



# 7TH APRIL 2024, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SURF REPORT

Hello Surfers!

Welcome to April! Most of this year we have been working through the gospel according to Mark as it is 'Year B' in our lectionary, however because last month we worked through the gospel account of the Apostle John I thought we might change things up a little. This month we will be working through the Apostle John's first letter.

But, first things first. Our Psalm reading speaks of the pleasantness of living together in unity as God's people (Ps. 133). It is one of the psalms known to be sung collectively by a group of believers as they process together to the temple. As one of the shortest psalms it was likely to have been sung repetitively.

We have no Old Testament reading today, rather the three other readings are all from the new Testament and have a collective-type theme. The reading from the Book of Acts speaks about the manner in which the early Christians shared all their belongings as they awaited the return of Jesus (Acts 4:32-37). The specifics noted in Luke's account show how they pooled all their money for distribution by the Apostles.

Our gospel account today is from the Apostle John where he tells of Jesus' appearance to His disciples, who had locked themselves in their house for fear of what might be done to them (Jn. 20:19-31). Despite being secured away, Jesus was able to miraculously 'teleport' in among them in His newly raised body. We read how one disciple, Thomas, wasn't there at the time and wouldn't believe the others when they told him what happened, earning him the name 'Doubting Thomas'.

As I mentioned earlier, today we will begin working through the first letter of the Apostle John and start with the opening chapter of this letter (1 Jn. 1:1-2:2). There has been considerable discussion in the 20th Century about who actually wrote this letter, and the following two letters attributed to John, but it is clear that it is meant as an encouragement to early Christians in the First Century to 'know Jesus' as the incarnate Word of God. We will discuss this a little more in today's sermon.

Don't forget tomorrow (Monday 8th) we have our BCA Connect event in the Fellowship Hall from 2pm, and from 2:30pm we have our Conversation English Class in Nan's Place, alongside my office. Next Sunday we will be hearing from Stephen Harrison about the ministry and mission of Anglicare, which is our mission focus for the month of April.

I pray you have a blessed week.  
Jim Raistrick  
Priest-in-charge.



## BIBLE READINGS

Acts 4.32-37 (Page 888)  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1.1-2.2 (Page 989)  
John 20.19-31 (Page 883)

### MONDAY 8TH APRIL

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Craft Group  
2.00pm BCA Connect  
2.30pm Conversation English

### TUESDAY 9TH APRIL

8.30am Morning Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

8.00am Indoor Fitness  
8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Alpha

### THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

8.00am Christian Meditation  
8.30am Morning Prayer

### FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

JIM'S DAY OFF  
OFFICE CLOSED - PARISH  
ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

### SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

8.30am Indoor Fitness  
9.00am Music Practice

### SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

ANGLICAN MISSION FOCUS,  
STEPHEN HARRISON  
7.30am Holy Communion  
9.30am Holy Communion

## BIBLE READINGS

14TH APRIL  
Acts 3.12-20  
Psalm 4  
1 John 2.15-17:3.1-6  
Luke 24.36b-48

## ACTIVITY GROUPS & CLASSES

Paint Pots, Pure Dance and Mainly Music recommence school term time, the week of 15th APRIL 2024





# CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



**Sunday**  
**21st April 2024**  
**at 11.30 am**  
**Bring a plate to share**



Diana Brown 09.04.2024  
Helen Kness 09.04.2024  
Margaret Thornton 11.04.2024  
Bruce Blaikie 12.04.2024  
Michael Love 12.04.2024  
Yolanda Melville 13.04.2024



“Knowing God” J.I. Packer  
(1926 – 2020)

“Revelation does not mean man finding God, but God finding man. God sharing His secrets with us, God showing us Himself. In revelation, God is the agent as well as the object.” – J.I. Packer

“The grace of God is love freely shown toward guilty sinners, contrary to their merit and indeed in defiance of their demerit.” – J.I. Packer

“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.” – J.I. Packer

## JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024

Please phone/email the contact person to join a group:

### TUESDAYS

12.30 pm Jane Parry 0403 369 467  
3.15 pm Jim Raistrick  
jim@surfersanglican.au

### WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am George Stuart 0407 741 669  
11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798  
6.00pm ALPHA Barry Doyle 0412 818 083

### THURSDAYS

7.00 pm Sandra Uptin  
sandrauptin@icloud.com  
7.00 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395

## In Memory

Valerie Stear 08.04.2021 | Verona Somers-Llewelyn 09.04.2014 |  
Ken Love 11.04.2008 | Jeanne Croucher 14.04.2011 | Gail Evans 14.04.2021



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