

EASTER 2023
LUKE 23:44-56
LUKE 24:1-12
HOWARD BENNETT

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

Prayer & Reflection Service (Tenebrae) <i>Communion will be celebrated</i>	6/4 8PM
Good Friday Combined Service <i>Communion will be celebrated</i>	7/4 10AM
Easter Sunday Combined Service	9/4 10AM
Kids & Youth Families BBQ & Picnic (All welcome)	9/4 11:30AM
Zoom Prayer Meeting 7:30-8am	13/4
Monthly Prayer Meeting at CBC	16/4 3PM

English Service in-person & livestreamed at 10am:
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

For many people, the Easter weekend is a great time to go away and have a long weekend, enjoy time with family and friends, attend the Royal Easter Show and eat hot cross buns and Easter Eggs. All these things are a wonderful use of time but for those of us who are Christians, these events are enjoyed against the background of something far more significant.

It is fascinating in the secular world in which we live, when Christianity has such a tarnished reputation and receives such intolerance and at times abuse, that the media will always have a special focus on the church services conducted on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, will comment on the crowds attending services and have voice grabs of messages preached or interview church leaders about the meaning of Easter.

There is something about the Easter message that resonates with people of faith, people of a jaded faith or even people without a faith. I wonder if it is because millions of people across the world will unite together to acknowledge the reality of the foundation upon which the Christian faith is built and if that is the case, is there a fascination and curiosity to find out why so many people are united on this weekend. There are many things Christians disagree on but the message of Easter is not one of them and so it provides a wonderful witness for us all to share with family, friends and neighbours just what this message means to us. And what is that message?

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ dies for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

On Thursday night we will spend time reflecting on the events leading up to the death of Jesus, on Good Friday we will remember once again that Jesus, the Son of God, died in our place but on Easter Sunday we will celebrate together that Jesus rose from the dead as He promised.

*Christ is risen: He is risen indeed.
The King of glory is among us: He entered the gates of our humanity.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of the stable and the cross, He is the King of glory!
Christ has died for us, Christ is risen for us, Christ intercedes for us.
What then shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Nothing!
Nothing today or tomorrow, nothing in life or death,
shall separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Hear the Gospel:
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* (Bruce Prewer 'Australian Prayers')

Mission Spot - MAF - 50 years in Arnhem Land

MAF is the only air service with permanent access to the region, which is strictly controlled to protect the traditional indigenous communities. They have earned their trust and respect and have been adopted into the traditional kinship system. They support initiatives to produce locally grown food, presenting a healthy alternative to the longer-lasting processed products, which many Yolngu depend on because of limited access to fresh produce. The epidemic of type-2 diabetes, which has claimed so many lives, is being managed and communities are receiving education about basic healthcare and sustainability.

MAF staff in Arnhem Land regularly lead evangelistic outreach and support Bible translation work. Unpaved roads and long distances between the communities make road travel a dangerous, time consuming and arduous task. During the wet season these roads flood and are impassable for months at a time. It's not just about food, water, and a safe place to live, but about health and education and transformation of communities & seeing them thrive. It's about taking Jesus love into those places.

Karen Read—Mission's Team Leader



Ministry team

Senior Pastor: Howard Bennett
Korean Pastor: David Choi
Mandarin Pastor—Interim: Arthur Chan
Children's Ministry Worker: Emma Ridley
Youth & Young Adults Worker-Interim: David Chang

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Church News

APRIL PRAYER THEME - *Serving in our community*



Wherever we look in our community we can see so many needs. At Easter time we can reflect on how Christ was willing to sacrifice all for each of us. We can be praying that God can reveal to us areas where we can serve for Him and to do so willingly and sacrificially. Matthew 25: 35-40 highlights the importance of being responsive to needs and being willing to serve. As verse 40 says 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' In our prayers this week we can be asking for God's spirit to enable us to serve for Him in our community, and also be praying for humility and grace as well as having the servant like attitude of Christ when we are responding to the needs that He reveals to us in our community.

Please join us for our : **WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING** **Thursday 13th April 7:30-8am**

Please plan to join from your home and pray with us.
Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83062841084>
Meeting ID: 83062841084
For further details, please contact Sylvia Collinson

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER MEETING **Sunday 16th April - 3pm at CBC**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

3pm—Good Friday 7th April

Epping Baptist Church

Cnr Ray & Carlingford Rds, Epping
Adults/Seniors \$20, Pensioners \$15
Children under 18 free
Proceeds to BaptistCare HopeStreet



CBC Offerings: Direct Deposit: Account held with Baptist Financial Services

Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church
BSB : 704-922,A/C No: 100016526 or
Giveaway Link: Go to <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveaway.org.au/general-offerings>



KIDS & YOUTH FAMILIES PICNIC

Easter Sunday 9th April 11:30am

West Epping Park

Dent Street, Epping
BYO Picnic Rug/Chairs & a salad or dessert to share
RSVP Emma Ridley or David Chang
(hosted by our Kids & Youth Ministries. All Welcome!)



Open Invitation to all...

Steve Tibbs (a previous CBC member from 2004-2016) has recently been diagnosed with a non-operable brain cancer. Therefore, he is **planning a birthday party to catch-up with as many people as possible that may know the Tibbs family..**

He would love for as many CBC people to attend as possible. Details are:

Saturday 20th May, 3-5:30pm
Thornleigh Community Baptist Church
15 Duffy Ave, Thornleigh

(Live entertainment. Great food. Speeches to enjoy.

Special presentations. Short sermon.

Children looked after & welcomed.)

Dress code: casual

RSVP deadline 6th May—

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Crossover is a national Baptist ministry that creates and curates resources to help Australian Baptists share Jesus with their friends and neighbourhoods. It runs entirely on the donations of people like us - so let's support generously as we're able. **We'll be collecting an offering at the Good Friday service**, or you can give directly at crossover.org.au or you can scan the QR code to make a donation. If you're giving online, please indicate you are from Carlingford Baptist. A giving form is also available from the foyer.

CBC Roster

	7th April 2023 Good Friday	9th April 2023 Easter Sunday	16th April 2023
Welcomers	Footprint Bible Study	Sylvia Collinson & her friend Mary	Lindsay & Roslyn Casey
Prayer	Margy Ridley	Jason Xiao	Dianne Copelin
Bible Reading	Rachael Tan	Wendy Hatton	George Gourlay
Offering Count	George Gourlay/ Peter Jones	Carol Hu/David Tan	Lindsay Casey/ Ken McGill
Livestream	Don Hunt	Tim Ridley	TBC
Sound	Brendan Ridley	David Chang	TBC
AV	Melody Wong	Betty Moore	TBC
Morning tea	Footprint Bible Study	Amy Li & Connie Liu	George & Deanne Cini
Grounds		12/4 Donald Hunt/ Lindsay Casey	

Church Family Prayer

Lucy Chua,
George & Deanne Cini,
Sylvia Collinson

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