

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's
Kilcoy



St. Matthias
Woodford



Mt. Mee
Community Church

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Easter Sunday April 4th 2021

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy

Sundays, 8.00 am – 36 in the church
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford

Sundays, 10.00 am – 28 in the church
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Mt. Mee Community Church

*Services suspended
until further notice*

Bellthorpe Community Hall

5.30pm – 30th May 2021



Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Sentence:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Luke 24: 34; Psalm 118: 24

Collect:

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10: 34- 43- *A reading from Acts Ch 10, beginning at the 34th verse.*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Hymn to the risen Christ (APBA p 6)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11- *A reading from Corinthians, Ch 15, beginning at the 5th verse.* - Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Gospel: John 20: 1- 18-

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Ch 20, beginning 1st verse –

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and

saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Len and Jules, Simon, Bonnie, Patricia, Helen, Olive, Wayne, Ann, Audrey, Sue, Wendy, Dale, Debbie, Richard and Ellen.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Continue to pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains:

Kilcoy: Kate Gold; **Mt Kilcoy** Rob Turner; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Crk:** Monique Robertson

Everyone affected by COVID 19: For equal access to the COVID vaccines for all countries.

Please pray for: People doing it tough: because of unemployment and reduced income, natural disasters: storms, fires, floods, and drought; for the homeless; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for victims of child abuse; for people in lock-down because of COVID.

Praise God for: The distribution of vaccines for COVID-19; that we are able to celebrate Easter!

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am: Commencing Monday 12th April. Come and join us.

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 7th April 9.30am: Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild meeting.

Monday 12th April 11.00am: Service at Aloaka Lodge. **NB:** change of week due to Easter holidays.

Tuesday 13th April 9.30am: Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting.

CHURCH NOTICES

Monster May Market – Saturday 8th May: Donations of produce, plants, cooking, and saleable goods will be very welcome. Please talk to Cindy Duncalfe or Carole Dobson if you can assist.

Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit to the parish on Sunday 16th May. If anyone would like to be confirmed or be Received into Membership of the Anglican Church, please see Rev Jilleen.

Mission project for March/April: ABM – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. These grants support mission activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – last year projects included: School Chaplaincy, musical instruments for a new ministry to young men in NT, leaders conference; Bible camps; breakfast programs; providing copies of Kriol prayer books. Mission Donation envelopes are available at the rear of the church.

Thoughts to Ponder: Easter Resurrection. If we look for historical proof of Jesus' resurrection, we will not find it. If we seek an explanation that is more convincing or less embarrassing to the world, we will fail. If we turn to science, we will find plenty of eccentric theories, but nothing

conclusive. So we may *reasonably* ask – and people have asked since the first century: **If this is real, if this is to be trusted, how has this resurrection made me or the world any better?**

The Resurrection does not take the difficult experiences of life from us. We know this. It does not exempt us from the suffering that is the lot of every human being, the suffering that was the lot of Jesus in sharing our humanity.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is, in the words of Rowan Williams, “the open door that exists in the heart of every situation because of God’s freedom.” The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, neutralizes the power of every cave or cage we may find ourselves in and fills them with the raw potential for good and glory. Death presents to the world a final door that is locked and sealed forever. The crucified-and-risen Christ has wrenched that door from its hinges, so that we may pass through it, as he did, into the heart of God. Beginning *today*. Beginning *now*. He is here because He was there. And He ever, ever, shall be among us. *Br Keith Nelson SSJE*.

PRAY DAILY: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, *The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People. ***The Parish of Kawana Waters:** Steven Wockner, Clergy and People. ***Brisbane Correctional Centre:** Kevin Bell. ***Canterbury College, Waterford: Principal** - Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Nia Viviani; College Council; staff & students.

PEW REFLECTIONS. April 4th 2021 - *Text: Rev Kate Ross, St John’s Cathedral, Brisbane © ABM, 2021.*

Adam to Jesus. Death to life. God swallowing up death. Tears wiped away. Dead to sin, alive to God. Disbelief to belief. The transition from a fallen world to a heavenly existence. We waited for his death and resurrection, we needed it. We are a people not of death but of the resurrection. We are saved, we are holy in the sight of God, death scares us no longer. God loves us, wants us, and waits for us. Rejoice! Praise God! Go with haste to tell others that the Lord is risen for he is risen indeed! Alleluia! **Loving God**, let us rejoice in the knowledge that you are the God of all, loving and nurturing all your children, let us be safe in the knowledge that through the death and resurrection of your only child we have all entered into life with you. **Give thanks** for the ministry of the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection in Popondetta, Papua New Guinea and for the ministry all churches dedicated to Christ’s rising from the dead. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Primate, the Most Rev Geoffrey Smith, as he heads the Anglican Church of Australia, and for the work and witness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby, as he leads the Anglican Communion – our family of Churches in more than 165 countries.

FUTURE READINGS

11th April – Easter 2 (W)

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

1 John 1: 1 – ch 2:2

Psalms 16 (APBA pp 234, 235)

John 20: 19-31

18th April- Easter 3 (W)

Acts 3: 12- 20

1 John 2: 15-17, 3: 1-6

Psalms 4 (APBA pp 225, 226)

Luke 24: 36b- 48

BLESSING: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

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