



ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH

Newsletter

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PALM SUNDAY



This year, Palm Sunday falls on Sunday 24th March as the Easter Calendar is in March, towards the end of the month.

Such elegant trees, the Palm; and it is growing in abundance and lush colour in the Holy Land region with its warm Mediterranean climate. No wonder the inhabitants in the region really like it so much. Tall and grand and with lush green fronds. These trees provide some shelter from the sun (if they are not too tall) and will survive and grow in semi-arid lands. They require very little attention to maintain them

and with their strong tree trunks, can be useful to hang linen or canvas woven covers from one tree to another, providing even more safe shade and coverage from the hot sun. When the fronds – their big leaves – dry out and drop to the ground, they can be dried and used for fires to cook on.

Palm Sunday recalls the story in Christian Scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. It is a reminder for Christians to welcome Jesus into their hearts and to be willing to follow him.

What does Palm Sunday symbolize?

On this Sunday, way over 2024 years ago, Jesus and his disciples were making their way towards Jerusalem.

In the Holy Bible, Mark Ch.11 from v.2, it tells when Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead of him. "Go into the village opposite; and you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

3 And if anyone says to you 'Why are you doing this?' say 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here.

Then read onto v.7

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

Those grand Palm tree leaves were laid upon the sandy dry soil, making for a smooth ride for the Lord. This was a tradition usually used exclusively for Kings.

This is Palm Sunday for us today.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, complete: Palm and Passion Sunday. Traditionally, Palm Sunday commemorates the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem described in all four canonical gospels. As well as the days in Holy Week, there is a particular day known as Maundy Thursday. In the UK – from where many of us probably come from, as well as other countries too – it was celebrated as a tradition, with Queen Elizabeth II giving out little pouches of money to peoples, after the Church service on that day. Needless to say, Security was with her, as were the Courtiers carrying the tray of pouches. As a child in the UK, I was quite fascinated with this tradition, as it was on our TV news.

Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday) commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Holy Supper or Holy Communion. This Supper with Jesus and his Disciples, Jesus washed the feet of each one of them. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection. Events of the Last Supper play varying roles in commemoration of this special time. Immediately following this great time of celebration over the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, that was when on Good Friday he appeared before Pontius Pilate and was tried for whatever charge that was decided.

That day Jesus begins his journey to the cross and was Crucified. Jesus died for us all to enable the cleansing of mankind. There was a multitude of people who descended at the Cross to offer their prayers to Him.

The Easter history, of which we all know, was when Jesus, upon death, was placed in a tomb and a huge stone placed across the entrance. As we all know, when his close followers went to pay homage to Him, the stone had moved away and upon entering the tomb, Angels appeared saying that He was not there. On the Third day, which is our Easter Sunday, it was Jesus Resurrection. He had ascended into Heaven; and appeared to a few of his very close ones.

At this Easter 2024, please remember even though we always celebrate plenty, it is not just about yummy chocolate, BBQ's and cakes. There is a wonderful reason why we celebrate; that Jesus died to save us all. May God Bless you all this Easter.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Something Special, will be held on 24th March at 12.00pm, after the Palm Sunday service.

This will be: -

Fred Welling's Special 90th Birthday celebration, which will be held in the Church Hall. Family and friends of the Wellings will be arriving too. Liz is organising the Chocolate cake and others will be bringing food to share. We will be heating up frozen sausage rolls and quiches in the kitchen, plus anything else that anyone can bring, needing cooking/heating.

We are so looking forward to celebrating this special Milestone Birthday.

(albeit that Fred's actual birthday is the day before on the 23rd, our celebration will be 24th March.

Fred has been home again now for a while, after a longer than normal time in hospital after some recent surgery, with Liz spending visiting every day. This is often something wearying for her.

To have Fred with us again, with his words of wisdom and participation is long overdue, and Liz of course, being the driver and transporting his sturdy walker in and out of the car.

Our hats go off to them both.



With more joyful tidings, There will be a Marriage, now booked for 6th April 2024. It will be a small family Wedding for the couple. The required forms have been signed and witnessed with me this afternoon. The Bride-to-be, has been suffering from a diagnosed health condition, since their engagement party and is currently absent from the office for a while, giving the medication time to work well. Therefore, their wedding funds have been quite reduced.

But they would like to have their Marriage take place, as the Bride's Grandparents are becoming quite frail.

This has now been discussed and the very chic restaurant they have been in touch with, will be confirmed and booked. It is a hills location, nearer to where their Grandparents reside.

It will be a pleasure to Marry this couple, especially as they have been known to me for some time through family. We were at their engagement party and met the bride's family

Glenda, another one of our members, is currently undertaking two months training in a new area of her employment. We hope her training will allow her to share Easter time with us and other celebrations. Sometimes her 'new' area of work, involves shift days at odd times.

Best wishes for good success to Glenda to make it work well for her.

Michael Delbridge, due to a muddle-up with his medications, has very recently had a week in hospital, due to a collapse at home. He was admitted to Modbury Hospital via Ambulance and is now very happy to be back home. Michael is now wiser about when to take his medication, adhering to the Doctors and Specialists advice at the hospital.

