

weekly bulletin

4-18 April 2021



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

4 April - Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18.

11 April - Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1- 2:2; John 20:19-31

18 April - Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

Weekly reflection

UNDONE by EASTER!

HE IS RISEN! What a contrast between last week – the events of Friday and yesterday and now today. So it's a done deal. Case closed. It's all wrapped up so we can get back to normal living! If that's our Easter experience, then sadly we have missed the great heralding news that Jesus has indeed defeated death and lives to offer us LIFE! If we haven't been 'undone' by the events of this weekend – we haven't seen with eyes to see!

On Friday we were challenged – what do we 'see'? Today we ask the same question hoping for a very different response. What do we 'see' in the resurrection? How do we bring this Jesus experience into our experience? Can we? We are as much Easter people, as Peter, John and Mary were when they came to the empty tomb. **He is Risen** must have been the exclamation that followed Peter and John's visit to the tomb after hearing from Mary Magdalene that early, dark morning that we call resurrection day. Sometime in the night, something miraculous had occurred. Something had changed. When Mary came to the tomb and found the stone removed, she also found that Jesus was missing. And yet, there was evidence left behind. And that evidence is extremely important to the telling of the resurrection story, because when John and Peter went into the tomb, they did not believe or understand resurrection. When they came out, they may still not have understood, but they did believe. The scripture says literally, "he [John] saw and believed." But "they as yet did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead" (John 20:9).

Today maybe we don't understand either! But that's the wrong question. The right question is do we believe? Do you believe? And if we do – it changes us! What have we seen? What are we seeing?

Be Blessed

Dave

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- members of our church family who have been recently hospitalised or have doctor's appointments or are feeling unwell, anxious or stressed - Graham K, June B, Dan G, Carol A, Matthew S
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G, Desley F.
- Our Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane and its minister Rev Glenn Schweitzer
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

Safe Ministry for Children - It is important that members of the congregation who participate in Children's ministry (including Day Camp/Funfari) are up to date with the training every 2 years. The next training sessions are - **Saturday 5 June** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. See Holly for registrations.

Church Camp 23-25.4.21 - Bribie Island. Information and enrolment forms now available in the foyer. Please see David or Leona Greer, Vicki Robinson, Rev Dave Thomas for more information.

Rev Dave Thomas

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 4.4.21 - 6am Dawn Service - 9am - Easter Sunday Service - Communion

No evening service

Sunday 11.4.21 9am - Morning Service

6.30pm Evening Service

Saturday 17.4.21 -

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 18.4.21 - 9am -

Morning Service - Communion

6.30pm - Evening Service

Weekend 23-25.4.21 - Church Family Camp, Bribie Island

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Saturday 17.4.21. Please sign up for your service on the roster in the foyer

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for February is \$2,887.12 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$5,520.25 Loss.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.

