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## IN THE GARDEN

Laura Duke

*In the cool of the morning, at break  
of day,  
A woman wept where her Saviour  
lay.  
The tomb stood empty, the stone  
rolled wide,  
While sorrow clouded her tear-filled  
eyes.*

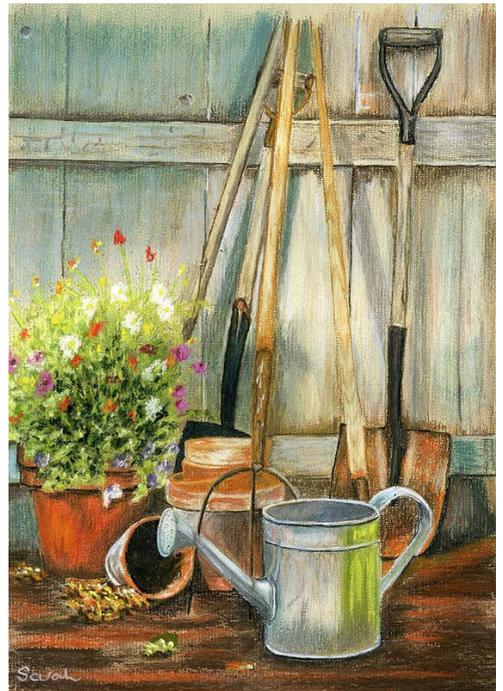
*She heard a voice whisper, soft and  
near,  
“Why do you weep? Why are you  
here?”  
She turned, uncertain, no longer  
alone  
And saw in the garden a man  
unknown.*

*She mistook Him first for a gardener  
there,  
Hands rough with toil, earth-stained  
with care.  
Yet what greater truth could ever be  
told?  
The Gardener of souls, tending His  
fold.*



*With voice familiar, He called her  
name,  
And light burst forth like dawn's first  
flame.  
No longer a tomb, but a garden  
bright,  
New life had sprung from death's  
dark night.*

*And still He walks where hearts lay  
cold,  
Breaking the ground, restoring the  
soul.  
His hands, though pierced, are strong  
and true,  
He tends the earth – He tends you.*



Heavenly Father, who planted Eden in the midst of the wilderness, tend my soul this Easter season. As new growth and life burst forth from the cold, sleeping earth in springtime, I ask that you bring forth new life in me. Clear away the sticks and leaves that clutter my heart and bring forth newness and freshness in me.

As Christ emerges from the grave, I entrust myself to the wisdom of the Great Gardener. Uproot what doesn't belong, fertilize what is weak and prune what is good, that it may flourish and become increasingly abundant.

Holy Spirit, who breathes life into mud, restore my soul. Fill the air with your presence that with every breath I may be filled with your power, comfort and love.

God, Strengthen and sustain me each day and give me the wisdom to live wholly dependent on You.

Amen.



## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd - Elizabeth    10th - Emily

5th - Andrew    15th - Daria

6th - James    22nd - Mark H

THANKS FOR LETTING US SHARE YOUR BIRTHDAY!  
'you are wonderfully made'  
(Ps 139:14)



Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!  
Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

### DIARY DATE REMINDERS

<b>4<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	Final Kid's Club for Term 1
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	Burnside Interchurch Council Prayer Breakfast
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	Daylight Saving ENDS
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	Term 1 ends
<b>13<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	<i>Good Friday</i> - 10am 'Good Friday' Worship Service
<b>19<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	<i>Easter Saturday</i> - 'Clayton's' Camp Activities from 9am
<b>20<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	<i>Easter Sunday</i> - 'Resurrection Sunday' Worship Service
<b>25<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>26<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	AMOS - 2pm
<b>28<sup>TH</sup> APR</b>	<u>Term 2 begins</u>

A decorative graphic for an Easter teaching series. The word "Easter" is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top left, surrounded by various flowers including purple peonies, pink hibiscus, and white daisies. Below it, the words "Teaching Series" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background is a textured green with floral patterns and a large white cross on the right side. The word "April" is written in a cursive font at the bottom right.

# Easter

Teaching Series

6 APRIL ALF CHEHADE

13 APRIL PALM SUNDAY | BEN DELANEY

18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY | ELIZABETH REYNOLDS

20 APRIL 'RESURRECTION' SUNDAY | LAURA DUKE

27 APRIL JIM DERRINGTON

April

A close-up photograph of several hot cross buns. The buns are golden-brown and have a white cross-shaped icing decoration on top. They are arranged on a silver wire tray. The background is dark and out of focus.

