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## Parish Council

Berys Nixon, Rob Colombo, Peggy Marriner (Secretary),  
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## Child-Safety Commitment

St John's Healesville & St Paul's Yarra Glen Anglican Church is committed to the welcome, safety, and value of the children under our care and has zero tolerance for child or domestic abuse.

Our family-safety officer is Claire Bennett.

For further information please see the Anglican Church Child-Safe Policy available from the information board.

## Giving to St John's & St Paul's

Please give generously to the Mission and Ministry of our church:

Account Name: St John's Anglican Church  
BSB: 063 689      Account Number: 1006 5060

*'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

# Welcome to Yarra Valley Anglican Church

St John's Healesville      &      St Paul's Yarra Glen



## Church News, April 2021

*9:30am Every Sunday at St John's Healesville  
Followed by Morning Tea*

*11:00am 1st Sunday of the Month at St Paul's Yarra Glen  
Followed by Church Lunch*

# CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

## Welcome to All Visitors and Newcomers

We are so glad you could be part of our worship service and hope you are encouraged by our church family. Please join us after the service for morning tea and fill out a Welcome Card. We'd love to hear from you and get to know you more.

All followers of Jesus are welcome to partake in Communion (the Lord's Supper). We have gluten free wafers available upon request, and provide both wine and grape juice in the small cups. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

## Coming-up in April

Ladies Guild: April 1st: 10:30am @ St John's  
 Coffee & Chat: April 8th: 10:00am @ Freedom Cafe Healesville  
 April 20th: 10:00am @ Yarra Flats Bakery Yarra Glen  
 Man Flu Guild: April 28th: 7:30pm @ Healesville Hotel

## Bible Studies

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 2:00pm led by Berys Nixon  
 Healesville: Thursdays at 7:30pm led by David Green  
*(Please contact leaders if you are interested in joining a group)*

## Church Prayer

For any prayer requests or to receive the church prayer emails, please contact Matt. You are also welcome to pray with us:

Morning Prayer Wednesdays 9:00am on Zoom  
 Evening Prayer Wednesdays 8:00pm on Zoom  
 Zoom ID - 5962662000  
 Password - 123

## Missed a Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday, or would like to revisit one of our sermons, audio recordings are available from the church website. You can also request sermon notes from Pastor Matt.  
<https://stjohnshealesville.org.au/sermon/>

## Rosters - Blessed to Serve

### April 4th

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>I Want to See!</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Ezekiel 37:1-10 NT: Mark 10:46-52
<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Reader</b>	David G
<b>Prayers</b>	Sam
<b>Data</b>	James
<b>Welcome</b>	Val, Norma, Emily A
<b>M' Tea</b>	Maree & Rob
<b>Counter</b>	Simon & Berys
<b>Cleaner</b>	Maree & Rob
<b>Flowers</b>	Norma

### April 11th

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Set Apart by God</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Ezekiel 3:1-9 NT: Acts 13:1-12
<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Reader</b>	David G
<b>Prayers</b>	David G
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Welcome</b>	Peggy, Brenda, Rob
<b>M' Tea</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Counter</b>	Peggy & Sheila
<b>Cleaner</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Flowers</b>	Trish

### April 18th

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>God's Word Spreads</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Ezekiel 37:7-11 NT: Acts 13:13-52
<b>Reader</b>	Emily A
<b>Prayers</b>	Barry
<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Welcome</b>	Jan, Cheryl, Doug
<b>M' Tea</b>	Norma, Margaret
<b>Counter</b>	Jan, Rob
<b>Cleaner</b>	Sam, Simon
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret

### April 25th

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>God's Word Divides</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Ezekiel 14:1-6 NT: Acts 14:1-20
<b>Reader</b>	Wendy
<b>Prayers</b>	Claire
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Welcome</b>	Norma, Claire
<b>M' Tea</b>	Jan, Gracie
<b>Counter</b>	Norma, Val
<b>Cleaner</b>	Jan, Gracie
<b>Flowers</b>	Val

## **Prayers of the Week**

**April 4th (Easter):** Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**April 11th:** Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**April 18th:** Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**April 25th (Anzac Day):** O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Church Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers: Narelle Allison & girls; Roy Andrews; Emma Barnes; Naomi & Peter Hall; Dorothy Hort; Ern Johnson; Marlene Milley; Stan & Iris Sewell; Suse Timmins; Barry & Trish Twist.