Heather Wade lives in a unit on the other side of the road to where Michael resides and that really has been very useful. If Michael has phoned Heather for assistance, Heather has kindly made her way over to help. It is wonderful to know that people are taking care of one another.

Friendships can face difficulties, setbacks, and even dissolution, but Easter teaches us never to give up faith and to keep going forward. It tells us that alliances can surmount hardship and re-establish and that perseverance and optimism are necessary for healthy and long-lasting friendships.

The holiday of Easter is a time of joy for Christians all over the world as they assemble to celebrate Jesus' return. Similarly, partnerships should be honoured.

Easter teaches us to enjoy the joys of friendship, honour unique moments, and be grateful for the companions we have in our lives.

It tells us to show our love, care, and gratitude for our friends, plan festivities, and build memories together.

Easter shows us the value of loyalty in partnerships as well. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' closest companions, betrayed him but stayed loyal to his followers and purpose. True friendships are based on loyalty and confidence, as Easter tells us.

Friends should be there for each other in times of happiness and sadness, support each other in times of difficulty, and uphold their duties. Loyalty entails being trustworthy and dependable and sticking up for others in need.



It is now with sadness, and a heavy heart, to relay the news that Joy Chettle, a longstanding member of our Church has now passed on.

Joy Violet Chettle passed away peacefully on Friday 23rd February 2024 in the morning at Hamley Bridge Nursing Home.

Joy had spent the last 2 years in Hamley Bridge Nursing Home, due to a really bad fall at home that necessitated being transferred to there from her home.

She had been living with her daughter Julie at Hamley Bridge for quite some years until this very bad fall, and Julie had been looking after her Mum and taking care of her.

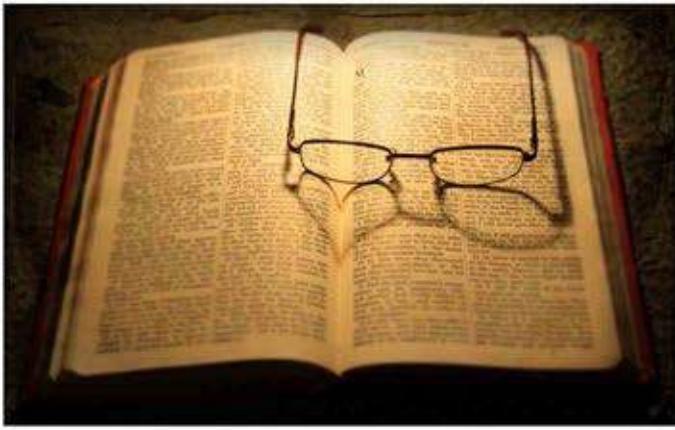
Joy would have been 97yrs on 23rd March. Naturally, Joy's son, Andrew, is also grieving his Mum's passing, as well as Julie and Jason (Julie's husband).

Joy has 2 Grand-daughters, along with Great Grandchildren and their families.

Myself and White Lady Funerals were working together for Joy's Funeral Service and Burial which was held on Wednesday 6th March, with a Service in White Lady's Chapel at 2.00pm, then the Interment at 4.00pm in Centennial Park, alongside her husband, in the space they chose as their final resting place some years ago.

If anyone would like to share condolences with the family, please send them care of the Church at P.O.Box 469, Park Holme SA 5403 and Julie will be phoned to let her know and they will be posted directly to her at home.





ADELAIDE CHURCH MOTTO

“The law of the Lord is Perfect”

This motto was created at the time the New Church began here in Adelaide in 1844.
As relevant today as it was then.

CHURCH SERVICES DATES

Sunday 10th March 10.30am: Traditional – Broadcast from Rev. David Moffat, Melbourne.

Sunday 24th March 10.30am: Palm Sunday Service Extra Special after, from 12.00pm.
Friday

29th March 10.30am: Good Friday Service

Sunday 31st March 10.30am: Easter Sunday Service. Shared Luncheon and Hot Cross Buns (unless we have eaten them all up after Good Friday service), but we can have more.

Sunday 14th April 10.30am: Musical Traditional Service

Sunday 28th April 10.30am: Traditional Service, shared luncheon.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

“The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasures, the heavens the rain unto thy land in his season, and to less all the work of thine hand.”

Deuteronomy 28:12

All blessings come from the Lord, none from us. He opens to us His good treasures, and out of heavens falls the rains. In the natural world it is natural rain, but into the land of our minds, it is spiritual rain, which is truth. The truth of His love. It comes in the changing seasons of experience to enliven all our activities by cleansing and refreshing. His doctrine falls from heaven as rain, and it aways comes to bless the work of our hands.

Prayer

Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to Thy Word.

Amen

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

On Thursday mornings at 10.30am – 12.00pm, we will be reading and discussing from “Divine Love and Wisdom”. This can also be shared via Zoom
– details will be given.

It is being considered to maybe change this timeslot to Wednesday afternoons.

“Back to Basics Bible Study” via Zoom from Rev. David Moffat is every fortnight. The book of Ezekiel” is about to be on the last 2 Chapters; and the next book of the Bible, continuing, will be “Daniel” starting next fortnight, on Monday 18th March.

Please phone for details.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

If you have any news, articles, poems or submissions we would love to hear from you.

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