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# Keeping in Touch

**4 April 2021**

## WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors with us today and pray your time with us will be a blessed one. Stay for morning tea after the service!



### 9:00 am service

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** Sheila van Prooije

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

*We aspire to be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit, to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world*

## Richard's Rambling 4 April 2021

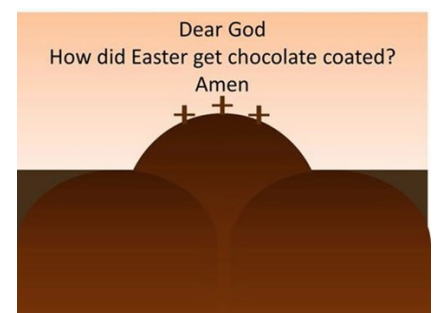
Easter, like many church seasons, is in the wrong part of the year for the southern hemisphere. Eggs, bunnies, are all springtime memes, pointing to new life after the bleakness of northern hemisphere winter. At KUC Child Care Centre's AGM this week, discussion got round (don't ask me how) to where Easter Eggs and the Easter Rabbit are mentioned in the Bible. Of course, they're not, but we're not such spoilsports that we don't incorporate them into our seasonal fun. I said that I would talk about them, and hot cross buns, to the children on the following day's Easter Service.

So after staff led some songs (all about the Easter Bunny, of course ☺ ☺), I chatted to the children with visual props of Hot Cross Buns, Easter Eggs and a chocolate Bunny. Hot Cross Buns gave me an intro to tell them about Jesus dying for them on the cross. Easter Eggs gave me an intro to tell them about the new life of Jesus' resurrection. And the bunny? I told them that it was also about new life, but they'd have to ask their mums and dads about rabbits and new life ☺ And I showed a children's play video of the Easter story, replete with side-splitting kid interpretations of events. And we sang "God's not dead - No! - He is alive".

Easter isn't only about Jesus' new life. It's our story, too, because of his story. Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

I still think the best place for rabbit is in a stew.



# COVID Rules at Easter

Some of the COVID restrictions in Queensland will be extended beyond Thursday 5pm until April 15th. Unfortunately the state government requires us all to wear a face mask at our church services over Easter and the following week. The rule is as follows: -

You must carry a mask at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to. You must wear a mask in indoor spaces such as Churches and places of worship.

Maundy Thursday service is in the covered area so wearing a mask is not compulsory, unless you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from your neighbour.

Good Friday and Easter Day services will require that we all wear masks throughout the services – common sense and the need to communicate clearly (an exemption category) suggests that the music team singers will have to remove them to sing but must be at least 4 metres away from people who are in front of them.

Sorry about the inconvenience. David K

## Roster for 11 April 2021

### 9:00 am service:

<b>Preacher:</b>	Bill Green
<b>Reader:</b>	Wayne Paul
<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts 4: 32 - 35 Psalms 133
<b>Second Reading: Gospel:</b>	1 John 1: 1 - 2:2 John 20: 19 - 31
<b>Greeter/Door Steward:</b>	TBA
<b>Offering:</b>	Robin Warren
<b>Announcements:</b>	Anne Holmes
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Susan Burton & Leisa Lance
<b>Flowers:</b>	Merril Green

We are invited to a couple of ecumenical services this week.

- On Good Friday, our friends at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish have a service at Ryan Community College at 5:30pm. We even have a minor part in the passion play!
- And on Easter morning at 06:00am, the Salvation Army hold a Sunrise Service on Castle Hill – not the very top, 200m or so down, you'll see where everyone is.

**Faith  
Love  
Hope**

## KIRWAN FELLOWSHIP:

Tuesday April 6th @ 9.30 a.m. We shall be having a cards/ board game morning.



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