



28 APRIL, 2019

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

Sunday School

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

Church Council

Church Councillors are reminded that the next Council meeting is this Thursday night at 7.30pm in the Before & After room.

Invitation to morning tea

On Wednesday morning this week, at 10.30am, Jac will be presented with his 50 years membership pin from CPA Australia.

The presentation will be followed by morning tea. You are invited to join Jac and Elly for this special morning.

Healing Service

Our next Healing Service will be next Sunday evening at 7pm.

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!

Bush Dance

Holroyd New Life Church invite you to a Bush Dance on Saturday 18th May from 6.30pm. The dance will be held at their church, which is in the community meeting room above the Greystanes Library in Merrylands Rd.

Cost is \$10 per head, or \$30 per family and includes a light supper.

Enquiries to their church office on 9896 2514.

**Stop doubting and
believe.**

**Thomas answered him,
"My Lord and my God!"**

John 20:78 28



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Mark's Message

The rise of technology has contributed to the instant spread of news and, for better or worse, we can even do our own reporting (blog sites etc). Yet, even with our own reporting, it can be tricky to discern what's real or fake news. Imagine what it would be like if the Resurrection happened in today's world. If people recorded the events surrounding the Resurrection, would others believe that a man claiming to be God actually had conquered death? Sometimes good news is more difficult to believe than bad news. Perhaps this is true because we live in world that is full of so much news where everyone has a voice and a medium to broadcast it. Jesus' disciples had a difficult time believing Jesus had risen from the dead and was alive, because his death didn't fit their expectations. His death felt not only like the death of a close friend and teacher but also the death of a plan for freedom. They never understood that, from the beginning, Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's rescue plan. Jesus conquering death is the good news of the gospel because it proves Jesus truly is Lord! No one anticipated that God had a greater plan for saving all of humanity. But the good news didn't end with salvation. It continues today through us as we live out Jesus' teachings and share God's love with others. The Easter season has reminded us that the good news of the gospel is not simply a celebration of our personal salvation. The gospel includes God's redemption plan for all of creation. During this time we celebrate the victory we have with Jesus, who not only conquered death but also invites us to be part of the restoration process of the world. Let's not only celebrate that Jesus is alive, but also let's acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and King who is returning to make all things new. The best news is yet to come! How do you see Jesus alive in your life and the world? (*Samantha Tidball/Ministry Matters*)

Roster for 5 May, 2019: (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton
Elder: Lola
Bible reader: Julie T
Welcomers: Mandy & Serena
Morning Tea: Laurie & Sabina
Cleaning: Hani & Paul
Sound: Brian
Powerpoint: Leo Kefu
Kids Talk: Julie T

Lectionary Readings

This week 28 April, 2019:

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

Next week 5 May, 2019:

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Diary Dates for this week

Wed 10.30am - Morning Tea
Thurs 7.30pm - Church Council

Lord hear our prayers:

We continue to ask Lord for connection into our community. May we find the spaces and places of need and equip us with the resources and people to respond that we may be acknowledged as a church that truly cares for its neighbours.