

Parish Life



St Mary's
ANGLICAN CHURCH
MORWELL

The Easter Season

Have you noticed that many people today jump very quickly from one celebration or event to another without really savouring the experience and its meaning? It's kind of, "That's finished, what's next?" for many people as they rush from one thing to another.

In contrast, the church generously allows a whole season for our festivals. So instead of flipping over to something new, we will now ponder the impact of Jesus' resurrection from Easter until Pentecost. Over these weeks we read the book of Acts rather than from the Hebrew Scriptures and we observe the transformation of the disciples from being fear filled and confused about their roles into people confident with an assurance that came from the resurrection power they saw evidenced in Jesus. It's not just an intellectual acknowledgement of God's power but a huge difference in the way they followed Jesus, utterly believing in his power to renew and to heal.

These stories are powerful because we can also open our hearts to experience God in a more powerful way.

Love and blessings, Sue Jacka.

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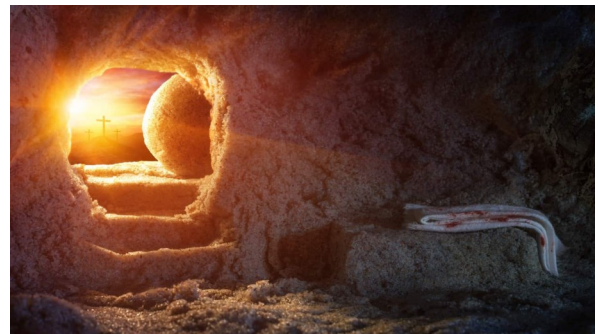
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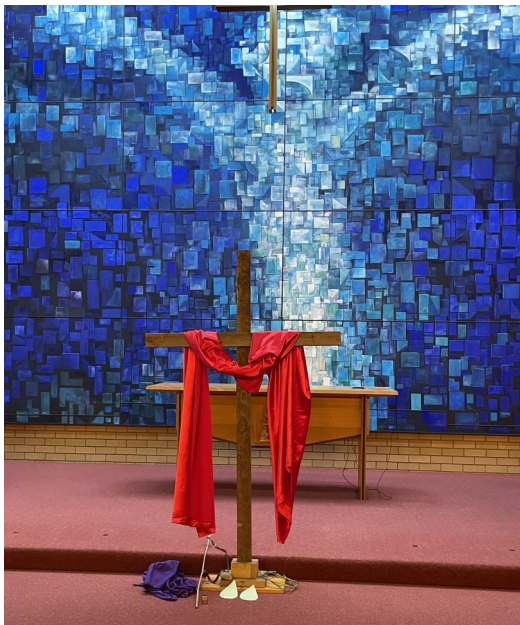
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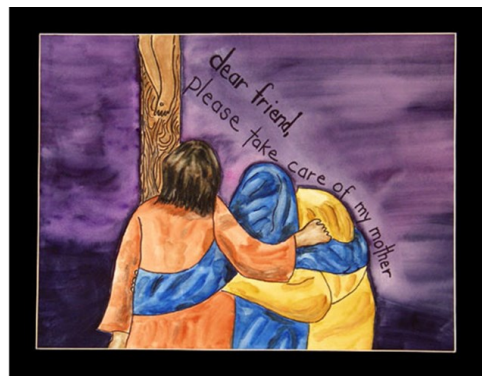
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This year's Good Friday service featured readings from the Gospel Passion narratives and symbols placed at the foot of the cross. The sermon was a reflection on the 7 words Jesus spoke from the cross, using art works to enhance our reflection. Below is one of the most tender— Jesus asking John to look after his mother.



"Woman,
here is
your son."
John 19:26



What is happening at Boyd House?



Light is re-entering Boyd House as Trevor Misson works away carefully restoring the cedar window frames as well as replacing rotted sections of the flooring. It has been amazing to see the difference and he estimates that his

part in the restoration works will be finished in the next week or two. The kitchen has been ordered and will hopefully be installed for the next edition of Parish Life!

Revd Kathy already has a couple of programs in the pipelines– a sewing group and an afterschool homework group are both being explored.

Boyd House is planned to be a vibrant community outreach centre, connecting our congregations with the wider community, so Parish Council is keen to hear your ideas– or you might like to offer some time with either of these possible programs.

Events at the Abbey

Back to Raymond Island Saturday April 27th 2024

10.00am – Welcome and sharing those memories session. Hosted by Clem & Stuart Taplin.

10.45am – Morning tea

12.00 noon – Eucharist. Celebrant: Bishop Richard Treloar. Preacher: Revd. Edie Ashley.

