



## Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 6.30am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 370, vv1,2,4, TIS 361, TIS 342, TIS 380)

Sunday 9am: Family Communion (also streamed via ZOOM\*)

(Hymns: MP 1105, TIS 390, MP 367, MP 954)

\* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

Contact the Parish Office for the password.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Rev'd Timothy writes...*

On Easter Day, we get to hear the wonderful gospel from John 20:

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb...*



This is the wonderful news that we celebrate this Sunday, and indeed on every Sunday, as whenever we meet we remember that Jesus is alive.

But we need always to remember that there is more, tempting as it is to just think of the empty tomb. That is why, as we gather, we say together one of the Creeds, to remind us of the whole story, of who God is, who Jesus is, and what he did, and of the gift of the Holy Spirit. A Creed is also rehearsed as part of the baptism service, and on Easter Day we will use it for this purpose as we recall and reaffirm our own baptisms.



Creeds date from the very early days of the church, as they wanted to ensure that new believers understood their faith, contra non-orthodox views. Our reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians illustrates this, as he quotes a pre-existing Creed:

*For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve...*

Paul's whole letter to the Corinthians has been to put them straight over issues that threatened their fellowship. Thus, he reminds them that what he is teaching is not his own invention, but something passed on in the tradition; that the scriptures (i.e. what we call the Old Testament) foretold all that Jesus did; that he died for our sins (that is to enable a reconciliation between God and humankind); that he rose again and is alive; seen by many, including Paul himself.

This is the message that we celebrate this Easter Day, and we number ourselves amongst those who have seen Jesus, and meet him as we break bread and share wine together.

The issues that the early church were addressing are questions that we still ask ourselves today. Can the Creeds help us? Our next parish study group will take a look at these, unpacking what they tell us about God and God's relationship to us. More details to come...



## Readings for the Easter Day

A reading from the book of Acts

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Psalm 118.1-2; 118.14-24*

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song:

and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die but live:  
and proclaim the works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me hard:  
but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open me the gates of righteousness:  
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.

<sup>21</sup> I will praise you, for you answered me:  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Second reading*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. - Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

### *The Gospel*

A reading from the gospel of John

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple

outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father,

to my God and your God.”<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she

told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20:1-18*

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## Easter Day

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. God’s love in action is evident in our readings this week. Women proclaim the risen Christ. The Hebrew Scriptures speak of God’s promises, and Acts and 1 Corinthians proclaim the good news that is available to us all.

Acts 10 :34– 43 Peter, a Jew, speaks to Cornelius, a Gentile. Earlier in his life, Peter would never have gone to the home of a Gentile. However, a vision from God convinces Peter that God has no restrictions. God’s love and God’s welcome is for Jews and Gentiles alike. The good news of the Resurrection is for all!

Isaiah 25:6–9 is a celebration of God, who has created and gathered a feast for all. It notes that God is bigger than death and offers a vision or prophecy of the future.

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24 gives praise and thanks for God’s blessings, and celebrates God’s steadfast love, mercy and welcome. Christians have used this psalm, with its messianic images of the opening of the temple gate, to give thanks for our salvation in Christ, the chief cornerstone. While it is possible to read back in the scriptures and make links between the rejected “cornerstone” and the rejection of Jesus, it is not necessarily the intent of the psalm.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 is, however, directly about Jesus. Paul did not witness the Resurrection; it came to him by God’s grace. In all the gospel stories of the Resurrection, Jesus’ first appearance is to women (Matthew 28:1–10, Mark 16:1–8, Luke 24:1–12, John 20:11–18). However, in a retelling of the events of the Resurrection, Paul writes that Jesus “appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve” (v. 5), then 500 others. Paul goes on to say that it does not matter who proclaims the good news; it is more important that others come to believe.

John 20:1–18 Some of the disciples cannot believe that Jesus is alive again! Indeed, people have wildly different reactions to Jesus’ resurrection from the dead: Mary weeps, Peter runs away, and many of the disciples are full of dis-belief. In sharing about the Resurrection today, people will have a wide range of reactions and responses – from disbelief to being overwhelmed to fleeing from the experience and the emotions.

The story in John 20 begins with Mary looking for Jesus; she had gone alone to visit Jesus’ tomb. The reading continues with her sadness and weeping and the tomb. It ends with Mary’s joy and her telling the good news. After she sees Jesus, Mary is

encouraged to go and tell others what she has seen and heard. According to this story, Mary is the first to witness and proclaim the risen Christ. The reading offers hope amid a seemingly bleak situation and reminds us that Jesus Christ can deliver beyond our wildest expectations.