## **Good Friday Offering**

This Easter, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund is inviting churches and individuals to join them in praying and supporting our brothers and sisters in need in different parts of the world.

The ARDF is partnering with a tiny Anglican Diocese on the Myanmar/Thai border to provide support for Karen Christians. Our Good Friday offerings will directly support two projects:

(1) equipment and training in modern agricultural techniques to a poor village of 135 households to increase their skills and food supplies, and to generate income.

(2) a multi-purpose dining hall at a small church which ministers to displaced people living in camps near the border. A small kitchen has already been built. Those in the camps suffer overcrowding, malnutrition and poor health.

The majority of the hard-working Karen people in these areas are Christians who have suffered attacks from the army and severe deprivation over many years. With the current military coup, life has become even more difficult. Travel across the border to find work has been stopped by Covid. Communication is restricted and meagre resources are stretched further.

The bishop in the area has been one of ARDF's global trustees from the day it started and has personally written to our church to thank us for our support. Please pray and give generously to these ongoing needs. Tax deductible donations can be made directly at their website: <https://ardfa.org.au/ardfa/posts/easter-2021>



**Anglican Relief and  
Development Fund  
Australia**

### **April Sermon Series: Acts 13-15 Paul's First Missionary Journey**

Acts 13:2-5 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit... proclaimed the Word of God.

### **The Alpha Course**

Alpha is a course where conversations about faith, life and God can be enjoyed in a friendly and open environment. Do you or someone you know want to grow in your relationship with God and your understanding of the Christian faith? Alpha will be perfect! If you would like to participate in our next course, please contact Matt or see the church website for further information.



<https://stjohnshealesville.org.au/alpha/>

### **BCA Annual Meeting & Dinner - Saturday 1st May**



Our Mission Partner, Bush Church Aid, will host Bishop Richard Condie from Tasmania along with new Victorian Field Staff at BCA Victoria's Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Saturday 1st May from 5.30pm. \$45pp at RAFT Anglican Church in Rowville. Register by 26 April at [bushchurchaid.com.au/vicagm](http://bushchurchaid.com.au/vicagm) or 0414 382 621.

### **Celebrating 150 Years of God's Faithfulness To Us**

On the 24th of October this year we celebrate 150 years of God faithfully building this church. In preparation for this milestone, the Parish Council has set up a planning team to organise the celebrations. If you would like to be part of this team, or if you have ideas or are available to help in others ways, please speak to Rob Colombo who will chair our 150th Anniversary Committee.

### **Coffee With Pastor Matt**

The other morning I went to a local Healesville cafe (which some would say I do far too often!) and bumped into a church member. This member took the opportunity to ask why I use the title 'pastor' and not other titles like 'vicar', 'reverend' or 'priest.' I appreciated the question. The reason is I prefer the image of a pastor, the image of a shepherd guarding God's flock. Jesus is the Chief Shepherd of the flock, and I am an under-shepherd:



1 Peter 5:1-4 *To the elders among you...*

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them... And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

I share this story in part because it was a joy bumping into a church member at a local cafe and talking about things of faith and the Bible. I would love this to happen more often (and not just because I'm addicted to coffee). So if any of you would like to, you are welcome to join me for a coffee and chat:

April 8th: 10:00am @ Freedom Cafe Healesville

April 20th: 10:00am @ Yarra Flats Bakery Yarra Glen

I'm also happy to make other times to visit or meet-up with church members. Please don't hesitate to give me a call, text or email.

### **Staying Connected & United with Our Church**

For safety reasons, mountain climbers rope themselves together when climbing a mountain. That way, if one climber should slip and fall, he would not fall to his death. He would be held by the others until he could regain his footing. The church ought to be like that. When one member slips and falls, the others should hold him up until he regains his footing. We are all roped together by the Holy Spirit. May we make every effort to keep this unity of the Spirit!