

WELCOME TO ST MARKS – We are thankful that we are able to meet together each week for worship. As we do this there are still physical distancing, signing in, and hygiene requirements we need to follow in order to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community.

WORSHIP @ ST MARK'S

This time last year we were in ‘lockdown’ (nearly again) and had made the sacrifice of no in - person worship for the sake of the vulnerable and our community.

You're invited to come and celebrate Holy Week this year with us in person.

Maybe consider inviting a friend or neighbour to one or all of the Easter Services.

EASTER WORSHIP 2021– BOMBALA TCE

- Maundy Thursday 1st April – 6.30pm Holy Communion
- Good Friday 2nd April – 8.30am and 9.30am
- Easter Sunday 4th April – 7.00am and 8.30am Holy Communion



Our worship services are Intergenerational and a blend of traditional and contemporary.

Weekly at 14 Bombala Tce Caloundra

8.30am and 9.30am



Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our worship services

PRAYERS

We pray for all in need, especially – Bev Hauser; Ruth Pegg; Darryl and Joy Hill; Sylvia Hovey; June Elsner; Caprice Fritz and family; John and Yvonne Kleinig and family; all those close to us; response to COVID 19 in Australia, Papua New Guinea and around the world; businesses impacted by recent ‘lockdowns’.

COMING EVENTS:

6th April to 27th April Pastor Ray is on annual leave – thank you to lay readers and Pastor Tom Jantke for leading worship during this time. You're welcome to contact our Deacons for any pastoral care – Mary Engel 0412 771 718, Darryl Hill 5491 5531, John Kleinig 0417 837 678, Ann Aiken 0412 321 030, Julie Martin 0410 492 740, Cedric Smith 5492 8684

7 April	9.00am	Ladies Fellowship
12 April	7.00pm	Bible Study
14 April	10.00am	F.I.S.H. (Friendship In Someone's Home)
28 April	10.00am	F.I.S.H. (Friendship In Someone's Home)
25 May		Ladies Zone Fellowship at Buderim hosted by St Mark's

GIVING AND SUPPORTING ST MARK'S MISSION AND MINISTRY

Thank you for your generosity. You can make an offering or gift at our public in person worship or if you are unable to attend, you're welcome to support by:

1. Bank Transfer to St Marks BSB 704 942 Account 54740 or if transferring from an LLL account the account number is 100378501
2. Bank Transfer to St Marks @ Pacific account: BSB: 704 942 Account 116217 or if transferring from an LLL account the account number is 100612210.
- 3 Manse Loan BSB: 704 942 Account:150629
If transferring from an LLL account, the account number is 100879004



OFFERINGS – FEBRUARY & MARCH

General Offerings/Online Banking received for	February \$6,767	March	\$6,965
Manse Loan Offerings/Donations/Gifts for	February \$9,375	March	\$1922
Monthly Budget (includes Manse) \$11,333	TOTALS \$16,142		\$8,887
	Shortfall for March		\$2,446

QLD DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SYNOD 2021

To be held on 4-6th June – Brisbane Technology Park, Eight Miles Plains.

We require two delegates to represent St Mark's.

Please speak to Pastor Ray or Narelle Jefferd.

LCA CHURCH YEARBOOK

We still have one copy available for \$24 – contact Alan Kruger 0407030088

FIRST COMMUNION

Pastor Tim is coordinating with College students and families for a Rite of First Communion to be held at St Marks 9.30am on 23 May 2021 Pentecost Sunday. We pray for these young people: Charish Kimmel, Stella Barnes, Cooper Ridley, William (Will) Fowler, Sam Schefe, Mitchell (Mitch) Cannon, Thomas (Tom) Cannon



Extract Easter sermon

On this first Easter morning, three women came to visit the tomb of their beloved teacher and friend, one who has filled their lives with love, but also with hope, one who made them think and feel and hope as they had never done before, one who seemed destined to fulfill all the hopes of humanity and of one who had promised them that he would rise from death.

Did they come then, to check whether this promise had been fulfilled?

Did they come to see the empty tomb, maybe to see the risen Christ himself?

No, they came out of devotion to their dear dead friend.

It was only deep devotion that could send a person to the tomb after a full day and a half in that climate. A lesser love would stay away.

But they came, not in hope of the resurrection, but to outsmell the smell of death.

How reminiscent this is of the way we try in our culture to gloss over the harsh reality of death – and even in the Church, at times.

They would render this last service to their departed friend, and in the process try to set aside his death as a tragedy, as the kind of thing that shouldn't happen.

They had devotion and courage – the kind of courage that even beats it head against the brick wall or large stones.

But the message of the angel only produced fear in them – fear in the presence of a heavenly being; fear of ridicule or disbelief if they repeated such a message; fear of the living Jesus, after their lack of faith in his words.

We hesitate to talk about resurrection. You see, the resurrection of Jesus is not just a matter of a missing body; it's not just a matter of cheating death; it's not a denial of the crucifixion – the angel seems to go out of his way to stress that the risen One is the Nazarene, the crucified one. The resurrection actually interrupts the crucifixion, fulfills it – the death of Jesus was not cursed after all, but the enthronement of a King!

It wasn't the defeat of Jesus, but the defeat of Death!

The resurrection is God's Yes to the life and death Jesus, as Jesus had predicted.

Those who are in him are in life, not death. We are no longer the walking dead, but the resurrected ones, the one already have been called into new life, into eternal life and have been challenged to live as in the presence of God himself.

Let's live and celebrate life.

Let's live and tell others about this new life.

May the whole of the year be a happy Easter!

