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GOOD FRIDAY: 9 am

Preacher: Rebekah Munn
Bible Reading: Luke 24: 1-12
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EASTER SUNDAY: 9 am
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Bible Reading: Luke 24: 1-12

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Minister's Easter Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem with the sounds of "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" and only days later the crowd yelled "Crucify him! Crucify him!". The turn of the crowd, from praise to condemnation was swift.

Yet it wasn't how the crowd treated Jesus that determined the actions of Jesus but the steadfast faithfulness and love, the fight for forgiveness that allowed Jesus to utter the words "Father forgive them."

As Rev. Ian Mitchell beautifully outlined on Sunday, in Jesus the blackboard is wiped clean by the actions of Jesus on the cross with a "comprehensive forgiveness". When we struggle to forgive, when we are revisited by old thoughts, we can draw strength in the work of Jesus that helps us forgive when our emotions are not as accommodating. We who are forgiven are called by God to extend forgiveness. This is not easy, this was not easy for Jesus to deal with, but we walk in the freedom we have through the forgiveness God extended to us. As we reflect on the work of Jesus over the weekend let us once again be humbled and encouraged by our amazing God.

May your Easter be blessed and safe. Rebekah



If you're visiting us for Easter Sunday we'd like to invite you to relax, connect, and enjoy fellowship over a cuppa at Morning Tea in the hall after the service.

We'd love to see you there.



ADULT FELLOWSHIP NEWS

At the last Adult Fellowship Meeting, our guest speaker, June Roach shared a beautifully uplifting message titled "An Ordinary Day." June reminded us that even the most routine day can become extraordinary when we're aware that the Holy Spirit is with us - not just in the big, dramatic moments, but in the quiet and simple parts of our lives as well.

June also encouraged us to take a moment at the end of each day to count our blessings no matter how small, and to joyfully thank God for walking with us in every moment. In doing so, June reminded everyone that no day is truly ordinary when lived with faith!

A gentle reminder that no matter how ordinary it may seem, EVERY DAY IS FULL OF GOD'S GRACE.



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 3RD MAY AT 9.30 AM. If you would like to join us as we enjoy morning tea, prayer, and fellowship, YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.



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SERVICE of INDUCTION FOR OUR NEW MINISTER

The Service of Induction for Reverend Dr. Je Cheol Cook as our Minister of the Word at Elanora and Currumbin Valley Uniting Churches will be held at **2:00 PM on Saturday 10th May at the Elanora Uniting Church.**

The Presbytery of South Moreton will conduct the service, and all members and friends of Elanora Currumbin Valley Church, are invited to attend this special occasion, as we welcome Reverend Dr. Je Cheol Cook, his wife Yun Young and their children Ji Hoon and Ka Hee into our church community.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible, to show support and extend a warm welcome to them on this significant occasion in the life of our church.

Please keep the family in your prayers as they begin this new chapter with us.





One Easter, a father was teaching his son to drive when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped onto the road. Slamming on the brakes, the son said, "I nearly ruined my Easter. I almost ran over the Easter Bunny"! His father replied, "It's okay son...you missed it by a hare."

Pray for Someone Today....

Dear Lord, we lift up our community, asking for Your grace to fill our homes, neighbourhoods, and hearts. Where there is struggle, bring peace; where there is need, provide abundantly; where there is division, unite us in love.

We think of those within our Church family. We especially lift up Jim Kirk, John Luxton, Thea Wren, Glenda Smart, and Val Sanford as we pray for Peace, Healing and Comfort for them this Easter.

Help us reflect Christ's light in all we do, shining with the hope and mercy You give. Amen.





Congratulations

Jim and Bev Kirk on you recent 59th Wedding Anniversary! We celebrate with you and pray that you will have many more happy years together.

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Matthew 28:6

Easter reminds us that hope is never lost. Even in the darkest tomb, life can rise again. May this Easter for you and your loved ones be filled with the light of that promise.



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