

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 14th April. - 7.30am.
Maundy Thursday	6pm Dinner / 7pm Service - St Matthews Anglican
Good Friday	9am (It Is Finished)
Easter Sunday	6am Dawn Service / Barby Brekky to follow
	9am (He is Alive) / 6pm Ecumenical Service
ALPHA	Commences Friday 21 April - 6.30pm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 3 April. Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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We are a community of God's people passionate about lifting the name of Jesus, worshipping Him and serving our community. Whether you join us in person or on line, whether you are with us every week or as it happens, you are special, unique and appreciated. Thank you for your contribution! Our prayer is that we may get to know each other deeply over time and that you may embrace Jesus' love for you always and in all ways!

TODAY'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Service	9.00am -	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5.00pm -	Gayle Rankin
Lectionary Readings	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2,19-29 Phil 2:5-11 Mt 21:1-11

Next Week - Easter Sunday

6.00am	Dawn Service	9.00am	Rev Dave
6.00pm	Combined Ecumenical Service		

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If we wait for the moment when everything, absolutely everything is ready, we shall never begin." Ivan Turgenev

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



ABOUT THAT COLT!

What does this Palm Sunday story do for you? Is it simply just another bible story that sounds pretty good? Is it a story that you find yourself in? Maybe as one of the crowd? Perhaps as one who was happy to throw their coat down on the ground awaiting the donkeys hoofs to carve it up? Maybe you see yourself as one of the disciples pondering what's next? Maybe, as I used to do as a student, you identify with the donkey, the colt? Reading it again just this last day or two I was struck with two things! Firstly Matthew is the only who suggests there is both a donkey and a colt (Matthew 21:2) that are brought back. For each of Mark, Luke and John there is only the colt? Why is this so? Stay tuned! Secondly, what really intrigued me are the words untie them and bring them to me! For the colt to be useful it had to be untied from its normal hangout. And it had to be led to a foreign place and be used as a carrier of the Gospel. I wonder of the parallels between the colt and us as people often tied up in our normal places of habit and or tradition keeping to ourselves etc. Jesus knows where we are tethered and wants us untied to be useful to him as carriers of the Gospel - dare I say even if it means into the very gates of discomfort, unrest, abuse, rejection, abandonment and ultimately death. Are you a colt for Jesus? I love this account from the life of Corrie Ten Boom! Corrie Ten Boom was a famous Christian whose testimony of suffering in Nazi concentration camps and God's grace through it all touched millions of lives. In a press conference following a ceremony in which Corrie Ten Boom was given an honorary degree, one of the reporters asked her if it was difficult remaining humble while receiving so much acclaim. She replied immediately, "Young man, when Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments in the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that colt that any of that was for him?" She continued, "If I can be the colt on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor." Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For ALPHA - our team and their training and the ongoing invitations!
- ◇ Praise God for new beginnings - faith statement - through Alpha and the response to God's bounty through the recent giving series!.
- ◇ For our School communities as the kids break for their Easter holiday!

PALM SUNDAY - The journey for Jesus begins in earnest. Where are you / where are we in this story?

ALPHA – kicks off on Friday evening 21st April from 6.30 - 8.30pm and continues each Friday night for 10 weeks. Don't forget to join us in our Zoom prayer each Wednesday night at 7pm. Here's the link should you wish to join all or any! We'd love to have you join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86315980534?pwd=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWUpsQT09>

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EASTER SERVICES! A few different opportunities this year and I am excited. **Maundy Thursday** - we have been invited to join our friends at St Matthews Anglican Church Sherwood.

6pm - Dinner (no Cost)

7pm - Reflective Service led by Rev Iain Moore

Vigil to follow for those interested.

Good Friday - 9am

Easier Sunday - 6am Dawn Service on the grass outside!

6.45am - Breakfast Together (Barbeque Style)

9.00am - Resurrection Service

6.00pm - Combined Ecumenical Service - here at OUC.

IONA PASSION PLAY - You are invited to go along and see the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus re-enacted in drama. Iona Performing Arts Centre, Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum. Good Friday 7pm / Sat 8th - 2pm. \$22 each.

MOVIE - His Only Son - hits the screens from 30th March. It's the story about the sacrifice of Isaac by his father Abraham. His faith was tested. Our hope was born! You can view the trailer at www.hisonlysonmovie.com.au. Watch for it on local cinemas!

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. We are looking for a Director (paid) who will facilitate the planning and event. Please see Dave if you know of any person!

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