

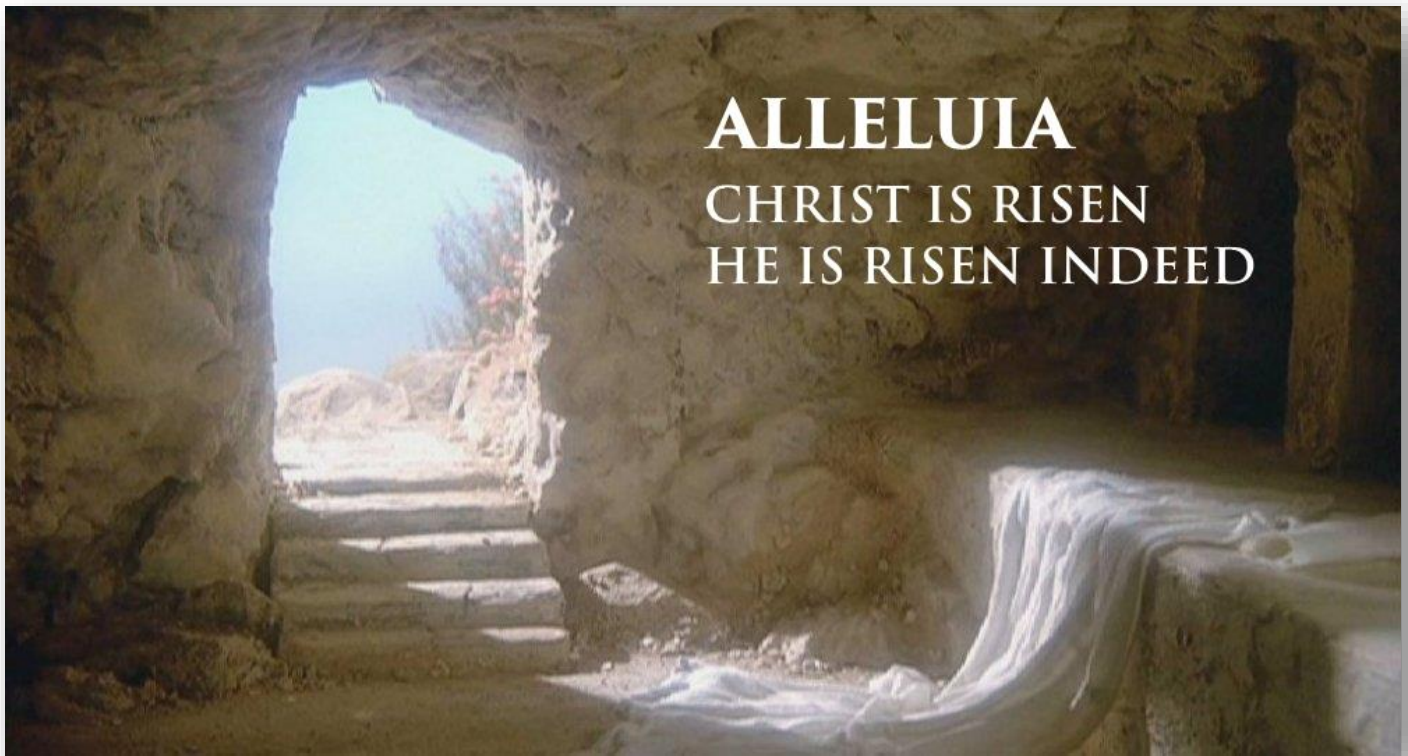
# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 12 April**

**The Glorious Mystery of Easter . . .**

**Easter Day**

*Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.*



*Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
A Service of Holy Communion  
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,  
via Zoom ‘on line’ or ‘phone-in’.*

**All are welcome!!**

***We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.***

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Opening Hymn: 'Alleluia, alleluia – MP 30**

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to His name.*

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the King of creation.  
*Alleluia, alleluia . . .*

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
*Alleluia, alleluia . . .*

3 We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live for ever.  
*Alleluia, alleluia . . .*

4 Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour:  
*Alleluia, alleluia . . .*

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## **Welcome**

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## The Sentence

‘This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.’  
(Luke 24.34; Psalm 118.24)

## The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we  
were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Silence for self-reflection*

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

For the times we forget you are alive,  
**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

For the times we forget to celebrate your love,  
**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

For the times we forget to tell our neighbour,  
**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

For the times we forget to live as you call us to live,  
**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

For the times we forget to open our lives to you,

**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

For the times we forget to open our lives for  
the sake of others,

**Risen Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

## **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him

on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 10.34-43*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn to the Risen Christ** – *We will say the Hymn together*

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.**

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

**See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

**For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;**

**For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Early Talk**

**The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.’ <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

*Matthew 28.1-10*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People.**

*Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.*

*Response:*

Risen God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayers.**

### **An Easter Prayer**

Dear Lord, may we realize afresh today what Your death and **resurrection** mean for us. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May we always find our satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to us. In Jesus' Name, **Amen**

### **We pray:-**

#### **For wisdom and calm during this time of Covid 19 Virus**

*(Based on prayer from Anglican Church of Sydney)*

Risen Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people.

We pray for all who have been infected by Covid 19. For healing and freedom from complications. Please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease.

For medical scientists and carers: for the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, for safety and strength for those who are caring for and treating the sick.

Please give to governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people your peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory.

