

Lectionary Readings

5 April

Liturgy of Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or

Matthew 27:11-54

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

12 April

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

19 April

John 20:19-31

Acts 2:12a, 22-32

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

26 April

Luke 24:13-35

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23



Prayer Points

- * Renewal in our congregation
- * SRE teachers
- * Rev Tom, Kathy & Family
- * Our Children & Family Worker, Cathy
- * Our Church Council
- * The Steering Committee
- * Parents at Whitebridge Play Centre
- * Messy Church
- * Project Reconnect
- * Wilfreda's Orphanage Kenya
- * Watoto Child Care, Uganda
- * Victims of floods, bushfire, damage and droughts
- * Refugees on Nauru

- ◆ Catherine
- ◆ Shirley
- ◆ Nita
- ◆ The bereaved

* All those who are unwell

Prayer points maintained by Enid Power



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'Our Uniting church will always be a fellowship of reconciliation, living God's love, following Jesus Christ and acting for the common good to build a just and compassionate community'



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BSB: 634 634 Account No.: 100030837

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From Rev Tom:

While we are not able to physically gather for worship the Worship team are creating resources to support people continue worship in their homes. For this week the Worship Team will pre-record a worship service that people will be able to watch from the internet. For those who do not have facilities for this we will provide the same material in text format. We will either email or print and deliver those text resources (as best as we are able). This will be an entirely new experiment and we look forward to feedback on what worked the best, and what we need to develop.

It is likely that we will email and distribute the worship resources for people to use on Sunday Morning. We encourage everyone to maintain vigilance in prayer and worship despite the physical limitations that are presently placed on us all. We encourage you to maintain your fellowship and encouragement with one another even as you find alternative ways for that to be expressed.

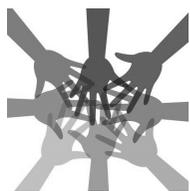
No doubt this time of physical isolation will highlight for us all the wonderful privilege it is to worship one with another. Let us not let our yearning for our spiritual community wane.

You can check the website: <https://www.chagsuca.org.au/> or our Page on Facebook

Please feel free to contact any of the church leaders, or Tom (0427625502 / 49430222 / tom@thestuarts.id.au) about particular issues or just to chat.

We pray you well and in good spirits at this time!

Blessings from Tom



Directory Update

It is time for our two yearly update to the Congregations Directory - and list of activities and office holder/ meeting purpose/ details etc.

If you are happy with you existing entry in the directory - you need do nothing.

If you wish to make any changes or make a new entry please complete one of the blue change request forms and give it to Sue Pepper or Paul Russell or leave it with the steward.

Please make sure you put exactly what you want - addresses may be abbreviated to fit in.

We take privacy seriously - so we only put what you want - please make sure you sign opposite your name.

Any suggestions for the Cover illustration are welcome.

Any question? Ask Paul Russell or ring 0411 236 047



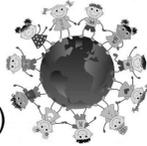
Children & Family Worker's Update

We are living in a very different world than we are used to, so if it is hard for us to understand, imagine how hard it is for our children. Schools closing or if not closed very few children in class, for some this sounds like fun but many have a difficult time adjusting to changes & will find this incredibly hard to adjust to.

As with everything else our children's activities have been affected, Playcentre ceased after the 10th March the same week all SRE lessons were suspended, along with that, I had already sent out the registration forms for our Holiday Kids on the 22nd April & this week I have had to send another email saying this also is cancelled. I had been planning an All Age Worship service for Mother's Day, which was something to take the place of Messy Church, another family activity had to be cancelled. With all this in mind I have tried to communicate to our families that we may not be meeting but we are still here for them, however we can help, whether it be prayer support or a chat or a helping hand, I am here for our families.

Laraine Chegwiddden & I are putting together an Easter pack for Playcentre families which will include

- A craft item for them to make together
- Easter puzzles & colouring / stickers
- A small pack of homemade playdough (with recipe attached)
- A few chocolate Easter eggs
- A simple colourful Memory Verse card
- A note letting families know we are praying for their safety & wellbeing & contact details if they need any support.



I will deliver these to their letterboxes.

I hope to do similar for our regular Holiday Kids children, if that is possible depending on our restrictions

I have emailed our Messy Church families letting them know we are here for them if they need & we are keeping them all in our prayers.

Please keep all our families in your prayers as we face this changing world but also remember I am here for you as well, please call anytime.

Cathy

I have been reading Celtic Devotions during Lent. The Celts saw the divine in every aspect of their lives. As we become more aware of the transitory nature of so much in our lives, and in the world, I pray that we continue to discover what the Celts deeply understood: everything is an encounter with the divine, the divine flows through me into the world, and I am loved and embraced by Christ in all circumstances.

Anne Threlfo



St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right, Christ at my left
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every ear that hears me

Our Offerings

This repeats information that was presented at the Combined Service last Sunday.

People give their offerings in various ways
36% of our income is received electronically either via Giving Debit or electronic funds transfer.
42% is given in envelopes and 22% is given loose at our church services each Sunday (a total of 62% on Sundays)

Our offerings are needed to keep our congregation alive - even when we are not meeting for worship.

Everyone's offering is important - as we only just meet our expenses (we have not been adding to our savings for many years.)

If you give by envelope or loose you are requested to consider giving electronically on a monthly basis or more frequently (see more below).

If you wish to continue giving by envelope or loose - once a month or shorter intervals please ring Cathy Beeton on 0409 445 933 and she will collect it.

If you are using cheques or other non cash methods they may be left in the letterbox at Charlestown Church (it has a padlock and a reinforced slot entry to make it more secure and will be checked regularly) or posted to UCA PO Box 449 Charlestown 2290.

Be sure to put a note with it saying it is for Offering (or our treasurer will not know what it has been sent for!)

Electronic Funds Transfer - please
Credit BSB 634 634
Account Number 100030837
Name Charlestown Congregation General Account with
Uniting Financial services (UFS). Please put for Reference "Offering" (and your surname if you want) so that our treasurer knows what the money is for.

The Direct Debit (Giving Direct) option provides more anonymity. You will need to complete a Direct Debit request form and UFS will debit your account at your nominated frequency and send it in bulk to our Congregation. Complete the form and post it to the address shown (they will not accept fax or scan/email). In Step 4 - put for Charlestown centre Investment No 1000 31743 Investment Name Charlestown Congregation - S26 and for Garden Suburb centre Investment No 1000 36114 Investment Name - Charlestown Garden Suburb. Just complete and send another form to alter or stop your deductions.

Any Questions or if you want a direct debit form - Please contact Paul Russell on 0411 236 047 or Robert White on 4943 2096.

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