



Weekly Newsletter 20 April 2025 Easter Day

#### **Bible Readings**

John 20: 1-18 Luke 24: 1-12

Response after Bible Readings Leader: In this we hear the word of God Response: Thanks be to God who speaks to us as spirit.

Welcome to St. Matthew's Community Room. Children are very welcome at St. Matthew's and that means their noise is welcome too. This room is here if you feel the need to step out of the service or would like some more privacy but still want to see and hear what's going on in the service. OPEN FROM 9AM



*Livestreaming* at 8am and 9.30am only

Led by Jon Humphries Followed by morning tea

KUCA in Recess

8am—Worship

Led by Jon Humphries

9.30am—Worship

6.45pm—Worship Led by Jon Humphries

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

What's happening this week at St. Matthew's

### MONDAY 21 APRIL

Easter Monday Public Holiday

7.30pm—Christian Meditation community room and church

#### **TUESDAY 22 APRIL**

9am-2pm—Op Shop open

9.30am-11am—Christian Meditation community room and church Lectionary bible study on break

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

9am-2pm—Op Shop

THURSDAY 24 APRIL 9am-2pm—Op Shop

FRIDAY 25 APRIL Anzac Day Public Holiday



#### **SATURDAY 26 APRIL**

No Scheduled Activities

## SUNDAY 27 April

8am— Worship Followed by morning tea

**9.30am—Worship** Followed by morning tea

KUCA in Recess

5pm—Shine

6.45pm—Worship



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Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.



Doreen Philbrick

Our very best wishes to all the St.Matthew's community who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

20 — 26 April

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine



## **OP SHOP**



#### Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-2pm and 1st Saturday of the month 9-12pm Pre-loved clothes & accessories, Books, Haberdashery, Bric-a-brac, Pot Plants.

### Thank you

I would like to thank Rev Dean Drayton and Sharon Underwood for stepping in to lead the worship services last Sunday, while Jon has been unwell and on sick leave. I would also like to thank Mike Strong and Rev Clive Pearson for leading our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Jon will be fit and back with us on Sunday for the Easter Day services.

Mike Underwood Chair St Matthews Church Council SYNOD SPOTLIGHT

**Uniting Church Synod Spotlight Newsletter** 

For (11 April 2025) please see link to Synod weekly:

Spotlight 2025 Synod Weekly



Tuesday Evenings Bible Study Will be in recess for a few weeks following Easter.

Please return completed forms by 27 April Volunteer Form Assisting with Morning Services

June, July, August 2025

Have been emailed or collect a copy from the foyer.

NEW HELPERS WELCOME

Please return forms to the blue mail tray or church office.

UNITING CHURCH

The St. Matthew's Uniting Church weekly Newsletter is available to view at the end of each week for the upcoming Sunday on the St. Matthew's website

https://www.stmatthewsuniting.net.au/

Click on the metal dove image / publications.

# We Would Love to Hear From You

We would love to share in your gifts. If you would like to lead our services through liturgy or preaching there is always opportunity to become involved, beyond reading the Bible and leading in prayers or other duties. We are blessed to have people willing to share their insights and wisdom and lead us into thought and reflection as we seek as a congregation to listen for and attend to what God may be saying to us. We would love to hear from you as well.

Here is a link to a survey form where you can sign up to preach or lead the liturgy. You can elect to do it as a once-off or nominate the pattern of your preferred involvement.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfldKABmlR2pNfGp4j-VozmlE4cVFAm4ZOoU67EAb-fT6yP2A/viewform?usp=sharing





## **PRAYERS FOR GAZA**

Join us in this Blessed Easter time in holding a PRAYERS FOR GAZA prayer service dedicated to our people in Gaza who are facing hardships and horror.



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Everyone is welcome to join us, of all faiths and backgrounds

Donations collected will be used to support Gaza families in Sydney

Coffee & Light refreshments will be served after Prayer Service

Gifts will be distributed to all kids from our Gaza families







## *Thursday 1st May* 10am—12noon

## Speakers: Alan and Pam McEvoy

who have previously worked as missionaries in Uganda, have recently completed a fund raising effort to build a well in a village where the only available water is from a contaminated swamp. They will speak of their experiences.

These informal morning gatherings include devotions, morning tea and guest speakers which cover a large range of interesting and informative topics.