

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

These are the words of the angel at Jesus’ tomb to the women who came to prepare him for burial. No-one expected to find an empty tomb. Not the women, not the disciples, not me. When I first heard these accounts of Jesus’ life as an adult my first response was disbelief. Billions of people in this world have died and stayed dead.

The reason I am here today, declaring to you that this incredible story is real – is because I believe it. I am firmly convinced that Jesus Christ really died, really rose back to life again, and is still alive today. So how can you be sure?

Consider Peter’s response to the report of the empty tomb:

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. (Luke 24:12 NIV)

Peter ran to the tomb to investigate.

It wasn’t because he believed the women. It sounded like nonsense, but if they were right the implications were enormous. At that point he couldn’t piece it all together, but at least he checked it out. And that’s what I want to help you do this Easter.

The good news of Easter is that Jesus died for our sins and has been raised to life again. He took the penalty we could not pay. And Jesus’ promise is that one day we too will be raised with a new body. And our eternity depends on getting Jesus right.

So thank you for joining us today and I wish you a happy Easter for every day of the rest of eternity through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Jim Douglass

SMBC Children’s Ministry Conference

The SMBC Children’s Ministry Conference is for anyone with an interest in children’s ministry. The topic this year is *‘Hope: Certain hope for kids living in an uncertain world’*.

Saturday 4 May
9.00am - 3.40pm

at SMBC Croydon Campus
43 Badminton Road, Croydon OR

Roberts-Dale Campus
140 Croydon Ave, Croydon Park

Tickets: Standard: \$74 | Late Comer: \$84

Some sessions are now sold out. You can still register online at www.smbc.edu.au/events

Training Week – Term 2

Our Growth Groups delay starting up each term so we can begin with a training week. Term 2 training is:

Monday 29 April

Pupil Free Day Planning Meeting
2-3.30pm in the main church building

Monday 29 April

Growth Group Leaders - Minor Prophets
7.30pm in the main church building

Tuesday 30 April

9.30am Music Team
7pm in the main church building

Wednesday 1 May

‘Giving a Youth / Kids Talk’
7.30pm in the main church building

Please speak to Jim (0417 042 493) or contact the office if you have any questions or queries.

An Invitation to Lunch

If you are new to our church, new to the area, or would just like to share lunch with others from church, you are welcome on

Sunday 5 May | 12.30pm
at Jim & Vanessa’s home
24 Moreton Bay Ave, Spring Farm

Please RSVP to Jim (0417 042 493) or Vanessa (0410 016 607) with any dietary requirements.

Build your house on the rock

Dates to Remember

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| Apr 29 | PFAD Planning Meeting |
| | Growth Group Leaders Training |
| Apr 30 | 9.30am Music Team Training |
| May 1 | ‘Giving a Youth / Kids Talk ‘ Training |
| May 3 | Kids Club Resumes Term 2 |
| May3-5 | KYCK Youth Conference |
| May 4 | GAFCON in Sydney |
| | SMBC Children’s Ministry Conference |
| May 5 | Newcomers Lunch |
| May 10 | Youth Group Resumes Term 2 |

MINISTRY TEAM

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Office Hours

Monday 9am - 3pm
Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm
Friday 9am - 3pm

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WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Growth Groups

Various times - see church noticeboard for details

Playgroup Plus

Thursday 10am - 12pm

Narellan Kids' Club

(Years K - 5)
Friday 4:30 - 6pm

Narellan Youth

(Years 6 - 12)
Friday 7 - 9pm

Morning Prayer Group

Friday 6-6:45am

Prayer Chain

Wendy Philpott
prayer@narellananglican.org.au

PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, we come before you not trusting or relying on our own abilities or understanding, but on your almighty love, that you sent your Son to die in our place. As proof that death has no hold, you raised him to life as the first-born over-all creation. Thank you, God, for your love and compassion; help us to strive to be the people you want us to be, to reflect you in our thoughts, words and actions.

We bring before you Lord those who are lost, lonely, ill and disheartened. We pray that as we dwell on your mercy and grace that all of us may find contentment, peace, purpose and true healing through you, and you alone.

We ask that in the communities of the Macarthur region, people will feel drawn to Bible-believing churches and that over this Easter break that many will consider you and place their hope not in things of this world, but in your unfailing love.

We pray dear God, for missionaries who are serving you around the world, especially those who are known to us, that you will sustain them and use them to bring others to know you. We think of the French family serving you in Valencia, that they will be kept in good health and spirits; for Karen Laird working in Waterford, that she will continue to place her hope and confidence in you and reflect that to the people around her. We ask for safety for those working in hostile environments that they will be heartened to know that we are praying for them. We pray that your name and gospel message may continue to spread around the world.

We ask for our up-coming Federal election, that politicians will place the needs of the people over their own desires; that those who call you Lord will continue to do so and be strengthened against the pressures of this world and be lights on hills for you and your word; that whoever emerges to form government may prayerfully consider how best to serve you and this nation.

Help us dear Lord to be aware of those around us who may be struggling and in need. Enable us to take notice and support each other and not to be self-absorbed with our own wants and needs.

We pray for those on holiday at present that they may have a restful break and be renewed by your word and by a closer relationship with you. For those travelling, we pray that they may be kept safe; for those who are having difficult relationships, we ask that they may have patience and turn to you for wisdom.

Dear God, help us to reflect and meditate on your word and not to become complacent with the commercialisation of Easter but to think of you and your sacrifice afresh. Amen.



Easter Sunday 2019

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CHURCH

Welcome!

We meet together to hear God address us through his word, to be transformed by that word, to thank and praise God and to encourage one another as disciples of Jesus.

Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 2

Matthew 7:24-29

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SUNDAY
SERVICES

9³⁰
am

5
pm

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