



Significant events can reshape our lives, the lives of our family members, our community, and sometimes our country. Within a family it can be a birth, a marriage, a death in the family, which can cause a refocusing of our thinking, our energy and our very being. The events of Port Arthur reshaped Australia. The attack in Bali had a huge impact on Australia. The recent tragic event in Christchurch will reshape New Zealand. Natural disasters and also bushfires can have a huge impact on regions. One event, on one day, can make such a significant change. Sometimes we know it is coming and at other times we have no idea of what is just around the corner.

This Easter, the ministry team have chosen to work with the theme "Jesus' Story – a lot can happen in a week". For Jesus and his friends, the week leading into Easter is a huge roller coaster of emotions. There are great highs and deep lows. The week begins on Palm Sunday with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcome Jesus with joy, enthusiasm and expectation. What will Jesus say and do? On our faith journey, when have we had those moments of joy and enthusiasm?

A few days later at a meal with his disciples, Jesus declares "One of you will betray me." Surely not one of us, Lord. Soon Jesus is in the garden with great anguish and in prayer. "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done". We are not going to be in the tough position Jesus was in. But when do we seek to avoid something or take the easy option? We might avoid that difficult but important conversation.

P.T.O

Easter Services

Holy Week

15, 16, 17 April:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday 7.30pm

18 April:

Maundy Thursday 8pm

19 April:

Good Friday 9.15am
(followed by Hot Cross
Bun morning tea)

21 April:

Easter Sunday 10am



*From Monday to Thursday
in Holy Week, there will be
a reflective art installation
in the Sanctuary.*

*The church will be open
between 9am-3.30pm
where you are invited to
take a self guided walk,
stopping at various points
for prayer, at a time that is
convenient for you.*



JESUS' STORY - A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

We might resist being generous or forgiving that one more time. We might want to fit in with the crowd rather than take the stand that our faith calls for.

Jesus is betrayed and arrested, a close disciple denied knowing him, other disciples were absent, he faced a trial and was cruelly crucified. Jesus showed humility, great strength and courage, and remained focused on his calling and mission. Jesus came to love, to accept people, to enable people to live as the people God created them to be, to give life. On the cross he cared for his mother. Jesus loved until his last breath.

Love didn't finish on the cross. Love would overcome evil. Love overcame death. On the third day Jesus rose again. At Easter we recognise with gratitude that Jesus offered to us the gifts of life-changing love, forgiveness and new life, and he showed us the way to a fulfilling relationship with God.

A lot can happen in a week. The week leading up to Easter is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on Jesus' life and ministry which changed the world and life for so many of us.

I hope your Easter is significant, reflective and a blessing for you.

From Neil, along with Alanee and Di.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

4 April 10am - 12pm Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at the Hub

6 April 2.30pm Heather's Ordination Service

27 April 8am Annual Walkathon from

12 May 10.30am Mother's Day Special Morning Tea

14 May - 23rd May (Neil back 30th May) Indonesia Trip

23 May 10am - 12pm Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub

7 - 10 June State Youth Games

23 June 10am Anniversary Service

21 July 2.30pm Senior's Service

28 July 10am Service

24 August 5pm Indonesian Interfaith Event

1 September 10.30am Father's Day Special Morning Tea

13 October 2.30pm Senior's Service

19 October 8am Fete

20 October 10am Service

24 October 10am - 12pm Senior's Morning Tea at The Hub

9 November Getaways Saturday