

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021

EASTER DAY

THE TOMB IS EMPTY

COMING UP

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10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

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3pm—Rainbow Fellowship/Colours of God

5pm Twilight Conversation—cancelled

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The tomb is empty! The tomb in which the body of Jesus was laid on Good Friday, the tomb that had been sealed and even guarded by soldiers, is empty! That is the good news that flashed through heaven and earth, and under the earth, that first Easter Sunday.

Mary Magdala, who came early in the morning looking for Jesus finds only an empty tomb. Peter and John run to the place where Jesus was laid and what do they find? An empty tomb! The empty tomb is why we are here this morning, why we proclaim: Christ is risen! Indeed, he is truly risen.

Since that first Easter over 2,000 years ago and for all the Easter Sundays you have experienced what does the empty tomb mean for you? And what does it mean for you to gather here on Easter Morning? We can say it's all about Jesus dying for our sins. Or he died as a substitute for sinful humanity or he died as an example of God's love. But why? Perhaps none of these reasons satisfy you. Sometimes the why

question has to remain unanswered. Some things need to remain part of a greater mystery – a paschal mystery. You can't solve a mystery the way you solve a math's problem. You have to just embrace the mystery yourself in your life and not struggle for explanations.

For me I like to think of the crucifixion as a great act of compassion. Compassion for all creation, especially that part of creation that is made in the image and likeness of God – you and me. If we live truly compassionate lives, emptying out all our falsehood, all the sin and selfishness that is our human condition, we begin to intuit the meaning of why Christ died. And, what is more important on this Easter Sunday, we begin to sense the meaning of the resurrection.

When the tombs we sometimes inhabit are emptied, then we rise to live a new life in Christ. That's the glory, the hope of this day.

Christ is risen He is risen indeed!

Archdeacon Anne

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EASTER SANCTUARY DISPLAY



The display in the sanctuary today is the scene at the tomb garden showing the empty tomb, the angel and the women.

This display was made by the Rainbow Fellowship Group. (now called COG ie Colours of God) This is a very special group for people with disabilities who meet on the first Sunday of the month.

CAR BOOT SALE

Kippax Uniting Church (Luke St, Holt) will hold the first in a series of CarBootSales on Saturday April 10th, 8am-12 midday. It will be accompanied by a sale of clothing and manchester (linen, etc.) in our hall. Enquiries to carbootsale@kippax.org.au

MARCH ANGLICAN NEWS

The March Anglican News is now out and is available on our website for any printing required.

To the page:

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

Straight to the pdf on the website (larger size for printing):

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-March-2021.pdf>

HOME GROUPS

small groups are a great way for us to get to know others and to grow in faith by having fun together.

A variety of groups will start in May Including our GROW GROUPS for better discipleship.

Let the office know if you would like to lead or participate

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

An all-inclusive Christian holiday program for Primary School children of all abilities including those with special needs.

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6th-8th April 2021 | 9:30am - 2:30pm
ELC Radford College, 1 College St, Bruce
Cost | \$15 / day

Families can meet Leaders & Mentors
5th April 1:00pm – 2:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ANDREA 0404 256 714
OR EMAIL info@embracingministries.org



Registration forms available on the notice board or from the office



Mark's gospel, the earliest of the four New Testament accounts of Jesus' life, ends on a strange, almost anti-climatic note.

'Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.'

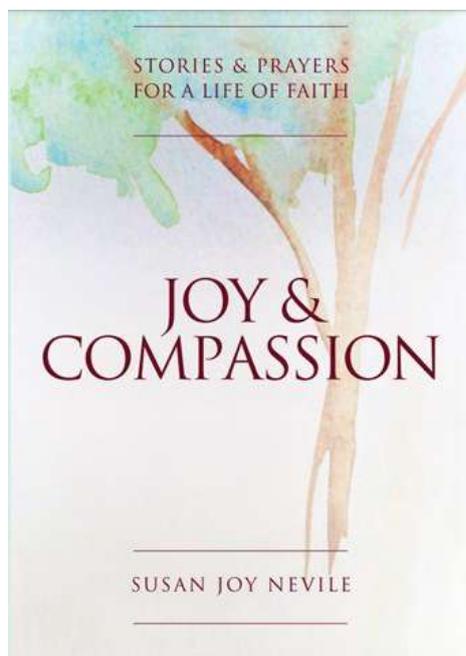
On Sunday morning three women go to the tomb where Jesus' dead body was laid just a couple of days earlier. The tomb is empty. A mysterious figure tells them that Jesus has risen and that he will meet with his friends on their home turf in Galilee. Then, it seems, the trail runs cold.

