



The Abbey Church Epistle



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Those words rang out this morning as we celebrated Jesus' triumph over death, in our early morning service. For those of you unable to attend, the Church is in darkness, the Altar veiled. Until that symbolical moment when the black curtains are pulled back and the light from the Christ candle in the centre is revealed. Then the three processions enter the Church and the Light is passed down from the Christ Light and all in the procession receive the light which forms a cross of Light in the Church.

We remember that joyous Easter morn, the Resurrection of Christ where He proved once and for all that death is but the doorway to a newer and fuller existence. That we do not perish with the body but that life goes on, and we can continue to serve God and others in those realms beyond the grave.

We often consider Christ's Resurrection, but think of the resurrection of the disciples! From frightened rabbits running away when Jesus was taken, to people who willingly gave up their own lives without fear, because they knew without the shadow of doubt that Jesus had risen. That death has no more sting and the grave no victory.

When people try to cast doubt on the fact of Jesus' Resurrection ask them this - "Would you lay down your life for a clever lie? Would you suffer torture and death rather than deny Christ if you knew it was all a carefully fabricated story?" I think not!

Christ is risen indeed so let our praises ring out today for the triumph of our King over sorrow, death, and sin. May we experience a resurrection and renewal of our spirits as we allow the joy of Easter to fill our hearts. Happy Easter to you all.



Love's blessings Fr George



APRIL



Happy Easter

- 5 Easter Sunday
- 8 Women's Morning of Prayer 9.30am
- 12 Sunday Services
- 13 Museum Holiday Program (M-F)
- 16 Benediction 7.15pm
- 18 AM Friends Floor Talk 2pm
- 19 Sunday Services
- 20 The Abbey Church Guild 7.15pm
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Sunday Services
- 30 Benediction 7.15pm

MAY (quick look ahead)

- 3 Church BBQ
- 9 Pot Luck Dinner & Trivia
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 Medieval Banquet
- 30 College Fair

Sunday Services

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 6.45pm Evensong
- 9.15am Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sun)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend our well wishes to all the congregation members who celebrate their birthday in April!



A special welcome to all those who are attending our church for the first time.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Mother Theresa.

Benediction (Alt Thursdays)

*Looking for
spiritual time out?*

*Benediction
allows you to
enjoy listening to
or singing the
Latin Service
surrounded by
candlelight in the
Church - 7.15pm.*

Sunday School



*At Sunday School
the children learn
the teaching of
Jesus, his life,
miracles and
parables through
games, stories and
activities.
Starts at 9.15am.*

Morning of Prayer

*Are you free on
the second
Wednesday of
each month?*

*Come along for
an hour of prayer
and sharing with
us - 9.30am.*

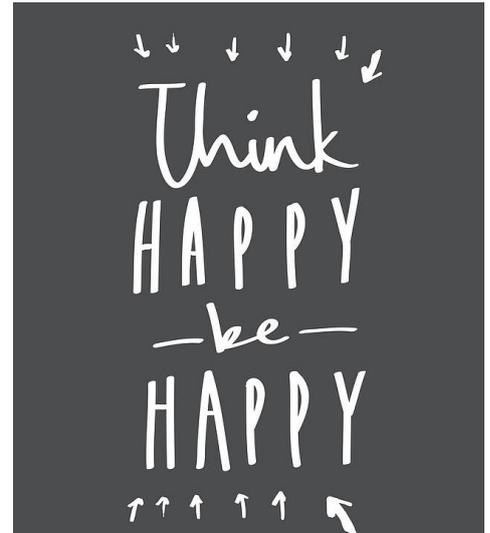
*Fr George
accompanies our
singing on his
guitar and there's
a shared morning
tea afterwards.*

CHURCH NEWS

- **Weddings/Baptisms/Funerals** - For the month of March we've had 16 Baptisms and 3 Wedding.
- **Sympathy** - We extend our prayers to the family of Ethel Mills who sadly passed away on Saturday 28 March. Ethel was well known to us all, as a determined and humble soul who brought us lots of laughter and happiness. Ethel will be sadly missed by us all. No doubt she'll have met up with Reverend Mother and Father Francis and catching up with her soul mate Bluey and grandson Ashley. Rest in Peace dear friend. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, 8 April at 2pm.
- **Church BBQ** - Don't forget our church BBQ, always held on the second Sunday of the month.
- **Stained Glass Window** - You may have noticed that the stained glass in the Church porchway and in the windows by the Baptistry have been removed. They are currently being restored by our conservators at Eumundi.



"The good news is you don't have to worry about your diet anymore!"



From the Abbey Church Guild

The Guild raises funds to further the ministry of your church.

To keep this little ship sailing, the following information is provided for the month of: January: Income \$3,009.95 Expenditure \$229.76 and for the month of February: Income \$346.80 Expenditure \$432.05.

