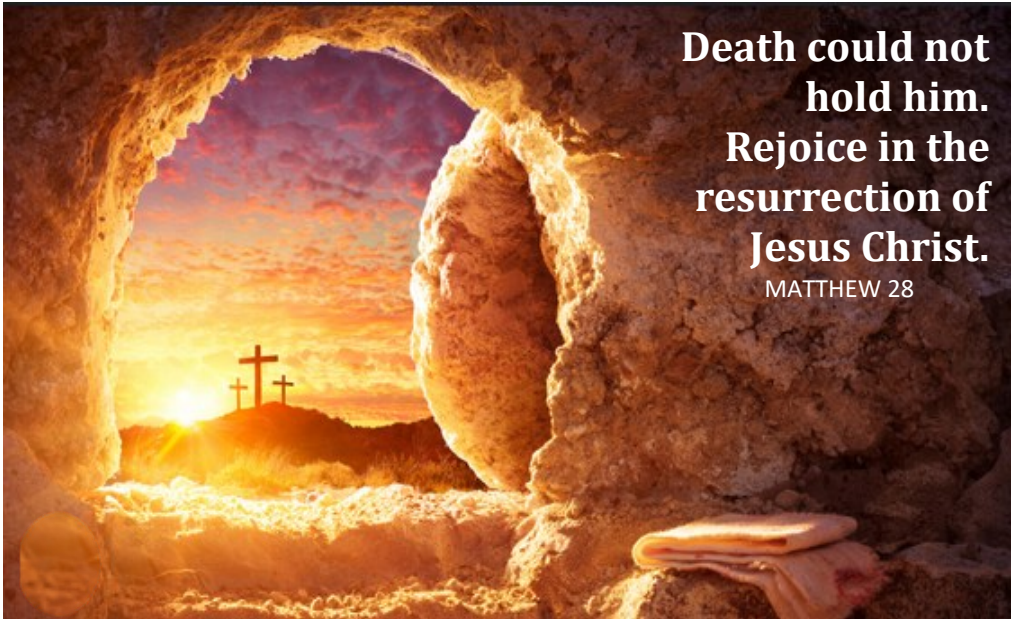


OUR MISSION:

*Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ,  
reaching out to all in love and service.*

OUR VISION: *To be an outward looking Church*



**Death could not  
hold him.  
Rejoice in the  
resurrection of  
Jesus Christ.**

MATTHEW 28

## EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

**HE IS  
RISEN**

Join us for an Easter Service

- Gympie: St Peter's Church ► 8.30 am
- Rainbow Beach - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am

**ALL WELCOME**

**Christ is risen! Hope is alive and moves among us! Help us to proclaim this, Holy One. May we remember that despair is not the end of your story. Help us to live as an Easter people, who believe that God's love has no restrictions. Amen.**

# Prayers

**Sentence:** The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7–8

**Prayer of the Day:** God of glory, fill your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of this sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, raised to new life with Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Pray for the Church:**

**Worldwide:** *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

**National:** *The Diocese of Perth*

**Our Diocese:** ● *The Parish of Hamilton* ● *Little Angels ELC, Salisbury* ● *West Moreton Anglican*

**Local:** *College, Karrabin*

## **Ministry: MU Ministry Gympie**

**MU Ministry:** *Almighty God, we bring before you the Mothers Union in Kagera Diocese, Tanzania and thank you for the joy they have in the Lord Jesus. May this Easter day remind them that they too will be resurrected and live with Jesus forever. We pray for members as they care for those in prison, give support to widows and care for orphans. Amen.*

**In Need:** *Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Deans family; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Val McClurg & Family; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.*

## **ABM Reflection**

Jesus' ministry among women is shown at its fullest today because the first people to know about the Resurrection were Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. Not Peter, not even John, but the women – Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, according to Luke. It was they who first preached the Gospel of Jesus' rising from death to the world.

