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EASTER SERVICES

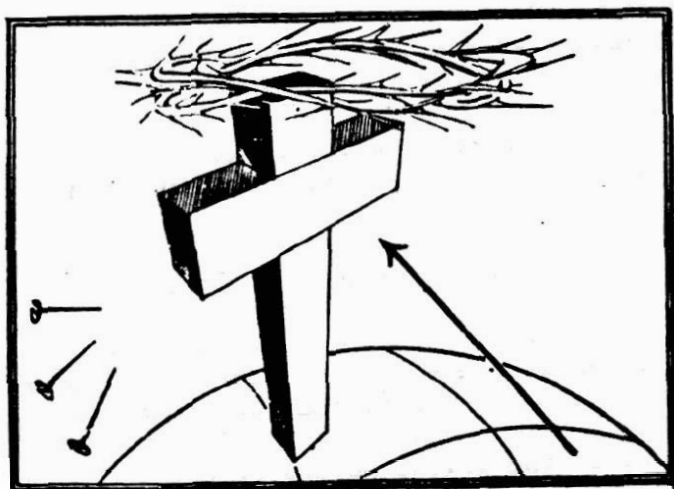
GOOD FRIDAY

9-30a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER DAY

9-30a.m. Holy Communion

7-00p.m. Holy Communion



"HE IS NOT HERE FOR HE IS RISEN"

The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham. 2049.
25th February, 1989.

Dear Friends,

We began our preparation for Easter on Ash Wednesday. During Lent our Home Bible Study groups have continued.

Again I would urge you to take part in one of these weekly groups. They have been a great blessing to all who are involved. People are getting to know one another, helping and encouraging each other, and generally finding real purpose in their worship.

During the last six months we have welcomed a number of young families into our congregation. This influx of younger members has decreased the average age of the congregation. We are getting younger...That is great news.

Also this year we have obtained the services of a student from our theological college. Stephen Bligh will work with the teenagers. We welcome him and his wife and two young sons. His appointment is very timely seeing we now ministering a number of younger people.

I guess it's hardly necessary to remind you that Easter falls this year on the last Sunday of this month.

We can never over emphasise the importance of Easter. It is far more important than Christmas. Easter is the final and absolute defeat of our deadliest enemy the Evil One. Easter reveals to us a God who loves us far more than we could ever imagine.

Because of the loving nature of our God Jesus Christ came into this world. He, Jesus Christ, is God who

humbled himself to become one of us—a mere human being. His coming into the world was part of God's wonderful plan for all mankind. His plan, to rescue us from bondage to sin and Satan. God loves us too much to see us continue to be slaves to the Evil One. God has something better planned for you and me.

Jesus lived a sinless life but died the death of a common criminal. He suffered not for his own sin but for our sin.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,"
1 Peter 2:24 R.S.V.

So Good Friday reminds us of the terrible cost that Jesus willingly paid to gain forgiveness of our sins. Good Friday with its emphasis upon the cross reminds us of the seriousness of our own sinfulness and also of the amazing love of Christ.

He "loved me and gave himself for me"
Galatians 2:20 R.S.V.

But without Easter Day the events of Good Friday would leave us uncertain about what Christ had gained by his death. At Easter we celebrate Christ's rising again to life. Having paid the debt, not of his own sin but of ours, Christ rose victorious over death and sin. The Evil One was defeated.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. That victory is also ours by faith. We can rejoice that Jesus lives and that he lives in the hearts of all believers.

What is a believer? He is one who knows he has sinned; has asked God's forgiveness through Christ's death on the cross and so enjoys the life which comes from the victory Christ gained by rising on Easter Day.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott. (Rector)

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP.

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday March 14th commencing at 1-30pm. This will be our Annual Meeting and I ask every member to make an effort to attend.

Our Secondhand Clothing and Jumble Sale on Friday February 17th was a great success and a very happy day, socially. The proceeds were \$336, which we were all very proud of. The next sale will be held on Friday March 31st, commencing at 9-00am. Thank you once again to all our wonderful helpers.

We still are appealing for new members. Please think about it. You don't need great qualifications. Just come along the second Tuesday any month at. 1-30pm.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB.

The Senior Parishioners' Club is in full swing again and looking forward to another happy year of fun and fellowship.