In Mark 16:1–8, Jesus does what is unexpected! Mary and Salome visit Jesus' tomb and discover the large stone, which had been laid against the tomb, is rolled away! Jesus is not in the tomb as expected; instead, he is out and doing other things. The women are instructed to go and tell what they have seen.

The gospel of Mark has two different endings. In the shorter version, the women encounter an empty tomb, a stranger, a rolled stone, and silence. The women flee the tomb in "terror and amazement" and do not tell anyone. In the longer version of Mark (vv. 9–19), Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, who goes and tells others. She is not believed. This longer version was likely written much later and perhaps by a different author.

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The astonishing news of the Resurrection transformed Jesus' followers into courageous preachers of the good news of Jesus Christ. What is the good news for you in this? What would you go and tell others about what had happened?

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### On Easter Day

As though some heavy stone were rolled away,  
You find an open door where all was closed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Lost in your own dark wood, alone, astray,  
You pause, as though some secret were disclosed,  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You glimpse the sky above you, wan and grey,  
Wide through these shadowed branches interposed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Perhaps there's light enough to find your way,  
For now the tangled wood feels less enclosed,  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You lift your feet out of the miry clay  
And seek the light in which you once reposed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

And then Love calls your name, you hear Him say:  
*The way is open, death has been deposed,*  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away,  
And you are free at last on Easter Day.

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## St Luke's Connect for ANZAC Day



The next St Luke's Connect will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. As this is the day before ANZAC Day, we will have our parish observance of ANZAC at the 9.30am service that day (rather than on the following Sunday). Then, over morning tea, we will share memories of the legacy of World War II in the Ekibin area. All welcome.



## For our Prayers

### *Prayer for the day*

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.

### *The World*

Pray for the peace throughout the world: that the Risen Lord will turn hearts from violence and open new paths to peace, and justice.

### *Anglican Communion*

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

The Diocese of Willochra: †Jeremy James; Clergy and People

The Parish of Leichhardt: Vacant

Mathew Hale Public Library

### *Our missionary partners*

Robyn Maxwell, Chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

### *Our parish*

Pray for parish families travelling over the school holidays, for safe travels, rest and refreshment.

### *Local Schools & Colleges*

Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Griffith University

### ***Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed***

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn McElnea, June McNicol, Ash and Joh, Cathy, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Alwynne Bayley, Glenda

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

*31 March:* Margery Sinden, Ainslie Francis Richardson; *1 April:* Trudy Joy Rayner;

*3 April:* Valentine Swanwick; *6 April:* Mary Jane Burns.

## ABM Easter Appeal 2024

This Easter, please support the work of the Anglican Board of Mission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.

For more information see: <https://www.abmission.org/Easter2024>.



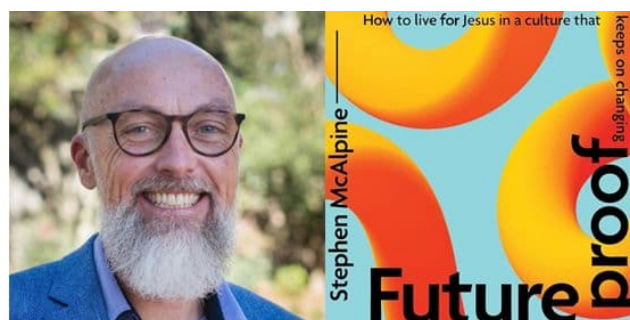


## 2024 Annual Dinner with Stephen McAlpine

“Futureproof: how to live for Jesus in a culture that keeps on changing “

You are invited to join us for this year’s Mathew Hale Public Library annual dinner, to be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club. Tickets are \$50 if we can get together a table of eight. Please speak to Rev’d Timothy or June if you are interested. More details at

<https://www.mathewhalepubliclibrary.com/events/2024/annual-dinner>



### Bush Ministry Stall

The next bush ministry stall will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, after both services.



Careforce Inala Pantry donations were taken to St Huges Inala on 18<sup>th</sup> March Thank you to all parishioners for the donations of food & cash (\$300). All was greatly appreciated.

### Services This Week:

No evening prayer this week

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

*(2nd Sunday after Easter)*









7am: Holy Communion (St Luke’s)

9am: Family Communion  
(St Lukes’s / Zoom)

School holidays—no Children’s Church  
*but children always welcome*

**Readings for 7th April, 2nd Sunday after Easter**  
*Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31*

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