Turn the hearts of many now experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which is the fruit of the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

\*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the spiritual ministry and pastoral care of the diocese during this strange and unfamiliar journey. For Leanne and their children.

For our Registrar, Richard Connelly, giving thanks for his management of the diocese and parishes during challenging times.

\*Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry and leadership among us, especially during these turbulent times. For your guidance as we support Dave and give ministry to others.

We give thanks for Dave's IT skills as we adjust to a 'new way' of church.

\*For Emma in her 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of pregnancy, for safe delivery of their baby, and for 3 their boys. Bless them and keep them all safe.

\*For all who are impacted by the closure of our op shop. for the volunteers that work there, for the coordinators and most of all, for the community that the op shop has served in countless ways (some known and many unknown), since 1998. For the community that has served **us** so very well.

For our mainly music children and families during this time of mainly music in recess.

\*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them. We pray especially at this time *for Marj, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

*We give thanks for the life of the late Craig Morally. Grant your comfort and peace to his family and all who mourn.*

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**



**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
Blessed be God for ever.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever  
the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all  
the world.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.  
The Breaking of the Bread and Communion  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

This is the table, not of the righteous,

but of the poor in spirit.

It is made ready for those who want to love God, who love God and those who want to love God more.

So let us come, wherever we are, gathered afar but together,  
those who have much faith and those who have little,

Those who have been here often

and those who have not been for a long time or ever before,

Those who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **The Sending Out of God's People**

Eternal God, giver of life,

in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast

walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you**

**as a living sacrifice**

**though Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **Announcements**

## Final Hymn: 'In Christ Alone' – MP 1072

1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## **The Blessing**

God who has called you is faithful and risen!  
Go into the world with joy of the resurrection,  
forgive generously,  
love extravagantly,  
live abundantly.  
And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **News and Notes**

**A Happy and Holy Easter to all in our faith community and beyond – Jesus has risen indeed. . . Alleluia!!**

Our world in recent weeks has changed dramatically. We are all adjusting each day to living and worshipping a new way. We may wrestle with questions and uncertainty, but some things remain constant. We can depend on them Him. The Easter message is one that has never changed and will never change. It's as relevant today as ever.

In a world of uncertainty and anxiety – Jesus promises peace and he promises us we are never alone. His promises are for anyone and everyone who believes. ‘God is with us’ . . . Alleluia!

**As we continue this journey of connection and worship via technology we thank you all sincerely for your patience and perseverance whilst we strive to “get it right”**

**We need to be aware that as time moves on and an underperforming economy begins to bite, to be observant for people in need or struggling. Share the information with Dave - there are ways we can be of assistance.**

**The Sunday Bulletins will continue to include the order of service for the day and an intincted wafer for you to join with Dave in celebrating the Eucharist.**

**Bible Studies continue to be zoomed.** All are welcome to join in either ‘on-line’ (zoom) or by phone.

**Sadly our diary of weekly events**, with exception of worship occasions and Bible Studies, appears as a list of “postponements”, but our busy social calendar will return. We and our country are doing well as we work to follow orders and ‘flatten’ the curve.

**Remember:**

Wherever and whenever possible, Dave will be maintaining contact with parishioners by phone. He is always available to parishioners at any time:-  
0401 035 379. Email:davidjrperryman@gmail.com

Please know that ‘God and your faith community stand right alongside you. We are ready to care for one another and encourage each other’ (Dave). Do not hesitate to contact Dave if you are struggling.

**Offerory can be given by:-**

1. Direct payment into the parish CBA account –  
BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. The account name is ‘Anglican Parish of Avon’ Please register it as ‘offertory’
2. Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it it will be stored securely until it is banked on the first business day.
3. Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

**The site and ID for zoom or phone number and ID are the same for services, Bible Studies and Parish Council meetings.**

Join Zoom Meeting OR Church Service

<https://zoom.us/j/9748706191> Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

Join by Phone:

(03) 7018 2005

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## PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

### **APRIL**

*mainly music is in temporary recess until further notice.*

*Fridays 9am Morning Prayers **on hold***

*Wednesdays 7.30pm, Bible Studies **zoomed***

*School holidays: Sat. 28 March to Mon. 13 April, or as advised by Government.*

**Retiring Offertory: BCA – on hold.**

Sat 18 Men's Breakfast Group. **Postponed**

Sun 19 Second Sunday of Easter

Thurs 23 St Mary's Anniversary. Licensed 23/4/1922

The Bards 454<sup>th</sup> Birthday (1564)

Fri 24 Family Movie Night. **Postponed.**

Sat 25 ANZAC Day. Dawn and 9am services in the Stratford Memorial Park. **Not open to the public.**

Sun 26 Third Sunday of Easter.

**Shakespeare celebrations have been cancelled**

Tues 28 Parish Council Meeting. **To be zoomed.**

### **MAY**

Sun 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Justice Sunday

Sun 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter.

**MOTHERS DAY**

Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (2) **Postponed**

4pm Healing Service

Fri. 15 Synod: Phillip Island **Postponed**

Sat 16 8.30am. Men's Breakfast Group. **Postponed**

Armed Forces Day

Sun 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mon 18 – Sunday 24 National Volunteers Week

??Op Shop Volunteers Luncheon this week. **Postponed depending . . .**

Tues 19 Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting

**Holy Trinity Roster, 19April. Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.14a, 22-32. Ps.16. 1 Peter 1.1-12 John 20.19-31

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