# HOT CROSS BUNS

After the Service

Good Friday | 18 April

# April



- 1  Mk 1:1-8 | Ps 72
- 2  Mk 1:9-20 | Ps 73
- 3  Mk 1:21-34 | Ps 74
- 4  Mk 1:35-45 | Ps 75
- 5  Mk 2:1-12 | Ps 76
- 6  Mk 2:13-17 | Ps 77
- 7  Mk 2:18-28 | Ps 78:1-39
- 8  Mk 3:1-19 | Ps 78:40-72
- 9  Mk 3:20-35 | Ps 79
- 10  Mk 4:1-20 | Ps 80

- 11  Mk 4:21-41 | Ps 81
- 12  Mk 5:1-20 | Ps 82
- 13  Mk 5:21-43 | Ps 83
- 14  Mk 6:1-13 | Ps 84
- 15  Mk 6:14-29 | Ps 85
- 16  Mk 6:30-44 | Ps 86
- 17  Mk 6:45-56 | Ps 87
- 18  Mk 7:1-23 | Ps 88
- 19  Mk 7:24-37 | Ps 89:1-18
- 20  Mk 8:1-13 | Ps 89:19-52
- 21  Mk 8:14-21 | Ps 90
- 22  Mk 8:22-30 | Ps 91
- 23  Mk 8:31-38 | Ps 92
- 24  Mk 9:1-13 | Ps 93
- 25  Mk 9:14-32 | Ps 94

ANZAC DAY | 2025

*lest we forget*



**25 APRIL**

**6AM**

**DAWN SERVICE**

**NORWOOD WAR MEMORIAL**

# April 2025

March '25							May '25						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	31 <sup>W10</sup>	1 9.00a Prayer	2 10.30a Magill Estate 7.00p Flourish Connect	3	4 5:15p Kids Club/Youth	5 7.30a BICC Prayer 6.30p Intercessory Prayer
6	9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	7 <sup>W11</sup> 7.00p Elders	8 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday 7.30p enCourage Connect	9 7.30p Glenside Connect	10	11	12 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
Daylight Savings Ends						Term 1 Ends	
13	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group Palm Sunday	14 <sup>School Holidays</sup> 6.30p Tamil Gospel Meeting (English)	15 9.00a Prayer	16	17	18 10a Good Friday Service	19
20	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering Resurrection Sunday	21 <sup>School Holidays</sup>	22 9.00a Prayer	23 7.30p Glenside Connect	24	25 Anzac Day	26 2.00p AMOS
27	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	28 <sup>W1</sup>	29 9.00a Prayer 7.30p enCourage Connect	30	1	2	3
4	9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	5 <sup>Term 2 Begins</sup> 7.00p Elders	Notes				



# APRIL SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team		Kids Ministry		Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team				Hospitality Team					
	Sermon	Com-munion	Chair/Notices	Kid's Church	Helper/Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep	
6/04	Alf Chehade	Steve Chapman	Jim		Bronnie Elizabeth	-	Brian	Annabelle	Ally C Michelle Jeff Leonie	Aaron Monica	Monica Ally T	Aaron Leonie	Jim	Alice Carol	Alice	
13/04	Ben Delaney	Andrew Jenkins	Alf		Lyn Mel	Ally C	Jeremy	Sheila	Mark H Neville Devinder Smita	Ally Nick	Beth Elsa	Devinder Jenny S	Mark H	Tony A Vicki A	Helene	
18/04	Elizabeth Reynolds				-	-	Joshua	Andrew	-	Tony A Vicki A	-	-	Nev	Ally C Michelle	Sharon	
20/04	Laura Duke	Jim			-	-	James	Sheila	Sharon Vicki A Jeff Leonie	Andrew Sharon	Nick Tony A	Andrew Lyn	Andrew	Ally C Michelle	Michelle	
27/04	Jim Derrington	Jeremy Duke	Alf		Neville James	Mel Andrew Sharon	Joshua	Grace	Brian Renee Jenny S Brandon	Renee Jelita	Annabelle Ally T	Monica James	Brian	Alice Brian	Alice	Jenny S

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the vestry wall.  
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## ...TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH

### Jenny Chapman

Last month, we, as a church, once again partnered with the *Jesus Music Collective* in their Fringe concert, "Imagine... the Beatles meet Jesus" held at St Matt's Anglican Church. Thanks to so many helpers, the night was a great success. The concert tickets were sold out. The church was packed!

However, there are several other events that happened in the last month which you might *not* know about. I'd like to share them with you as dot points for praise and prayer to our wonderful God.

