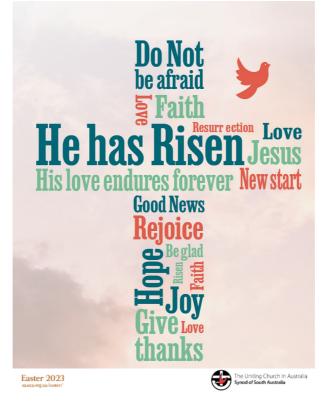


Welcome to our Multicultural Church

April Newsletter



PRUC Easter Services:

Maundy Service Thursday, 6 April at 6.30 pm Good Friday Service, Friday, 7 April at 9.00 am Easter Sunday, 9 April at 10.00 am

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March Council Report

At our meeting Council dealt with the usual day to day business and there are two items that we especially want to draw to your attention.

EASTER

Our Easter services this year:

- Maundy Thursday 6 pm will be mirroring the last supper as we meet together to share a meal, which will be catered for and take communion
- Good Friday 9am we will be following the events of the crucifixion
- Easter Sunday 10 am we will celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Saviour. Bring your Lent Event coffee mug with the money, or the direct bank deposit details, that you set aside during Lent to dedicate to the Uniting World Lenten projects.

LIFE AND WITNESS -CONGREGATION CONSULTATION

Presbyteries usually conduct a Life & Witness Consultation for а congregation at the end of the 5th year of a placement and we should have had our consultation last year. Following the February meeting of our Presbytery's (Wimala) Pastoral Relations Committee our consultation has now been activated. It will take place over the next month or two. Geoff Tiller & Christine Secombe have been appointed to undertake our consultation. At a preliminary meeting with Geoff it was agreed that he would preach to us on the 5th Sunday in April, the 30th and stay to meet and talk with us after the service and that will start the ball rolling.

There will be a sandwich and ice cream lunch that Sunday, **fully catered**, so you don't need to bring anything except yourselves, your questions, your thoughts and your ideas.

To prepare ourselves for the discussions to come Geoff has asked us to think about where we are as a congregation and for you to think about the one or two things we should do/ directions we should take that we want our minister to work with us on, in the future.

Please talk to me or any Council Member if you want to know more.

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

"And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here." – Mark 16:6



Board Games Night

The Easter celebrations continue with our next Board Games Night.

Woody will be in charge of the fun and games on Saturday 15th April 5–9 pm.



A little bit about Jess

As many of you already know, I am a Japanese and an English as an Additional Language (EAL) teacher. I previously taught at Hope Christian College in Craigmore, where I taught the whole middle school (Year 6-9). In other words, I taught 13 different classes (not lessons!) a week, almost over 300 kids. I did not have my own Japanese room, so the school bought me a trolley to carry my teaching materials to different classrooms. My students liked to call me "Sensei with Trolley" (Sensei means "teacher" in Japanese) and I often selected some of them to be my personal driver (which they took it as a privilege).

My three years at Hope was never easy, yet I absolutely miss my students and the environment where everyone could comfortably share their faith and talk about God. I am now teaching at St John's Grammar School since last year, and I love what I do here. On top of my normal teaching load, I am also working as a Head of House for Moffatt House this year. I take care of the students in my House, making sure they are happy (and behaving!) and are well supported at school. I am also closely working with the International Team to ensure our international students' wellbeing and their academic success.

I would like to end with a verse that I remind myself on my way to work every morning. I hope you enjoyed reading a bit about me.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3: 22-23

Jess Ryoo





Pray with Our Partners: a Lent Event Guide

We asked our church partners from around the world how we can support them in prayer over the season of Lent.

Their responses allow us to pray in solidarity, but also to learn about their struggles and what they long to see in their communities.

Through this journey, we hope you feel more connected to the global body of Christ and how God is moving through it. Thank you for praying with us.

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We hope you join us in making a difference alongside our partners this Lent.

Find out how at www.lentevent.com.au



Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Applications for the 2024 Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship are now open and must be received by 31st May 2023. The scholarship enables women to develop capacity in theology or for ministry. In 2024, the scholarship will be awarded to a woman from multicultural Australia. More information is available at the Synod website.



April Birthdays

4th Hayeon 21st Tangi 29th Su Jo ... and also Betty who's turning 100!





Please send any photos or stories/events that you would like to share with the congregation. Looking forward to hearing from many of you!