

Weekly News

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The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

Reflection

Good News

I have been reading from Luke 24 and as I read about the events of what occurred on that Sunday morning, I am reminded that what happened is very much like any Good News story.

When there is a new and exciting news story, reporters don't stop until it the news is published as they want as many people as possible to hear about the event that has occurred. That is what Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James did when they discovered that the tomb was empty. They ran like good news reporters, to report the exciting news to the others.

The first hearers of this news didn't believe what they had heard, so Peter ran back to the tomb to check it out for himself. The tomb was empty!

Jesus was not there!

The four Gospels, Acts and 1 Corinthians, add to these events by stating that over the next six weeks, Jesus was seen on numerous occasions by different people including the disciples, random people walking along the road and by hundreds of others.



These people witnessed and reported that Jesus ate food, they touched Jesus and Jesus did many other things that only a real person in a real body could do.

All of this evidence was compiled and confirmed by multiple sources before it was recorded for future generations as a factual historical event.

Jesus is Alive! The grave is empty.

What the women reported was and truly is Good news and this Good News changed the lives of the early believers. The believers lives were completely transformed, and the early church proceeded to grow at an amazing rate.

The first disciples went and shared this Good News and we also have the opportunity to share this "Good News", as we re-tell Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, crucifixion, resurrection and all that Jesus has done in our lives with those we met.

This Easter, as we celebrate the empty grave and that Jesus is ALIVE, may we also be like the early disciples and continue to share this "Good News" with those we met!



*Rob Edwards
Children's and
Youth Minister*

Bible readings

This Sunday 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 (p.1156) Luke 24:1-12 (p.1061) **Next Sunday** Revelation 1:9-18, 19:11-16 (p.1233) Matthew 26:57-68, 27:27-31 (p.997)



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CMS dinner

We are excited to tell you of this year's CMS Themed Dinner and Deputation (CMS is the Church Missionary Society and is one of the mission societies that we support as a parish).

The event will be Saturday 11th May starting at 6 pm and is for the whole family. Individuals are \$15 per person and families \$35. You can pay at the door or pay now at the church office.

This year the themed meal will be 'middle eastern.' Our guest speakers from CMS will be speaking on the topic

of 'Divinely Scattered.' The story of International Students making friends and meeting Jesus with some of those examples coming from the Middle East.

To RSVP for this evening, sign up in the church foyer or email office@southeastbendigo.com telling us how many people and any dietary requirements.



Divinely Scattered

CMS Victoria Mission Focus Dinner Bendigo

Saturday 11th May 2019 @ 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Flora Hill
\$15 for Individuals // \$35 for Families
Register: cms.org.au/BendigoDinner2019

God is moving university students around His world, and as He does many are hearing the good news. Join us as we hear from CMS workers about how God is at work in Asia.

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter volunteers



The BWNS needs to have a specific number of volunteers for the project to be undertaken. The deadline for making that decision is the start of May.

If you were thinking of being involved then it is important that you sign up soon. Go to www.bendigowinternightshelter.com to sign up today.

Also, after church next Sunday at 10.15 am and 12 noon Robyn and David Hosking will be available to answer more questions and help any last minute volunteers sign up.

Blokes Barn

Interest is being sought on the appetite for a 'Blokes Barn' ministry. There are anonymous surveys in the church foyer that can be completed highlighted what would interest you.

Small groups

After Easter we are looking to begin some new small groups or have people join existing groups that may be looking for new members. If you would like to be a part of a small group then please fill out the 'expression of interest' forms in the foyer. The all you need to do is hand it to Karen Reid or to any of the other Ministry Team members.

Office closure

Please be aware that the church office will be closed on the various public holidays in the coming week. That means the office is closed on Good Friday, Easter Monday and ANZAC Day.

Seniors afternoon

The next Seniors Afternoon is this Friday 26th April at 2 pm. Karen Reid will be the guest speaker. All seniors welcome.

Friday men's breakfast

On Friday 26th April from 7 am until 8:15 (or 8 if you need to go) there will be a Men's Breakfast in the church foyer. We will eat, chat, hear about upcoming men's events, read a short devotion and pray together. This is for all men who wish to attend. Gold coin

donation. Please RSVP to Rob Bath or Trev Bell

Church camp

The upcoming Church Camp is on May 30th – June 2nd. More details are available in the foyer or see Trev Bell or Robyn Geldart for more information.

Thank you from Caritas

Caritas ladies express their many thanks to all those who supported the pie drive with the Elmore Bakery.

As a result we can donate \$400 to both Chaplaincy and Northern Outreach.

Family church and cleaning rosters



We are in need of two more families/individuals to go onto the cleaning rosters and the Morning Tea or Set up roster, at family church if you are able to help out with this, even once a term it would share the load further and would be very helpful. Talk to Rob if you are able to help.

Prayer

Church and mission

Parish

Pray for those seeking hope this Easter. Pray that God's Spirit will be moving in our hearts and minds.

Pray that for every member witnessing in community groups and clubs

Give thanks for the office volunteers and their generous gift of time.

Give thanks that new community groups want to use our facilities.

Pray for the men's and women's ministry to flourish.

Pray for our role in the diocese and those who have specific representation and responsibilities (Greg Harris, Trev Bell, Sarah Crutch, David Bruce and Chris Dalton)

Diocese

Pray for the Senior Leadership of this Diocese

Mission

Pray for the work of ABM and for generosity towards their Lenten Appeal.

Persecuted Church.

Laos – Pray for Christians to be bold in sharing their faith, despite the pressure they receive from their communist government and community. Pray that those who have been forced to flee will continue to live faithfully and find comfort and peace in God.

World

Sudan

Pray for good and independent leadership in this nation after the recent removal of the president.

North Korea

Pray that a recent test firing of a new weapon will not spark further unrest in this region.

Britain

Pray for a workable solution to the Brexit situation.

Libya

Pray for this nation undergoing an increase in conflicts in recent weeks.

France

Pray for the nation and city of Paris as they consider the rebuilding of the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Southern African nations

Pray for the various southern African nations rebuilding and

continuing to mourn after the tragedy of a recent cyclone.

National and local

Pray for all levels of government to lead with wisdom, integrity and fairness, for the good of all. This week we focus on the state level and pray for the Premier Daniel Andrews and our local members –Jacinta Allan and Maree Edwards.

Pray for those suffering with mental health issues and disabilities. Pray that they might have access to the desperately needed resources and services they need.

Pray for our emergency services who often work in traumatic situations and for long hours during this holiday period

Pray for ongoing reconciliation in our nation and for a reduction in the gap between indigenous Australians and the rest of society.

Personal

Sick and in need

Kevin Furness, Marcia Taylor, Evelyn Wood, Keith Thompson, Eric and Muriel Jencke, Lorenzo Santalucia, and any others known to us.

Deceased

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