12.45pm – BBQ Lunch

2.00pm – Visioning the Future. Hosted by Cath Connelly

2.45pm – Afternoon tea

7.30pm – Campfire Ceili **\$20 per person. Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided. Hosted by The Abbey. Please RSVP by April 13th** info@theabbey.org.au



Men's Spirituality Mentoring Course

May 10th -11th 2024. Facilitator – Jeff Berger

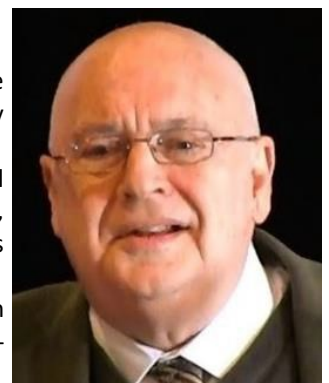
For us as Christians, there has never been a more critical time in human history, when male spiritual role models are needed. This course is designed to assist men to grow spiritually within themselves, and to equip them with skills to help others do the same.

The structure of each section means that it can be used again and again, for personal growth and study, for group work and discussion; and to form the basis for daily prayer, meditation and reflection. These qualities can be used to start and form conversations about the importance of male spirituality, with other men.

WHY C. S. LEWIS? Because of words like these: "If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."- C.S. Lewis, [*Mere Christianity*](#).

I again commend this course to you; and warmly invite you to attend. To enrol in the course, or for further information, please contact Anna at the Abbey on 03 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au

Jeff Berger. (Jeff, above, is an Anglican priest and the honorary Chaplain at the Abbey)



Missions

One of our major missions project is to support R in Indonesia. He has changed his role this year from mentoring several pastors to becoming the rector of a large parish. **Institution and Induction Service** of R as the Vicar of All Saints Anglican Church Jakarta was conducted by the Bishop of Singapore Archbishop Tutus Chung and the Dean of Indonesia. The day before the Induction Service, eleven young people and adults from All Saints Anglican Church were confirmed in a bilingual service (Indonesian and English) along with 45 other young people and adults from the five other local Anglican churches. It is just twelve months since the previous confirmation service here in Jakarta, so it was encouraging to see so many people coming forward to be confirmed.

We are asked to pray that God would raise up a person to serve as an intern for twelve months to assist with Sunday services as well as the youth and young adult ministries.

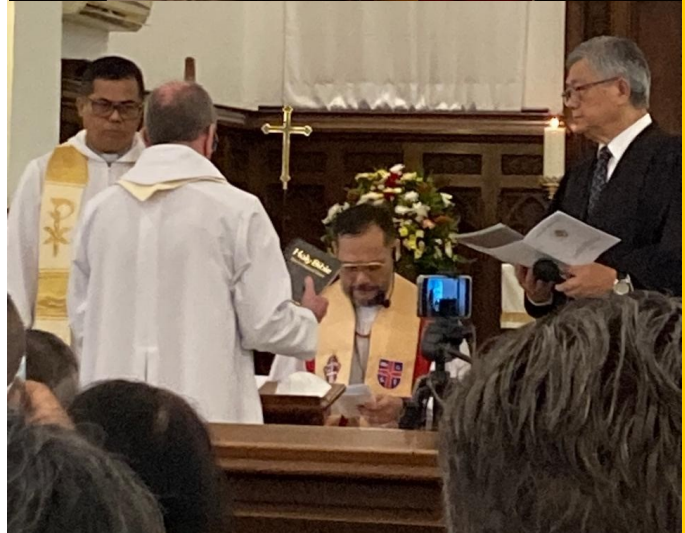


Revd Kathy has taken on the role of Safe Ministry Officer, which is a complex one— and many parishes have others to help with the workload. If this interests you, there’s a workshop coming up with members of the Kooyoora team are hoping to meet clergy and SMOs to talk through what Kooyoora does and how Kooyoora can assist in the work being done in parishes. Topics to be included – clearances, reporting a complaint, persons of concern.

Wednesday April 10th 11.00am Bairnsdale St John’s Anglican Church, 2 Francis St
Monday April 15th 1.00pm Warragul Anglican, 96-102 Victoria St
Thursday May 2nd 11.00am Leongatha , St Peter’s Anglican, 2 Bruce St

If interested please see me or Revd Kathy.
 A video recording will be made at one of the sessions to be made available on the Diocesan website for those unable to attend these dates.

The organ at St Mary’s has been examined by a repair specialist. He has quoted \$400 to repair it and so we have opened a giving opportunity if you would like to donate to it to assist with the payments. So far we have \$100 in the organ fund.
 Please see Revd Sue or our treasurer Pam Remington Lane.



On Thursday 4th April Grayson and Ivy Little were baptised at St Mary’s Dad, Sam, was baptised here as a baby so it was a good connection. The young family is hoping to find a church which will become their spiritual home as they juggle the needs of their small ones.



Holy Week at St Mary's



Palm Sunday saw St Mary's beautifully decorated. We started the services with a blessing of the palm crosses and then did a symbolic procession around the church car park and onto Latrobe Road, to re-enter the church. Mike Anderson played guitar as we walked and sang, "Make Way."

Maundy Thursday included the Seder Meal, a foot (or hand) washing opportunity and a quiet candle lit Tenebrae service— one photo of that special service is in the centre of the collage above.