### News from Pastor Daniel

- Praise God for Pastor Daniel's graduation with a Diploma of Biblical Studies from the International School of Ministry on March 17 2025. \*He was also chosen from his colleagues to address the gathering on behalf of the students.



- Car repairs and painting are in progress as a result of money sent over early this year.  
\*A recent need to transport a sick person on foot while this is happening, brought fresh thankfulness for the blessing of the vehicle.



- Pray for Pastor Daniel and his volunteers as he continues to spend days and nights in prayer for the ministry to the elderly and for God to bless our efforts in fund raising.

- Hear Pastor Daniel speak. Scan your phone camera here QR code.



Or scroll down on first page of [careforelderlymaasai.org](http://careforelderlymaasai.org)

### News from our end

- Praise God for the Sold-Out attendance to the “Imagine... the Beatles meet Jesus” Concert on March 22nd and thank him for the generosity of the Jesus Music Collective in donating the ticket sales to the Maasai Mission.



- Thank God for the hospitality team and their provision of barista coffee and delicious biscuits for sale after the event.



- Pray that God will use the leaflet handed out to inform, inspire, spread the word and result in more prayer, donations and momentum to accomplish the task of raising the money needed for the medical centre.



- Thank God for the beautiful beadwork the Maasai women made and sent and for the funds and awareness that have been raised from sales on the night and since.



- Pray for discernment for Jenny and the Elders for the next steps in fund raising.
- Pray for Board members of HealthServe Australia and CEO Chris Dickons as they prayerfully consider the project proposal and how HSA may be able to contribute.

## THE POSSUM PICKLE

For some reason, our roof has been the envy of possum-kind as a popular, sought-after piece of real estate. Possums have often claimed our roof as their luxury high-rise, complete with all-night tap-dancing performances and the occasional wrestling match. We considered charging them rent—or at least asking them to contribute something to the offering bags every once in a while, but we feared we might one day find something else entirely undesirable in there instead if they were allowed access.

So, instead, Allstate Pest Control were called to see if they could be relocated. The trained professionals strategically placed a humane trap up in the roof and not long after, when they retrieved the trap, they found a mother and a baby inside, looking somewhat peevishly inconvenienced... but also tremendously cute at the same time.



They came down through the manhole in the youth hall and then were escorted graciously by personal 'Allstate' chauffeur up to the edge of the top block where they were released into the wild!



A week or so later, there was a report from an unsuspecting male member of our church (Neville Langman) who entered the men's bathroom to discover, to his embarrassment, someone already using the bathroom! And it wasn't Nick Chehade. It was a possum, who had been left behind! Perhaps the father of the family, who had brazenly come down to use our facilities and unknowingly missed the departure of this wife and child.

Our Allstate friends returned and placed another trap in there and waited. Later, the time came to retrieve the trap, but Mr Possum was no where to be seen. That is, until someone looked inside the wastepaper bin. There he was, nestling down comfortably in the pre-scrunched-and-plumped paper towels, either thinking this was a comfy place to chill out without the wife and kids around – a veritable man-cave, or... quite simply... stuck.



So, for now, to the best of our knowledge, our roof is possum-free. But how long before more social-climbing possums seeking prestige luxury-living catch wind of the prime real estate above our heads, we cannot be sure.

## EXPLORE TOGETHER

Explore Together sessions (on the first Sunday of each month) are in recess for the time being due to an alternative program for Easter this month, and then Laura Duke will need to take a break for a while.

## WELCOME ALINA!



Congratulations to Ryan and Karina Reynolds who are proud and happy parents of Alina Sophia. Alina arrived safely on the morning of **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** coming in at 4.2kg.

A perfect little sister for Daria Reynolds and a bundle of joy for the whole family! Please keep the family in your prayers as they delight in this



precious time and adjust to life with a newborn!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING

**DAYLIGHT SAVING**  
*ends!*  
Turn your clocks **BACK 1 hour!**  
Sunday 6 April: **3am**

## INDONESIA CRAFTING MATERIALS

Do you have  
*wool* or *fabric*  
scraps?

**DONATE TO THE  
INDONESIA MISSION TRIP!**

SEWING, KNITTING & CROCHET SKILLS  
WILL BE TAUGHT TO THE CHILDREN IN THE ORPHANAGE.





# Easter Season

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10AM - 13 APRIL PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

10AM - 18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

9AM - 19 APRIL 'CLAYTON'S CAMP' FAMILY FUN DAY

10AM - 20 APRIL 'RESURRECTION' SUNDAY SERVICE



## Clayton's Camp

(We're jamming it all in one day!)

