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LENT AND EASTER IN OUR CHURCH

Lent and Easter are important times in the church as we prepare for the crucifixion of Jesus, a time of sorrow, but then celebrate the wonderful resurrection to eternal life.

For Lent our Bible study is taking place each Wednesday evening at the church at 7.00 pm using the book “God has a dream” by Desmond Tutu.

Palm Sunday will see the church decorated as usual with palm fronds.

Wednesday the church will be open for private prayer and meditation from 10.00 am –12.00 pm. This happens each week.

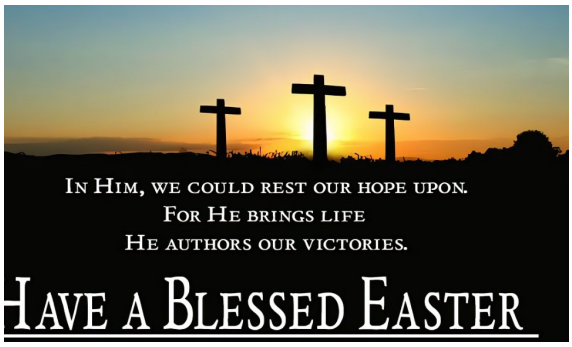
Maundy Thursday there will be a service at Portarlington for the Linked Congregations at 8.00 pm.

Good Friday—our service is at 10.00 am and followed by the ecumenical Walk of Witness. The walk starts outside Christian College at 10.45 am and finishes at our church with hot cross buns and cuppa.

Holy Saturday sees us running our Easter stall at the front of the church inviting the general public to come and buy as well as interact with the congregation.

Easter Day we return to normal service time of 10.30 am with members of the congregation invited to bring along flowers to decorate the wired cross. We also receive our new Pascal candle for the year. After the service the cross will be placed outside the front of the church for the rest of the day. This service will also include a baptism. Easter Day was traditionally the day in the church when baptisms were conducted.

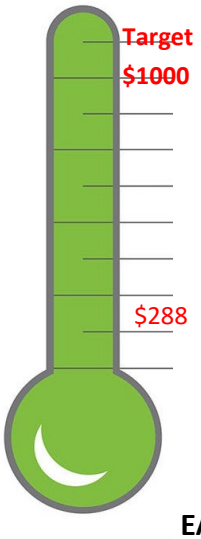
Throughout the period we will be displaying the paintings completed by Marg Macgillivray for us.



PANCAKE DINNER

What a fabulous dinner and fellowship we had. Church Council topped up the takings and sent off $1000 to Uniting. Here are some of the workers: Lynda Smith, Indi Colley, Archer Colley, Jenni Nickelson, and Piper Colley.

LOOSE CHANGE



The offering so far this year has been $288 which will go to Foundation 61's House of Hope. The house is being developed as a women's 8 bed residential rehab facility set on two acres on the outskirts of Geelong. The program is six months live in and offers a holistic program for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

This months' services

3 Mar —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
10 Mar —10.30 am Rev Karen
17 Mar —10.30 am Wayne's Team
24 Mar— 10.30 am Rev Karen
28 Mar—8.00 pm Maundy Thursday at Portarlington—Rev Karen
29 Mar—10.00 am Good Friday—Rev Karen
31 Mar—Easter Day - Rev Karen

EASTER STALL

Saturday 30 March 9.00 am—12.30 pm on the front forecourt selling crafts, cakes, slices, jams & preserves, plants. Any help with provision of goods or staffing the stalls will be appreciated.

ANNUAL PRILGRIMAGE

Saturday 23 March. The theme is "Pilgrimage of Opportunities". It starts at Drysdale Station at 9.30 am and finishes at Curlewis clifftop about 12.00 pm before moving to the church for lunch. The distance is about 4 km broken into five stages with a liturgy at each point. Please add your name to the list to attend. You can drive if you do not want to walk. The focus verse is "Colossians 4: 5b—Make the most of every opportunity."

INTERESTING FACT

On Wednesday 28 February 1784 John Wesley signed the deed of declaration forming the Wesleyan Church then renamed as the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Happy birthday!

MARCH
Roger Lascelles
Corinna George
Carolyn Leidle
Simon Underwood
Jean Cooper
Jason Cunningham

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
Mar 3	Marg & Dianne	Denise	Rhonda	Rhonda	Marie	Colleen	-	Jenni & Lynda
10	Belinda & Darren	Melva	Ian	Margaret	Margo	Ian	Brenda	
17	Margo & Marie	Lynda	Denise	Wayne's Team		Marg	Claire	
24	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Claire	Kelvin	Carol	Lynda	Denise	
31	Susan & Win		Lynda	Samantha	Val	Jonnie	Andrea	

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