- Give thanks for the ministry of women in the church – lay people, religious, deacons, bishops and priests.
- Give thanks for work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, The Anglican Church of Japan

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20/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday EASTER DAY 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch	21/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	22/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday School recommences 10.30 am-MU Gathering at Farmer & Sun (Southside) 5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P 5.15 pm Community Action Board Meeting	23/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.30 am Winter Shelter info/discussion @ St Peter's Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	24/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Noon Regional Deanery 2.30 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir	25/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat
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# Easter Readings

## First reading from Acts 10.34-43

<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.'

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## Psalm 118.1-2, 118.14-24

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now proclaim:**

**that his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **The sounds of joy and deliverance:**

**are in the tents of the righteous.**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die but live:**

**and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me hard:  
but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open me the gates of righteousness:**  
**and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.

<sup>21</sup> **I will praise you, for you answered me:**  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.

**<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing:**

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**A reading from 1 Corinthians 15.19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**The Holy Gospel**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20.1-18**

**GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!'

(which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*(Pause for reflection)*

For the Gospel of the Lord

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## Reflection

### **Easter Day**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. God’s love in action is evident in our readings this week. Women proclaim the risen Christ. The Hebrew Scriptures speak of God’s promises, and Acts and 1 Corinthians proclaim the good news that is available to us all.

**Acts 10:34–43** Peter, a Jew, speaks to Cornelius, a Gentile. Earlier in his life, Peter would never have gone to the home of a Gentile. However, a vision from God convinces Peter that God has no restrictions. God’s love and God’s welcome is for Jews and Gentiles alike. The good news of the Resurrection is for all!

**Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24** gives praise and thanks for God’s blessings, and celebrates God’s steadfast love, mercy and welcome. Christians have used this psalm, with its messianic images of the opening of the temple gate, to give thanks for our salvation in Christ, the chief cornerstone. While it is possible to read back in the scriptures and make links between the rejected “cornerstone” and the rejection of Jesus, it is not necessarily the intent of the psalm.

**1 Corinthians 15:1–11** is, however, directly about Jesus. Paul did not witness the Resurrection; it came to him by God’s grace. In all the gospel stories of the Resurrection, Jesus’ first appearance is to women (Matthew 28:1–10, Mark 16:1–8, Luke 24:1–12, John 20:11–18). However, in a retelling of the events of the Resurrection, Paul writes that Jesus “appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve” (v. 5), then 500 others. Paul goes on to say that it does not matter who proclaims the good news; it is more important that others come to believe.

**John 20:1–18** Some of the disciples cannot believe that Jesus is alive again! Indeed, people have wildly different reactions to Jesus’ resurrection from the dead: Mary weeps, Peter runs away, and many of the disciples are full of disbelief. In sharing about the Resurrection today, people will have a wide range of reactions and responses – from disbelief to being overwhelmed to fleeing from the experience and the emotions.

The story in John 20 begins with Mary looking for Jesus; she had gone alone to visit Jesus’ tomb. The reading continues with her sadness and weeping and the tomb. It ends with Mary’s joy and her telling the good news. After she sees Jesus, Mary is encouraged to go and tell others what she has seen and heard. According to this story, Mary is the first to witness and proclaim the risen Christ. The reading offers hope amid a seemingly bleak situation and reminds us that Jesus Christ can deliver beyond our wildest expectations.



The astonishing news of the Resurrection transformed Jesus’ followers into courageous preachers of the good news of Jesus Christ. What is the good news for you in this? What would you go and tell others about what had happened?

### **Connecting scripture and life**

On Easter, we proclaim “Christ is risen!” In what ways does the Resurrection story continue in our everyday lives? in the church? in the world?

# NEWS AND NOTICES

## ANZAC DAY SERVICES - FRIDAY, 25th APRIL 2025

Gympie RSL: Gather to honour and remember the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of our servicemen and women this ANZAC Day, Friday, 25th April 2025. A series of commemorative events will be held throughout the day.