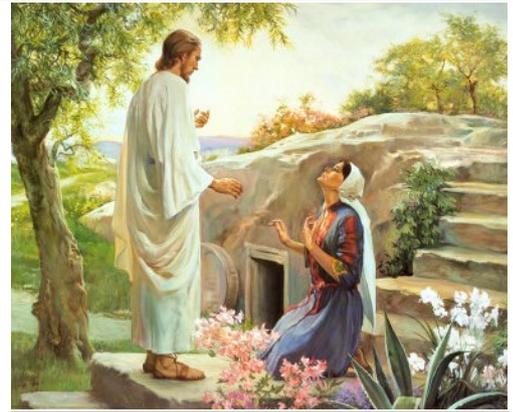
The Abbey Church Guild Inc utilises all income raised for:

- Maintenance and improvement of the Church and Hall
- Provision of consumables, vestments etc for the Church
- Pastoral humanitarian assistance to individuals
- Promotion of social interaction and Christian fellowship
- Charitable assistance to the wider community

Always laugh when you can. It is cheaper than medicine. Anon

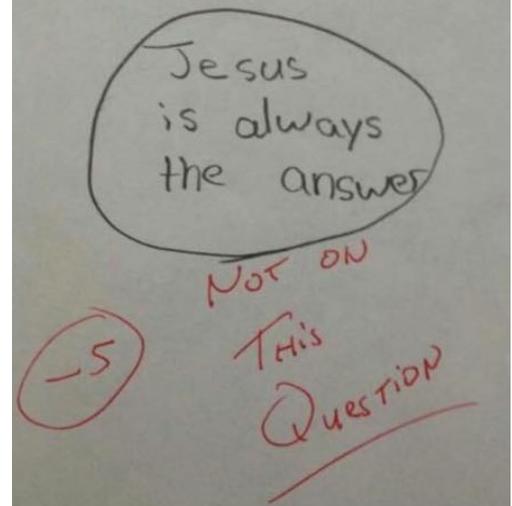
EASTER TRIVIA

1. What colour robe was placed on Jesus?
2. Who rolled away the stone at Jesus' grave?
3. Who brought burial spices for Jesus' body?
4. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the cross?
5. Who was the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection?
6. What did Judas give to Jesus to show that he would betray him?
7. Who gave Jesus over to be crucified?
8. How many days was Jesus on earth after his resurrection?
9. What was Jesus' side pierced with?
10. When Jesus' side was pierced, what flowed out?
11. In what was Jesus' body wrapped?
12. Who was the King at the time of Jesus' crucifixion?
13. The message on the cross what written in what language?



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Whatever you are:
Be that!

Whatever you say:
Be true!

In fact,
Be nobody else but
you!

How incredibly life can change in a single week. Peter entered Jerusalem amid hosannas as the leader of the Twelve, ready to be chief viceroy in a glorious kingdom about to be established. Casual bystanders in the courtyard shattered Peter's defenses and three times he denied his Lord, only to have Jesus look at him as he passed by. There was nothing left of this beaten, broken man to do but to go out and weep bitterly. Peter was nailed to his own wretched cross of defeat. But Easter meant that Jesus had other plans for Peter. His first message, left with angels guarding the tomb, was, 'Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him' (Mark 16:7) And it happened even before that, in Jerusalem 'The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon' (Luke 24:34) What does this mean but that Jesus singled out the one who needed him most and came to him first with forgiveness and restoration. It forever changed a broken, disconsolate disciple into a courageous, confident apostle! *William E. Hull*



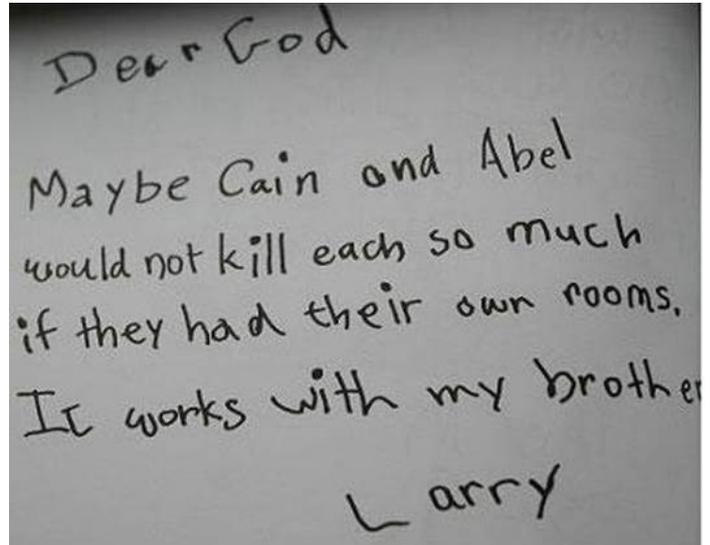
**DON'T LET MY CAR FOOL YOU
MY TREASURE IS IN HEAVEN**

**Your value doesn't
decrease based on
someone's inability
to see your worth.**



A long life assured

Do you ever feel like the person who exclaimed, "God put me on Earth to accomplish a certain number of things, and right now I'm so far behind, I'll live forever!"



JOIN US IN PRAYER



Please pray for Allan Garnham, Michael Griffith, Leni Ruygrok and Lindy Whitchurch.

THE PIT

Kenneth D. Filkins

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A SUBJECTIVE person came along and said "I FEEL for you down there"

An OBJECTIVE person came along and said "It's logical that someone would fall down there"

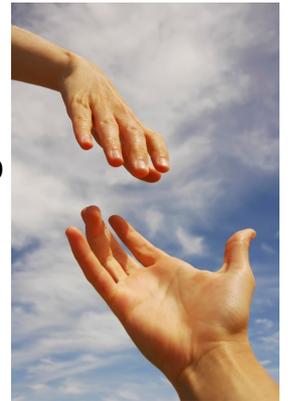
A PHARISEE said "Only BAD people fall into a pit"

A SELF PITYING PERSON said "You haven't seen MY pit"

A COUNCIL INSPECTOR asked if he had a permit to dig a pit.

An EVASIVE person came along and avoided the subject of his pit altogether.

JESUS seeing the man, took him by the hand and LIFTED HIM OUT of the pit.



My life
may not be going the way

I planned
it, but it is going

EXACTLY
the way

GOD
planned it.



THE ABBEY CHURCH (at St. Michael's)

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