



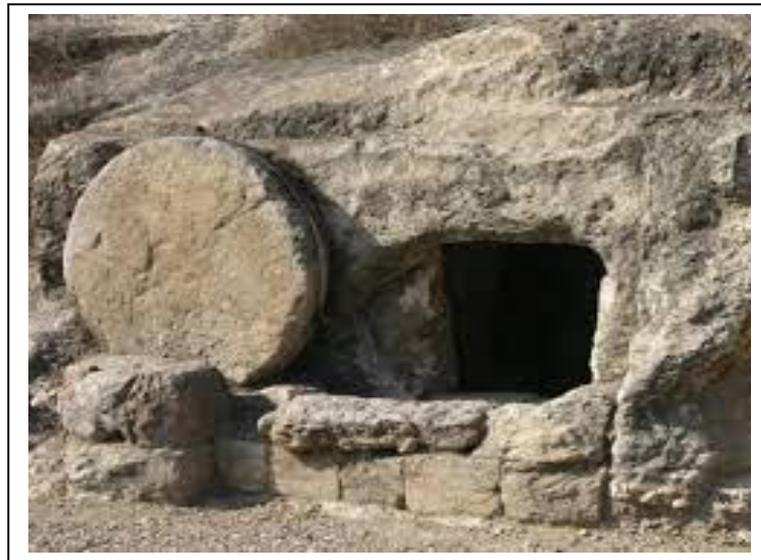
St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
17 April 2022

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St Johns. Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

Resurrection Joy

Scripture reading: Luke 24: 1-12 NIV



24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Next Sunday: 24 April 2022

Theme: Resurrection Witness

Scripture readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20: 19-31

Prayer points for: David Hall, Steph Brook, Sami Smart and families on the loss of their wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother Mary Hall; peace in Ukraine; for the smooth running of St Johns school holiday programme; a full recovery for all in our community testing positive with Omicron; and for the safety of all frontline workers in health, emergency and essential services during this global pandemic.

Connecting with life

Jesus' resurrection goes beyond the realm of human experience or scientific explanation. The events of that first Easter can raise questions and doubt. Read "Presence of Possibilities."

- **What questions do you have about Easter?**
- **What astonishing things do you experience in your everyday life?**

Scripture

All of the gospels witness to the tomb being empty.

- **How important for your understanding of Easter is this detail that Jesus' body is not in the tomb?**
- **Does the absence of the body serve as a final proof of resurrection, or as an indicator that Easter remains a mystery apprehended in the end by faith? Why?**

Connecting scripture and life

In John 20: 1-18 Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb to look for Jesus.

- **Where do we find ourselves looking for Jesus?**

THIS WEEK 17 April – 24 April

EASTER SUNDAY 17 April:
9.30 am Holy Communion Service in English and Mandarin

No Space programme this Monday

Tuesday 19 April – Friday 22 April Holiday Programme @ St Johns

Friday 22 April
9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (chapel or gallery)

Sunday 24 April
9.30 Service in English and Mandarin

- **Beyond sanctuaries decked with lilies and alleluias, where in the world outside of such places might Jesus be found not simply on Easter, but in Easter acts?**



Morning Tea on Sundays

We are looking for two volunteers to join the morning tea roster to serve on the fourth Sunday of the month. Please contact Alison 020 155 0503 if you would like to know more.

Holiday Programme 19-22 April

Contributions to the morning and afternoon teas for the children would be welcome. Please leave contributions in containers in the foyer kitchen.

Volunteers to set up morning/afternoon teas also welcome.

There will be another community dinner from 5.30pm on Friday 22nd at the conclusion of the holiday programme. You are welcome to join us.

Tax receipts for offerings

Alison is on leave over the next two weeks. Tax receipts will be available at the end of April.

Thank you to Betty, Joan J, Julie, Bob and Joan for helping help make Palm crosses for Palm Sunday and to Jeanette for supplying the palms.

Thank you to Don Davis for compiling the 'funnies' shared by Trevor Haigh during lockdown to keep us smiling. The file is available from the Parish Office.



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin 9:30a.m.
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	This Week's Helpers (17 April)	Next Week's Helpers (24 April)
Preacher	Ref Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Rahil John	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Daniel Smart
Sound Desk	Collin Francke	TBA
Reader	Dick McDonald	Felicity Vincer
Intercessor	Judy McDonald	Julie Dickey
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer	N/A	An opportunity to serve here
Welcome	Joan Rutherford	Could you help here?
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	TBA
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Christo John	Trevor Haigh, David Hall
Morning Tea	Uraiwana Jolly, Nessie Crawford	Two volunteers required