### Lighting of the Memorial Flame

On the evening of Thursday, 24th of April at 5.30 pm, the Memorial Flame will be lit at Memorial Park to officially commence the ANZAC Day commemorations.

**Dawn Service:** At 5:30 am 25th April, Community to gather for the Dawn Service at Memorial Park on Reef Street.

**ANZAC Day March:** The ANZAC Day March will commence from Mary Street, with form-up starting at 8:30 am and the march leading off at 9:00 am.

**Community Service:** Following the march, a Community Service will be held at Memorial Park at 10:15 am.

**Fr Shaji will be officiating at memorial services in Rainbow Beach in his role as Chaplain for the RSL Subbranch in Rainbow Beach.**

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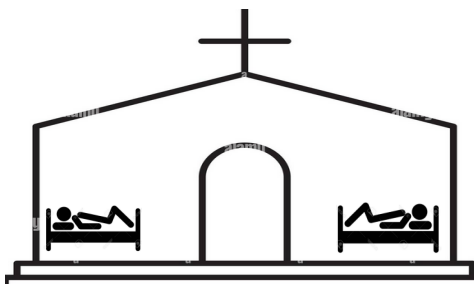
## A WARM, SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP THIS WINTER

### Gympie Winter Shelter Information & Discussion Gathering.

**Background.** "Seeking volunteers from the broader community is part of the *Stable One* model and has been done with the proviso that the majority of volunteers are still from the Christian community and the Christian ethos is upheld, as per the *Stable One* Mission, Vision, Values, and Objectives.'

"As you may, or may not, be aware, we need enough church buildings to commit to being a venue by the end of the month for the project to go ahead this year. That's not to put pressure on you to decide, but necessary for planning for this year. If there are enough church venues and volunteers to go ahead in 2025, the project will likely operate as a shortened Pilot Project on the back end of winter. However, if not this year, we pray and work toward the *Gympie Winter Shelter* opening its doors Winter 2026. Churches only need to commit to a single season at a time, as we realise circumstances change year to year."

**Invitation:** Fr Shaji invites you to come along to a parish information and discussion session at **St Peter's** where he'll give information about the imitative and discuss ways in which the parish can be involved. The gathering will be on **Wednesday, 23rd April at 10.30 am. All welcome**



# EASTER FLOWERS

*Flowers in St Peter's today are in  
memory of*  
**KEITH GALL**

**COLIN & TERRY NIPPERESS**

**TIMOTHY & MATTHEW BEZER**



**WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER SEASON  
AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON**

*Gracious God, we thank you for the resurrection of Jesus,  
a beacon of hope and new life. May this Easter season bring  
joy, peace, and renewed faith to us all. Amen."*



## PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS



Non-perishable food items: canned foods, pasta & sauce, snack foods, long life milk, cereals, rice, tea, coffee, tuna snacks, muesli bars, 2-Minute noodles & toiletries etc. Please leave at St Peter's or church

### Sunday's ZOOM information

**Topic:** St Peter's Sunday Evening Service **Time:** Each Sunday @ 05:30 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting** via computer or mobile device (*Click or type link into your web browser*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483:

No password required

**Please note ZOOM connection information does not change each week.**

## How to contribute financially to our Church

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

- 1) **Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church Bank Account using the following information:**

**Account Name:** Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Account Number:** 0000 5910  
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Account No. & Reference your donation  
E.g. "Giving General" "..... Appeal" "Giving Tree", "Shoe Box" etc

- 2) **Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website**

A) **If viewing on your computer or smart phone** - click on the QR Code and it will take you to the B-Point website to make a donation by credit card **OR**

B) **If reading a printed copy of pew sheet** - hover your smart phone over the QR Code to link you to the BPoint website

**Our bank details are already linked so you only need to add your details, credit card number & reference Ex: "Giving", "... Appeal".**

- 3) **Parish Direct via ANFIN** - An easy way of giving regularly:

Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.



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