

Easter 2023

*"When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea."
Mark 5:21*



Dear Friends in Christ

In this season of Lent and Easter, our ministry team is working on the theme of "Crossing Boundaries". As we follow the footsteps of Jesus' journey through Lent, for 40 days excluding Sundays, we would like to explore and learn how Jesus Himself first crossed many boundaries of His time.

To begin with, Jesus crossed the boundary from heaven to earth, taking the nature of servant, humbling Himself and even being obedient to death on a cross. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

He also crossed social boundaries when He healed a centurion's servant (*Matthew 8:5*), and crossed physical boundaries when He healed a leper (*Matthew 8:2*) and many sick people.

He crossed religious boundaries as well, in fact many times including when He healed the sick on the Sabbath and was accused by religious Pharisees and Scribes. (*Luke 6:7*)

Jesus also crossed racial and cultural boundaries when He talked to a Samaritan Woman (*John 4:5-42*) and invited children to come to Him. (*Matthew 19:14*).

At the end, He crossed the ultimate physical boundary of death and life through resurrection, to show us God's love and new life through Jesus Christ.

As we explore His journey in this season of Lent, let us try to find as many boundaries as we can from the narratives of Jesus' journey and let us apply them to our own life's journey as well.

Our Lenten worship will follow the lectionary readings which guide us to learn about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and to the cross. We will be invited to explore how Jesus Himself has crossed many boundaries in His journey.

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Easter Services

Holy Week
April 3, 4, 5
7.30pm

Maundy Thursday
April 6
7.30pm

Good Friday
April 7
9.30am

Easter Sunday
April 9
10am



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Diary Dates

30 March - 10am
Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea @
The Hub

2 April - 2pm
Seniors Service & Afternoon Tea

7 April - 10.30am
Good Friday Hot Cross Bun
Morning Tea

29 April - 8am
8th Annual Walkathon

5-7 May
Indonesian Festival

14 May - 10.30am
Mothers Day Morning Tea

25 May - 10am
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
@ The Hub

28 May
Pentecost Sunday

25 June - 10am
Church Anniversary Celebration
Service followed by Luncheon

16 August - 10am
Muffin Morning Tea @ The Hub

3 September - 10.30am
Fathers Day Morning Tea

21 October - 8.30am
Annual Church Fete

26 October - 10am
Seniors Morning Tea @ The Hub

3 December - 10am
Advent Celebration Service
followed by Annual Christmas
Lunch

17 December - 10am
Living Nativity

The weekly bulletin will have more
details on these and other events



The Intercultural Bible Study will also be offered fortnightly to explore further biblical stories of crossing boundaries. It will be 10 sessions from 7th March, on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays with choice of 1.30pm and 7:30pm sessions.

During these studies, we will explore:

1. Abram's Cross-cultural Journey
(Genesis 12:1-13);
2. Joshua's Cross-cultural Challenge
(Joshua 1:1-11);
3. Pentecost; Cross-cultural Event
(Genesis 11 & Act 2);
4. Philip's Cross-cultural Message
(Acts 8:26-40);
5. Peter's Cross-cultural Vision
(Acts 10:1-20);
6. Paul's Cross-cultural Mission
(Acts 20:25-36);
7. Moses' Cross-cultural Life
(Exodus 1:8-22);
8. Ruth's Cross-cultural Choice
(Ruth 1:1-18);
9. Esther's Cross-cultural Courage
(Ester 4:5-17);
10. Daniel's Cross-cultural Faith
(Daniel 1:7-15).

As we learn from Jesus and many biblical characters, the ministry team hopes to build up our cultural intelligence/awareness. We will also learn how to cross our own boundaries to be the followers of Jesus Christ together in order to build up an inclusive and welcoming church as Jesus wants us to be.

May God guide us during this Season of Lent and Easter, and help us to explore, learn and grow as Christ wants, so that we can cross over our own boundaries.

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