We would like to enroll new members. If you do join it does not mean you are tied to every week. If you don't come you don't pay although it is only \$1.00 which covers games and afternoon tea. Every Thursday 1-00pm except Thursday 23rd March, which is in Holy Week (that is the day before Good Friday).

I am very glad to be able to report that Glad Hunt although still in hospital is doing well and that Win Barber is out of hospital and back with us. The rest of our club seems to be creaking along but all are on deck. Keep it up Girls!!


Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

Easter Day

UNLIKELY WITNESSES

 **PRAISE** Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!


 **READ** Luke 24:1-12.

 **THINK** They were at it again! 'A woman's work is never done' and so the women, last to leave the tomb on Friday evening, were the first to be there on Sunday morning.


At the tomb they were faced with a puzzle. It was empty. The body wasn't there. They *knew* that on Friday the dead body of Jesus had been laid in this tomb (23:55). But now they were confronted with an *empty* tomb. Jesus wasn't there.

Thank God that before speculation could begin, sparking false rumours, they heard the angels' message: 'He is not here; he has been raised' (6).

Others might have paused to question or argue but these women remembered Jesus' words (8) and believed. So they rushed the news to the apostles who, typically, 'thought what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them' (11). 'All except Peter who couldn't contain himself. He ran to see the evidence for himself but could only manage to wonder and be amazed (12).

 **CONSIDER** Was it an accident that the first news of the resurrection was revealed to women? No one else in that time would have entrusted something so important to such 'unreliable' witnesses. But Jesus had no doubts as to their reliability.

What blessing the women received because they ceased to wallow in their sadness and confusion, or even to reflect long over their blindness. The Lord had appeared to them. It was time to share their good news with others.

 **PRAY** Menno Simons wrote, 'I can neither teach nor live by the faith of others. I must live by my own faith as the Spirit of the Lord has taught me through His Word.'

Lord, help me to know personally your risen living presence. And when I see you, Lord, help me to share my discovery with others.

This devotional comes from Scripture Union "Daily Bread" (A plan of Daily Bible Readings) copies of Daily Bread are available from the Rector.



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WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS.

"What shall I do then with Jesus the Christ?"

Says Pilate the judge to the crowd;

"What shall I do with this innocent Man?"

Their answer came quickly, and loud,

"Away with Him, crucify Him,

We want Him to hang on a tree,

We want you to crucify Jesus the Christ

and then let Barrabas go free."

Calling for water, he washes his hands,

And faces the crowd in dismay;

"I'm innocent then of His blood," he cries,

But lets them lead Jesus away.

His pride and his cowardise blinded his eyes,

He loved his position and power;

"To keep them he sacrificed Jesus the Christ,

And failed in the critical hour.

"What shall we do then with Jesus the Christ?"

The world in its anguish and pain,

Knowing the depths of His mercy and love

Has asked this again and again.

But selfishness, pride, and envy and greed,

Have captured men's hearts in all lands.

And they, unwilling to crucify Christ,

Reject Him by washing their hands.

"What shall I do then with Jesus the Christ?"

This comes as a challenge to all;

Shall we wash our hands, afraid of the crowd?,

Or follow what e'er may befall?

To wash is evasion, fearing the right,

The way in which Pilate had trod;

But they who follow Jesus the Christ,

Inherit the Kingdom of God.

- Unknown poet.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JANUARY, 1989.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,308.97	Rector's Net Stipend	1,739.75
Recycling of Cans	18.20	Rector's Trav. Allowance	454.58
DONATIONS		Organist	135.00
Mr. C Caldwell	5.00	Church Cleaning	160.00
OES for floodlighting	40.00	Hall Cleaning	160.00
O.E.S. - Floodlighting	3.00	Flowers	40.00
Flowers	110.00	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
Sickness Claim Rev. Woolcott	169.40	Telephone Account	0.00
INVESTMENT INTEREST		Plastic for Mem. Garden	16.50
J.H.Douglass Trust A/c	617.13	Wood Chips	231.00
		Service for Fire Extinguishers	55.05
		Hall Gas A/c	36.67
		Postage on Bi-Centennial	
		Plaque	5.60
		Church Electricity	93.99
		Visiting Preacher	7.00
		Workers Compensation Insurance	
		Premium	76.86
	2,271.70		
Deficit for Month	1,029.13		
	3,300.83	Surplus for Month	3,300.83
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			3,300.83
BALANCE 1-1-89	3,559.39		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	1,029.13		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	0.00		
BALANCE 31-1-89	2,530.26		

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