PANCAKES  
SATURDAY QUIZ  
GAMES  
EASTER EGG HUNT

LADIES' COFFEE OUTING

FROM 9AM  
SAT 19TH APRIL



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Account > 524397  
Ref > Giving or Missions  
EFTPOS is available

## WE'RE HIS CHURCH

...a house of prayer for all nations  
accomplishing more than we  
could dream for the  
brokenhearted to call on the  
name of Jesus [as vision]

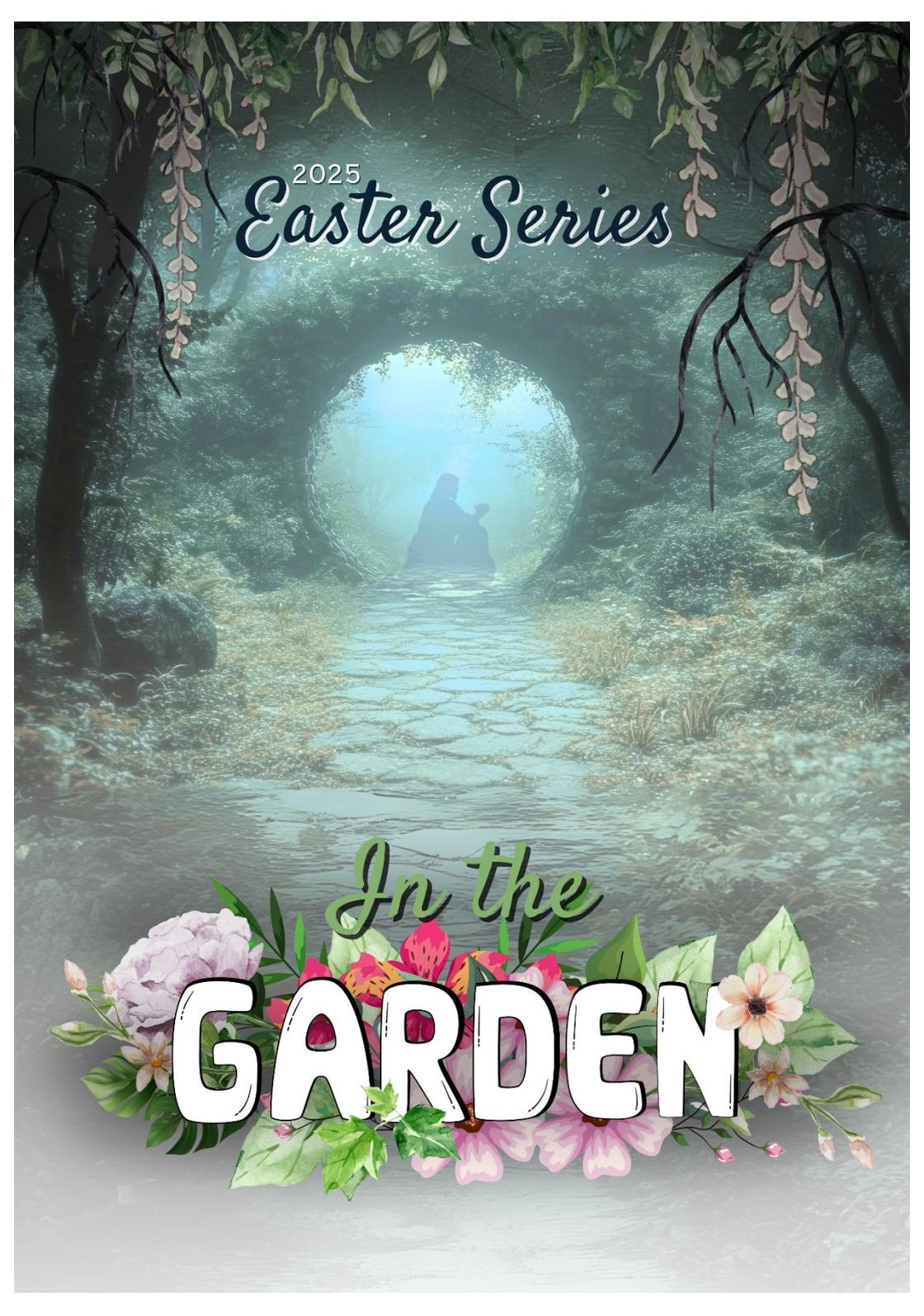
...sent to make a difference every  
day in the name of Jesus to all  
generations [as mission]

## 10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.



2025  
*Easter Series*

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