



The Anglican Parish of All Souls, St Peters

Nurturing hearts, souls and friendships by creating space for contemplation, connection and community

Parish News Palm Sunday 2nd April, 2023



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Services in Coles Hall Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am Brass Ensemble playing at 9.30am today Wednesday 10.00am in Kay Hall

Parish prayers

David, David, Susan, Alexandra, Carol, Judith and Caroline Brown, Carolyn, Malcolm and Mary, Tony and Margie

	Rosters			
	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
8.00am	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Patsy, Geoffrey	Sue, Didy
9.30am	Pauline	Pauline	Nigel, Vernon	Cynthia

	Readings for Palm Sunday			
First reading	Psalm	NT	Gospel	
Matt 21 1-11	Psalm 31 9-18	Phil 2 5-11	Matt 27 11-54	

Clergy day off: Monday

We acknowledge the Kurna people, their Elders and their spiritual relationship with their Country.

Easter Sunday

9th April, 2023



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One combined service at 9.00am today
Coles Hall
Wednesday 10.00am in Kay Hall

	Rosters			
	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
9.00am	Pauline	Pauline	Didy	Didy, Malcolm, Fiona

Readings for Easter			
First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 10 34-43	Ps 118 1-2, 14-24	Col 3 1-4	Matt 28 1-10

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IMPORTANT

COMMUNITY MEETING re THE SALE OF AN ASSET

10.00am Saturday 1st April IN KAY HALL

The church “make-safe” works necessitate this and the changes to Holy Week and Easter programme below:



Happy Easter Season!

All Souls

Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday 2 April in COLES HALL

8.00am Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem and blessing of the Palms

9.30am Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem and blessing of the Palms with All Souls' Brass Ensemble.

Tuesday of Holy Week 7.30pm ST THEODORE'S TOORAK GARDENS

Stations of the Cross combined service

Maundy Thursday 6 April 7.30pm ST THEODORE'S

Footwashing and stripping of the altar combined service

Good Friday 7 April 9.00am COLES HALL

Solemn service of reflection using paintings of the Stations of the Cross, music, poetry and prayers.

Easter Sunday 9 April 9.00am COLES HALL

One combined service for Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptism Vows and Easter celebration

ABM trip to Tasmania: Pauline fourth from left.



Table Talk in Coles Hall 26/3/23.



All Souls' Book Club
Sunday 2nd April, 3pm
COLES HALL

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Notes on the Scripture readings by Fiona Hemstock

April 2 - 9, Palm Sunday to Easter Day

In this spiritually and emotionally charged Holy Week, the compilers of the readings have chosen texts from scriptures written in similarly turbulent times in the Jewish people's history.

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a With God on his side to vindicate him, the prophet is standing up to the enemy.

Psalms 31: 9-18 The Psalmist voices the words of those who are being persecuted, trusting that God will come to his aid.

Philippians, 2:5-11 Paul tells his readers that Jesus' death on the cross was an act of supreme obedience to God. Jesus' name has been exalted and everyone on earth should worship him.

Maunder Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 The origin of the Passover. Explicit instructions are given to Moses to explain to the people – who are enslaved in Egypt – that each family should prepare a lamb, and on a certain date they should roast it and eat it 'in haste', ready for a journey. They should also daub some of the lamb's blood on the lintel of their door, to protect them from a plague that would otherwise kill their first-born child. The roasting of a lamb is to be a perpetual annual event (now called Pesach).

Psalms 116:1-2, 11-18 — A wonderful song of praise and thanks to God, as the Psalmist holds high the Cup of Reconciliation (one of the 4 cups of the Pesach meal) and rejoices in his freedom.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The origin of the Eucharist. Paul tells the people of Corinth how Jesus asked him to remember him and his death by having a meal together (bread and wine) in the way that Jesus introduced.

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 This the last of the 4 'Servant Songs' last. Servant meant 'a trusted envoy', but in these songs the Servant is the Messiah; he is Israel in its most ideal form. He is the High Priest who will atone for the sins of the world, and free everyone from the prison of sin, mend lives and bring peace. In this song, he will reign wisely and be exalted. But he will be treated badly and people will be appalled and turn away from him. Isaiah says that it is God's will that he should bear the sin of the world and suffer, despite having done no wrong. However, he would eventually have spiritual descendants and be remembered as a great man.

Psalms 22 A psalm of anguish and desolation, said to have been recited by Jesus on the cross. The cry of the righteous sufferer. Psalm 23 follows: '... he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul'.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Paul asserts that God's way of working in the world can only be understood by those who are 'living in the Spirit'. Greek followers of philosophers may think they are clever enough to understand God, but when they don't, they say that Christian beliefs are 'foolish'... even the Jews don't understand. To Paul, belief that God is the source of life and belief in Jesus as Wisdom, Sanctification, Righteousness and Redemption are very important for salvation.

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 Peter has been summoned to Caesarea by Roman centurion, Cornelius, a 'God-fearing' man. Both men have had a vision before their meeting and Peter has realised that God's message is for all people, not just his own race. The house is full of guests, and Peter expounds Jesus' Spirit-filled message of peace, forgiveness and healing. Peter is a witness to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 A joyful song of praise, 'I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.'

Colossians 3:1-4 'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.' It was a common belief in many cultures in the east, that there are several heavens, and God is in the farthest one. Hence the thinking of Christ as 'above'. The author encourages the people of Colossae, a trade-route town in present-day Turkey, to refrain from a heresy which had changed the Christians' thinking since the successful missionary work of Epaphras. [Reading a little further...] They must cast off anger, rage, malice, slander and bad language. 'Christ is all – and in all'.