



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday

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.

05 April 2026

Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-18

Passion Translation

The Empty Tomb

1 Very early Sunday morning, before sunrise, Mary Magdalene made her way to the tomb. And when she arrived she discovered that the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb was moved away! 2 So she went running as fast as she could to go tell Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. She told them, "They've taken the Lord's body from the tomb, and we don't know where he is!"

3 Then Peter and the other disciple jumped up and ran to the tomb to go see for themselves. 4 They started out together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He didn't enter the tomb, but peeked in, and saw only the linen cloths lying there. 6 Then Peter came behind him and went right into the tomb. He too noticed the linen cloths lying there, 7 but the burial cloth that had been on Jesus' head had been rolled up and placed separate from the other cloths.

8 Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first went in, and after one look, he believed! 9 For until then they hadn't understood the Scriptures that prophesied that he was destined to rise from the dead. 10 Puzzled, Peter and the other disciple then left and went back to their homes.

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11 Mary arrived back at the tomb, broken and sobbing. She stooped to peer inside, and through her tears 12 she saw two angels in dazzling white robes, sitting where Jesus' body had been laid—one at the head and one at the feet! 13 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" they asked. Mary answered, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've laid him."

14 Then she turned around to leave, and there was Jesus standing in front of her, but she didn't realize that it was him!

15 He said to her, "Dear woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Mary answered, thinking he was only the gardener, "Sir, if you have taken his body somewhere else, tell me, and I will go and . . ."

16 "Mary," Jesus interrupted her.

Turning to face him, she said, "Rabboni!" (Aramaic for "My teacher!")

17 Jesus cautioned her, "Mary, don't cling to me, for I haven't yet ascended to God, my Father. And he's not only my Father and God, but now he's your Father and your God! Now go to my brothers and tell them what I've told you, that I am ascending to my Father—and your Father, to my God—and your God!"

18 Then Mary Magdalene left to inform the disciples of her encounter with Jesus. "I have seen the Lord!" she told them. And she gave them his message.

Hymns:

1. Jesus Christ is risen today
2. Majesty
3. In Christ alone
4. Thine be the glory

Sunday Preachers - Update

We have offers from Viv Coleman for the following Sundays:
3rd May, 24th May, 14th June & 19th July

THIS WEEK 06 - 12 April

Monday 06 April

Tuesday 07 April

Wednesday 08 April
7 pm
AA meeting in foyer

Thursday 09 April

Friday 10 April
Knitting Group

Saturday 11 April

Sunday 12 April
9.30 am
Sunday Service

Update to Congregation for 29 March 2026

The decision of the Congregational meeting held on 22 March was conveyed to Presbytery, who informed UCANZ and the partner churches. After discussion, a Commission has been put in place to look at a way forward. The Commission is made up of two members each from the partner churches and two members from Council. Prior commitments mean that the Commission cannot hold its first meeting till 21 April 2026.

Meanwhile services will continue as scheduled. Users and employees will be told that business continues as usual.

As a cooperating parish there are certain procedures we must follow before any final decision can be made.

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Youth Group: TBA

	This Week's Helpers (05 April)	Next Week's Helpers (12 April)
Preacher	Judy McDonald	Matt Chapman
Service Leader	Judy	Julie D
Musician	Albert & Jeanette	Jeanette & Albert
Projector/Sound Desk	Mavis	Mavis
Reader	Liz	Trevor
Intercessor	Liz	Liz
HC set up	Monita	-
HC serving	Judy & Nessie	-
Prayer Ministry		
Welcome Desk		
Usher offering		
Counters		Albert & Trevor
Morning Tea	Ofa & Dan	Nessie & Betty