 258 991 or Joyce 0407 690 874 joyce@stephanies.com.au

Anam Cara



Anam Cara Praying for you Monday mornings 10am

Anam Cara Wednesdays 9am
& **Thursdays** 6pm

Community Engagement

Play Place



Play Place is a preschool play group. We will be in recess during the school holidays.

Sew Helpful



Our Sew Helpful craft group will be in recess during the school holidays.

Pastoral Care

If you or anyone you know is ill or in hospital, please let the office or Lynne Watt our Pastoral Care Coordinator know. Also, if you do visit anyone could you email Lynne? wattlg@bigpond.com.

Prayers

Please remember our family and friends impacted by the floods.

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Dates 17th April to 1st May

17 th April	Sunday 6am Dawn Fire Sunday 9am Easter Sunday
18 th April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
19 th April	Tuesday Parish Office Closed (Please refrain from accessing the office at this time) Fete Planning Meeting 4.30pm
20 th April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Anam Cara 9am Op Shop 9am – 3pm
21 st April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Op Shop 9am – 3pm
22 nd April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Friday 10am Holy Communion
24 th April	Sunday 9am Holy Communion Sunday 4pm Messy Church
25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 th April	Tuesday Parish Office Closed (Please refrain from accessing the office at this time)
27 th April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Anam Cara 9am Op Shop 9am – 3pm
28 th April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Op Shop 9am – 3pm
29 th April	Parish Office 9am – 12pm Friday 10am Holy Communion
1 st May	Sunday 9am Holy Communion