

## Easter: The Heart of Everything

I was sharing with our mainly music group how I much prefer Easter to Christmas, not that I have anything against Christmas, or what we do as church during this time, but rather that Easter is so much less commercialised and *busy*, and one is able to focus much more easily on the heart of our faith. While the Christmas story is important, as Christians, we are an Easter people, as the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the central narrative and event in our collective lives.

So this Easter you are invited to engage with that story. Is this a story familiar to you from many years of worship and devotion, or is this a story that is still relatively new and fresh to you? Do you have questions about this story? Curiosity? Are you bored of hearing the same things? Recognise first of all how you come to this story, and then ask God to let this story speak freshly to your heart. To assist you in doing that we have a number of services and events through Holy Week, and a breakdown of them is here:

**Sunday 2nd April, 9am - Passion Sunday.** This will be a reflective service centered around Holy Communion, the Last Supper and Gethsemane. We will be considering what significance the 'blood of Jesus' has had for Christians through the ages.

**Maundy Thursday 6th April, 11am and 7am.** These will be services with traditional hymns, and also foot washing, picking up the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet in John 13. Foot washing will not be compulsory, so if you are not comfortable with either washing or being washed, it's ok not to take part in this part of the service.

**Good Friday 7th April, 8am .** This will be a 'Stations of the Cross' service very similar to last year. We had a lot of positive feedback about this service, so thought, why change what is not broken.

**Easter Sunday 9th April, 9am.** A joyful service including communion where we reflect on the significance of the body of Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev Adam Tipple

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Church Council News

As part of our March meeting we considered how we can better 'Welcome the Next Generations' into our church. Some things we are doing:

- Started a regular group for young adults to meet (Jesse Huth).
- Agreed to aim to regularly have more children-friendly parts of our services.
- Agreed to seek to encourage younger people to take part in the service through Bible readings and other opportunities.
- Agreed to have a regular devotion time for NEXT youth group, 'Big Questions/Real conversations'
- Continuing to work with mainly music and having conversations with families that are interested in Lifeworks, and exploring what their needs might be.

We have also finished the Safe Ministry with Children (SMC) Audit. Thanks to everyone who has provided their information and who is helping to keep our church a safe space. We will be organising SMC training in May/June this year.

### Keenagers

It was great to welcome Paul Fleming, Bush Poet (Pictured), and players from the 'Has-Beens' group at Holy Name Tennis Club to our March 23rd Keenagers group. Paul entertained us all, and there was much laughter.



### April Sunday Services

#### Passion Sunday 2nd April 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Adam Tipple  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

#### Easter Sunday 9th April 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

#### Sunday 16th April 9am

Worship Leader: Va Palfi  
Preacher: Rev Lynne Hindmann

#### Sunday 23rd April 9am

Worship Leader: David Hogg  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

#### Sunday 30th April 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Ruth Harding  
Preacher: Jesse Huth

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest link.

### Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit  
Bank: Westpac Bank  
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church  
BSB: 034 242  
Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

### Quick Links

[www.lifeworksuniting.org.au](http://www.lifeworksuniting.org.au)



[YouTube](#)



[Facebook](#)

Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...>  
Password: B1x6cs

## Midweek online prayer break

Our online prayer will be taking a break for the Easter School holidays, returning on Wednesday 19th April 7am.

## Dates Adam is Away

Rev Adam Tipple will be on leave from 10th - 16th April inclusive. The ministry mobile 0487 572 400 will be attended should have any enquiries or pastoral needs.

## Meals for Families in need

We have a need for frozen meals for families in need. If you are able to provide some you can leave them in one of the freezers in the kitchen. Please label them clearly so that everyone knows what they are for.

## Mowing Roster

We are still looking for people who might be able to help by bolstering this roster. If you can help in this way please contact David Prestridge on 0407 762 792.

## Prayer Team

Our prayer team is up and running with a new email for all requests:

[prayer@lifeworksuniting.org.au](mailto:prayer@lifeworksuniting.org.au)

If you'd like to join the prayer team, please email Adam using the above email address.

## Synod 2023

The Presbytery of the Downs is looking for lay-people who would like to attend the next Synod meeting from 20th-24th October 2023 at Alexandra Park on the Sunshine Coast.

The Synod meeting happens every 18 months and is a great opportunity to be exposed to the breadth of the church in Queensland.

If you are interested and able to go, we are hoping to make this trip free of cost for you in terms of registration and accommodation.

The Presbytery would love one or two lay-people from Lifeworks to attend, so if this interests you please speak with Adam Tipple. Attendance will need to be confirmed by May 17th 2023.

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## Prayer Points

- Pray for our children and young people, and that we might become a more welcoming and relevant church for the younger generations.
- Pray for the new pastor of the Brazilian Church, Genildo Thomaz.
- Pray for our Easter services that they would give glory to God, and connect us all more deeply with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Wendy Chapman who is recovering after a fall.
- Give thanks for our mainly music and NEXT youth group teams.
- Pray for those people who have been visiting Lifeworks, that we would make a deeper connection with them.
- Give thanks for all our musicians, singers and worship team, and pray for strength and inspiration for them as we move into Easter.
- Pray for our mainly music families for a good Easter break.





GET TO THE HEART OF THINGS  
EASTER 2023 SERVICES  
@ LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL  
11AM & 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 8AM

EASTER SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 9AM

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# LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service Holy Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Keenagers  11am Maun- dy Thursday Service  7pm Maundy Thursday Ser- vice	<b>7</b> 8am Good Friday Service	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Easter Service Holy Communion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7am Midweek online prayer  9.30am mainly music	<b>20</b> 10am Keenagers Morning Tea	<b>21</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service  5pm Games, Grub & God	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7am Midweek online prayer  9.30am mainly music	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	<b>29</b>
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