



**21 APRIL, 2019**



## **Easter Sunday**

Welcome to worship, please join us for morning tea in the playground area after the service.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School is in recess for the school holidays. There are some activity sheets on the table at the back of the church for the children.

## **Thank You**

A big thank you to Julie T for doing such a great job presenting the Easter message at the Child Care Centre Easter party on Thursday, it was quite an experience with 60 kids and 50 parents, all singing "If you're happy and you know it".

## **Church Council**

Church Councillors are reminded that the next Council meeting is now 2nd May.

## **Op Shop**

The Op Shop are having a half-price sale this week. All stock is half-price so why drop in and see what we can offer. We will happily accept donations but cannot take furniture or electrical items. We will be open 9.30am - 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week, and 9am -12 noon on Saturday.

## **Music Group**

Sue is looking for another pianist to join the music group and share the playing on Sundays. If you are interested in playing occasionally please see Sue. If you play another instrument and would like to join the music group, please talk to us!

**Why are you looking  
for the living among  
the dead?**

**He is not here,  
he is risen!**

**Luke 24:5,6**



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## **Mark's Message**

Karl Barth, famous though controversial, contemporary Swiss theologian, was a great thinker, a prolific writer, and a professor at several European universities. On one occasion he was confronted by a reporter who wanted a brief summary of his twelve thick volumes on church dogmatics. Barth could have given an impressive intellectual reply, but didn't. Quoting from the popular child's hymn, he simply said, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so." And there is no greater proof of this love than when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave his life for us. It was Jesus who said, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." His own love, however, went much further than this. He laid down his life for his enemies as well as his friends. Imagine the torturous agony Christ must have endured when nailed to the cross. This was the price he paid to die for our sins. Added to his physical suffering was his sense of utter rejection by being forsaken, not only by his few remaining friends, but also by God. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus cried out in utter despair from the cross. But so great was his love even for those who caused his excruciating pain—those who nailed him to the cross, thrust a spear into his side, mocked him, spat in his face—that in the midst of this inhuman torture he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Referring to this prayer, Thomas Carlyle said, "The sublimed words that ever fell from human lips." Human love is often conditional. If we are what others want us to be and do what they want us to do we are loved. If not, we are often rejected. God's love is never conditional. It is never based on who we are or what we do—good or bad. He loves us simply because we are his creation. That's why he gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. And now, through Christ's death and resurrection, we are called Children of God.

## **Roster for 28 April, 2019:**

Worship Leader: John Massard  
Elder: Adrian  
Bible reader: Elizebeth  
Welcomers: Serena & Vicky  
Morning Tea: Peter & Elizebeth  
Cleaning: Peter & Heather  
Sound: Imi  
Powerpoint: Fero  
Kids Talk: John M

## **Lectionary Readings**

### **This week 21 April, 2019:**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 5:19-26  
John 20: 1-8 or Luke 24:1-12

### **Next week 28 April, 2019:**

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29, or Ps 50  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

## **Diary Dates for this week**

Wed 10.45am- Anzac Service-  
Allity Aged Care

## **Lord hear our prayers:**

We thank you for your son, our saviour and friend, Jesus Christ. May this Easter Day, the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection in life, be a time where all people may recognise your love for us found solely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.