

# **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

Luke 24: 36

— 49 <sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

# This Week. Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

# What's News

#### Minister's Leave

Gary will be on leave from Wednesday 12th to 26th of April. If

any particular needs arise please contact a member of Church Council. Gary

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This Easter we continue to live in a world of uncertainty and turmoil: natural disasters, environmental destruction, conflicts and discrimination threaten and undermine us.

Amidst the uncertainty, we experience glimmers of hope and moments of unexpected good news, often witnessing small actions which make a surprising difference

The good news of Easter is that joy can overcome fear, life is stronger than death, love is greater than hate, grace covers judgement, and that the sufferings of this life are transient and do not represent the final reality. While fear and joy, despair and hope, doubt and faith are all a part of our world and our lives, the Easter message is that ultimately joy, hope and faith will prevail. The light will shine in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out.

May you know the unexpected, good news that Christ brings, at Easter, and always.

Bronte Wilson Moderator



#### **Adult Fellowship**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **12th APRIL AT 1.30pm** in the Church hall.

Our guest speaker is Mrs Rae Campbell, who through her work with Koala and other fauna rescue, has earned her the title of "the Koala Lady".

Rae has received many State and national awards over many years for her conservation and environmental work and has also worked with disabled children in Cambodia and in Myanmar with elephants needing to be rescued.

Rae will have many interesting stories to tell and we extend a Welcome to Visitors or any new members to join us.

Yellow group will be on duty. Chris

# This week we pray:

For a blessed, joyous and peaceful Easter as we celebrate the miracle of the resurrection of Christ.

For those struggling this Easter, through homelessness, family conflict, and loneliness. May they find comfort and solace in Christ.

For peace and justice in our world as we reflect on the passing of Palm Sunday, particularly for refugees.

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: 9 April 2023: Act 10: 34 - 43; Ps 114;

1 Cor 5: 6b - 8; Lk 24: 13 - 49.

Reminder for Stewards: 16 April 2023 Dave Rickard Richard Lane

### Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor. **Fire exits** are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

#### Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au by 5pm on Wednesdays. If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

# Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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