

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant Leader and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

9th April, 2023

Next Week's Roster

16th April, 2023

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Ray**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa & Tina**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Andrew**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Lucinda**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Joy B.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Brunetta**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

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Sunday, 9th April, 2023

Easter Day

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

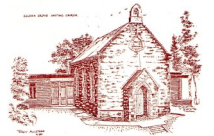
Theme: The Risen Christ

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Soar We Now

At the end of three years of pandemic, a whole year of war in Ukraine, a cavalcade of horrific natural disasters, and increasingly difficult economic conditions, (not to mention our own particular trials) it would not be surprising at all if we found ourselves on a bit of a “downer” this Easter.

Yet, in light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Paul tells us that “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms”! (Eph 2:6) This must mean that we are all included in Christ, and what has happened to Him, He has also made effective for us.

By being raised from the dead Jesus proved that He had defeated death, and therefore also the cause of death – i.e., sin, and therefore also the evil one who exercises power because of sin and guilt. And being raised to eternal life, Christ has been appointed as King at God’s right hand to reign forever.

If we have faith in Jesus Christ, this must mean that we have been given victory over death, sin and the evil one, and share in Jesus’ royal status in heaven (like we are all little kings and queens with Him). One day, in the resurrection, we will see this, more real, solid, substantial and glorious than we can begin to imagine, but we know the reality and power of it now by faith!

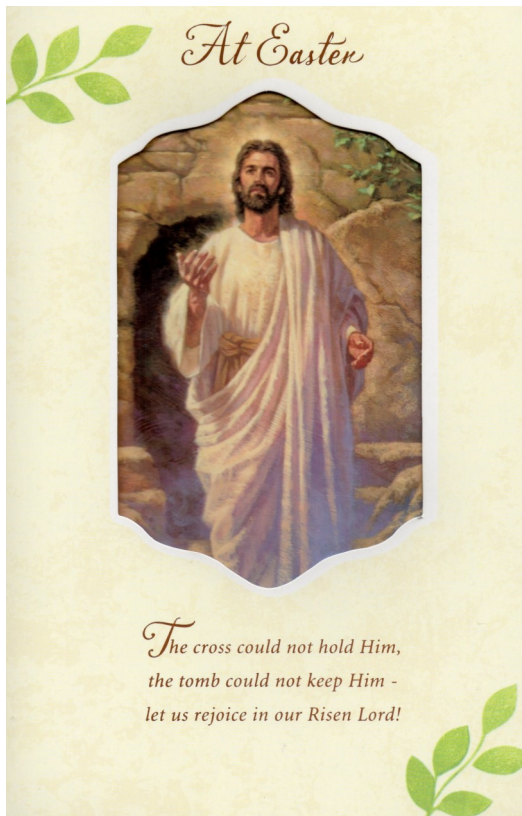
This confronts our “downers” and depression with some serious *upward lift!* As the hymn says, “*soar we now where Christ has led*”.

Grace & great hope, Jonathan.

Easter Day



The Power of the Cross



OUR REMAINING APRIL DATES

- Easter Day: Sunday, 9th April: Service at 10.00 am
- Easter Monday, Monday, 10th April
- Gentlemen's Breakfast: Tuesday, 11th April: Soul Café
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 11th April: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Final Day of Term One: Friday, 14th April
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 16th April: 10.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th April: 2.00 pm
- Gentlemen's Breakfast: Tuesday, 18th April: Soul Café
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 18th April: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 20th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 23rd April: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 23rd April: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Anzac Day: Tuesday, 25th April
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 27th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 30th April: 10.00 am

A RESURRECTION PRAYER

O Risen Lord,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Make us faithful followers of the spirit of Your Resurrection.

Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,
dying to ourselves in order that You may live in us.
May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of Your love.

Use us as Your instruments for the renewal of society,
bringing Your life and love to all,
and leading them to Your Church.

This we ask of You, Lord Jesus,
living and reigning with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever.

Amen.