Why were the women afraid to say something? Perhaps they were overwhelmed by all they'd experienced in such a short period. Maybe they were concerned about how this news would be received. One of the other gospels tells us that when the women did eventually share their story with Jesus' male apostles it was dismissed as idle chatter. Nonetheless, as the history of the past two thousand years testifies, this world-changing news got out anyhow.

Recent events in our national life have reminded us how we still fail to listen to women's voices. That is especially true when the news they bring is unexpected or when it threatens to disturb a status quo that serves mostly male interests. Still the news seems to get out anyhow – and perhaps there is something of God in that.

The good news of Easter is this: the God of Jesus Christ not only listens to but also empowers women's voices. He gives them good news to share about a King who came to pull down the mighty from their thrones and raise up the humble in their place. He frees them to speak of a Saviour whose love is stronger than death and who offers us forgiveness for our failures at the cost of his life. He invites all of us, female and male, poor and rich, young and old, to join our voices with them and proclaim 'Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!'

+Mark Short
Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn



Susan Joy Nevile's book is now published. If you'd like to buy a copy with an author-discount (\$30) please see Tobias.

The book is '*Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith*' (Coventry Press, Melb. 384 pages).

Rev. Susan Joy was a deacon and writes from her extensive experience as a hospice/hospital pastoral carer, school chaplain, and family minister. In her words, the book is "my voice, on faith and how to live as a person of faith in this world". It is a collection of 86 story-oriented reflections, each focussed on a specific aspect of faith life (e.g. 'Called', 'Hope', 'Peace', 'Searching', 'Scarred').

Each reflection is accompanied by a directly-related prayer, and ends with a question or comment for thought or action. Stories are from the Bible, but also from life, literature, movies, and beyond.

After Susan Joy passed away in August 2018, her husband Maurice discovered the extent of her writings and compiled, edited, organised, and prepared them as a coherent text.

You can see details about the book and Susan Joy at her website <https://susanjoyneville.net/>.

EASTER

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb. They found the stone had been rolled away but when they went in they did not find a body. He had risen! Luke 24 (Paraphrased.)

What a glorious autumn morning. The golden sunlight crept across the last of the dark of night bringing light to a new day. Everywhere I looked the golden fingers of light brought colour and life to a dark earth. It filtered through the changing colours of the autumn leaves creating a kaleidoscope of morning glory and a subtle mist rose from the dew laden grass and there was calm, and stillness and peace. I thought of the first line of a poem I had penned.....' soft soft the morning mist did rise.....' What lovely gifts from God at the break of a new day, every one of them and I reflect on Holy Week and the great love of God that rose on Easter day.

May your Easter day be blessed with new beginnings. May your life be refreshed by the Easter experience and may God's peace be with you.

Anne, servant of the Lord.
<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>



The Tomb Garden Jerusalem



SUPPORTING A FAMILY OF FIVE

A family of 5 came to St John's Care this week with their clothes soaked, and water dripping from their hair. With his wife and children huddled closely behind him, W.O (not their real initials) asked if we were able to assist him and his family with some food. As one of the volunteers began making up a family pack, I invited the family inside and out of the rain to have a chat.

W.O began to explain that his family was having difficulties affording their rent and were falling behind with their electricity bill. As W.O and his family were refugees and not permanent residents, the assistance they were receiving from the government was minimal.

Their financial situation had recently gotten so bad that the kids no longer had lunch or school supplies and had stopped attending school. Funds that were once used for lunch snacks was now being used to stay afloat with the bills, and the 3 months registration they had just paid for their car. W.O was wary that his children had experienced traumatic experiences when living overseas in their home country and was desperate to avoid any additional stress to the children.

