



**10th March 2024 Rev Sandra Warner**

**Welcome**

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

**Prayer**

**Notices**

**Offering/Dedication**

**Children's Time**

Wide, Wide as the ocean

**Prayers for Others**

**Bible Reading** Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-17

Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire

**Sermon** Look up

Just as I am

**Communion**

The Churches One Foundation

**Blessing**

**Benediction** May God's blessings surround you



There is prayer available at the front, after the service - Romy

Door: Alex and Romy

Pianist: Carla Hetherton

Organist:

Sound: Ken Camp

Sunday Security: Ian Burns

Reader: Janet Freeman

Intercessory Prayer: Ken Camp

Night Security: Neville Wilson



## THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace

Wednesday 10.00 am O Team

1.30 pm Lent Study with Romy in crèche

2.00 pm Home group Neville and Glynnis

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in crèche

Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche

10.00 am Cuppa & Chat

Sunday 9.15 am Prayers

Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Sat 10.00am-1.00pm

**Prayer Chain** : We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis Wilson (576 4814) or the office.

### **Holy Communion.**

After much thought and prayer, Session has agreed that we have Holy Communion monthly, on the third Sunday of each month, commencing on Sunday 19th May 2024. The reason for having it on the third Sunday is so that it is not on the Sunday immediately following the monthly Wednesday Communion Service.

Holy Communion is a very special part of the Christian Church, and we have had a number of our parishioners asking for more regular services.

### **Roster for 17th March**

Elder on Duty : Janet Freeman and Elizabeth

Hockly

Musicians: Joy and John

Others: Jennifer Day

Bible Reading: Erin Stubbs

Sound: Ken Camp

Door: Alex Kiddie and Romy Morgenrood

Security: Janet Freeman

Night Watchman - Neville Wilson

Prayer at front duty - Maslin

Morning Tea: 17/24th Ruth, Josie, Sally

*If you can't do your duty, please let the office know. Thank you.*

**Love Gifts for Cherrywood**

**We are now collecting little foil wrapped easter eggs for our love gifts.**

**Deadline is 25th March**

**Please leave in admin office in box**

**Thank you**

## St Columba Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 28th Service 7pm

Good Friday Service 9.30am

Sunday 31st Beach Service 7am bring  
a chair

Celebration Sunday 9.30am



## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

Please consider leaving St Columba a gift in your will so as to enable us to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and all His benefits.

## Look Up!

The Hebrew people had been liberated from bondage in Egypt and were on their way to the promised land. God, through many wondrous acts, had delivered them from slavery.

But, as we see in our reading today, this generation began to complain and moan about their situation.

This annoys the Lord and He sends snakes to punish them.

Then, through Moses' intercession for them, God decides that if they get bitten, they can look up at the bronze serpent displayed on the pole, and in so doing, be saved.

Fast forward a good many years and we read that in John's gospel Jesus refers to this incident too.

He does this in the context of talking with Nicodemus about what it means to be born again - and then in doing so, expands this reference to include his sacrificial death in due course.

So, just like the early Hebrews had to look up to the snake on the pole to be saved from the effects of being bitten, so we too need to look to Jesus, to be saved from the effects on sins bite on us.

As we come to celebrate communion we remember and give thanks for what Jesus has done for us. If it wasn't for him, we would have no hope at all.

So, today on this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent we are reminded that:

***Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14***



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