Despite all the issues he was facing, W.O was simply seeking food, confident that he would be able to manage the family's finances moving forward. It was quite clear that this family was in desperate need of support, and that we would be able to assist in several ways.

We provided each of the children with a school bag and school pack, complete with lunch boxes, drink bottles, exercise books and stationery. Smiles instantly grew on each of the children's faces as they rummaged through the bag, discovering its contents.

I contacted ActewAGL and found that W.O was eligible for the 'Staying Connected' program, which provides rebates for families who are falling behind. They were able to reduce the total, as well as applying an ongoing discount to the account.

I referred W.O to Care financial, an organisation that provides financial counselling, and budget training for clients. I informed W.O of Orange Sky and the services they provide, an organisation that he will happily return to our centre to use. We provided the family with some gift cards that could be used to purchase some warmer clothes for the children.

St John's Care was able to financially assist the client with food, school packs and utility bills to reduce the level of stress and uncertainty within the client's family which we clearly saw lifted by the time they all left.

Kind regards,

Robbie

SJC Program Coordinator

Items required: tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned tuna, olive oil, honey

COMMUNITY LUNCH—THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021

11:30 start

Come to Jerusalem with me -

Anne Ranse talks about her trip to the Holy land.

Sign-up lists on the board to attend, make slices and help on the day please.

AV PLATFORM

Our AV team do a fantastic job ensuring that we can hear the service and following it via overhead or Zoom. To help them keep providing this great service and to meet Work Health and safety requirements, Parish Council has approved the construction of an AV platform.

Mark Cooper-Stanbury has agreed to project manager this, but we need help. There are tasks for all abilities, on the following dates, including:

10 April - Temporarily constructing at Mark's 1 person for a whole day or 2 people for half a day.

17 April - Installing the boxes in the worship centre, which comprises the following tasks:

- Unpacking cupboard and bookcases, moving them, etc.—2 to 3 people for 45 minutes,
 - Testing the box sizes in situ—1 person for 30 minutes
 - Permanently constructing the boxes (gluing, re-screwing)—3 people for 1 hour
 - Placing the boxes in situ and clipping together—3 people for 30 minutes
 - Cutting and laying carpet, applying carpet trim—2 people for 1 hour
 - Reinstalling AV equipment and testing—1 person familiar with AV, for 1 hour
- Reinstating cupboard and bookcases—2 people for 30 minutes.

If you can help, please speak with Wayne or Joh after the service, or email Mark mark@cooperstanbury.com

TAI CHI

Tai Chi will be having a break over the school holidays.

We resume Wednesday 21st April at 9.30am. New folk welcome.

Day light saving ends on Easter Day

(4 April 2021)

**Please be sure to put your clocks BACK
an hour!**



DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting on Tuesday 6 April at 6 pm.

Please confirm that you are coming so I can let the Southern Cross Club Jamison know our numbers.

Thank you Hilary 6251 8166

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for peace in our world, that we may rise above all that would cause strife and conflict, that your victory over the powers of evil may be allowed to work in your world.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ Christ be in our homes, in our work and in our journeying. Risen Lord, let us walk in your presence and peace.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Ballarat
- ⇒ Parish of North Goulburn
- ⇒ Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units
- ⇒ NSW Police Chaplaincy
- ⇒ Parish of West Goulburn
- ⇒ F5 Refresh Ministries Chaplaincy Unit, West Goulburn
- ⇒ Parish of Marulan
- ⇒ Goulburn Correctional Centre
- ⇒ Pray for: Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers (SLM).

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 8am Sunday
- ⇒ Children's Ministry—that the kid's and teachers will have a restful break over the school holidays.
- ⇒ Parish Council/Wardens
- ⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministries—give thanks for growth in the decluttering, outings and morning tea ministries. Pray for a few more clients for Covenant Care.
- ⇒ Rainbow Playgroup
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Trish Barnes; Peter and Ann Bazeos; Phil Bloomfield; and Graham and Graciela Bonnett.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday: Coral Violet Patricia Powell (d. 2019)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Elizabeth David-Hoole
Tuesday: Eileen Sykes, Janet Williams

COLLECT for Easter Day

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

Acts 10.34-43

Hymn to the risen Christ

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Mark 16.1-8

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