



# TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 1st April 2018

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## Easter Means Eternal Life

*By Joanna Fuchs*

A perfect God demands a perfect justice;  
He cannot let us get away with sin.  
We used God's gift of our free will to trespass,  
So heaven's gates were closed; we couldn't get in.

Our sin required our blood, a sacrifice,  
To atone for all the wrongs that we had done.  
"But I love them!" cried our Father, filled with sorrow;  
"I'll send my only Son to be the one."

Good Friday marks the slaying of our Jesus,  
The unblemished lamb, the perfect sacrifice.  
He took our guilt and blame upon Himself,  
So we could be with Him in paradise.

On Easter morning, he came back from death;  
He vanished from the tomb, the empty grave.  
His resurrection means eternal life  
For us, the ones he came to earth to save.

This summarizes all the Easter story  
And because of it, we'll be with Him in glory.



**Traralgon District Uniting Church**  
Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



**This Sunday 1st April**

Traralgon	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Glengarry	11:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Rosedale	11:00 am	No local service

**Next Sunday 8th April**

Traralgon	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Glengarry	11:00 am	O. Qaranivalu
Rosedale	11:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson

**Rosters for 8th April**

<b>Stewards</b>	K. Schlipalius M. Schlipalius
<b>Elder</b>	J. Smart
<b>Children's Address</b>	C. Rhimes
<b>Welcome Door</b>	F. Mattheyse M. Mattheyse
<b>Newcomers</b>	D. Croydon
<b>Reader</b>	D. Cruickshank
<b>Morning Tea</b>	M. Mattheyse P. Morley
<b>Accounting Team</b>	D. Steyn B. Degnan A. Bolton F. Mattheyse
<b>Flowers</b>	S. Arthur
<b>Grounds</b>	D. Sibly

**MUSICIANS for 8th April**

<b>Traralgon 9:00am</b>	I. Conabere K. Doonan
<b>Glengarry 11:00am</b>	M. McKeown
<b>Rosedale 11:00am</b>	J. Cox

**DATES FOR OUR DIARY**

<u><b>Monday 2nd April</b></u>	1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study
<u><b>Tuesday 3rd April</b></u>	7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
<u><b>Wednesday 4th April</b></u>	10:00 am	Chatterbox
<u><b>Thursday 5th April</b></u>	9:00 am	Prayer Group
<u><b>Friday 6th April</b></u>	7:00 pm	Singing Group
<u><b>Sunday 8th April</b></u>	5:00 pm	Music & Munchies
<u><b>Monday 9th April</b></u>	1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study
<u><b>Tuesday 10th April</b></u>	7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
<u><b>Wednesday 11th April</b></u>	10:00 am	Friendship Club
<u><b>Thursday 12th April</b></u>	9:00 am	Prayer Group
<u><b>Friday 13th April</b></u>	7:00 pm	Singing Group

**Playgroup**



Monday 9:30 am - 11:00 am during school term.  
*Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue*



**mainly music ...**

**Is in recess and will resume on Thursday the 19th April. Rosters for the new term are on the notice board. Marilyn**

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**SUNDAY 1st April**

Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Isaiah 25:6-9	
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
	Mark 16:1-8

**SUNDAY 8th April**

Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 113
1John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31

### Kath Scarlett

On Wednesday 28th March, Kath Scarlett passed away peacefully at Maryvale hospital. Kath lived a full and faithful life for the Lord. A Thanksgiving service for the life of Kath will be held later in April when family members return from trekking in Nepal.



**“THANK YOU to those who have written and posted letters supporting chaplaincy funding for schools.”**

Singing Practise  
8th April @ 5:00 pm  
All welcome!



*Thank you*

Thanks again for your gesture of recognition of my involvement in our church activities. Even though I had composed brilliant speeches of thanks

in the wee small hours of the night I now have absolutely no knowledge of just what I did say. The phrase “It’s more blessed to give than to receive” does not apply in my case because I have received more than my share in the blessings available to those who belong to our church fellowship. True and treasured friendships, loving generous pastoral care, satisfaction and fulfilment especially with the choir. (Thanks, Kath and Frank) But most precious of all is the opportunity to serve our Lord and Saviour within our fellowship of like minded people.

My love and thanks to you all. Rita Wilson

### Traralgon Uniting Church Church Council and Elders elections

*An Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Congregation will be held after the service on the 15th April 2018 for the Election of Church Councillors and Elders for the Traralgon Congregation.*

#### Church Council Executive Positions for 2018

**Chairperson (2 years):** Sue Scarlett  
**Deputy Chairperson:** Fred Mattheyse  
**Treasurer:** Tony Boulton ( 2 years)  
**Assistant to the Treasurer:** Jan Smart (Not on Church Council)  
**Secretary:** Colin McKeown: (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
**Assistant Secretary:** Pamela Christensen  
**Immediate Past Chairperson (1 year):** Sheila Whitehead

**Church Councillors:** Dianne Collin, Maxine Edwards, Ron Pinkerton, Gordon Arthur, Ian Leversha, Bill Degnan, Lorrel Samson, Greg Samson, Theresa Steyn, Tony Johnson

**Elders not on Church Council:** Heather Boucher, Marilyn McKeown and Jan Smart.

Some of these members have completed their 5 year term and may be re-elected if desired.

**They are:**  
**Bill Degnan, Marilyn McKeown and Theresa Steyn**

Nomination forms are available in the foyer today and should be returned to the office no later than Thursday morning (5th April) before 10:00 am

### Church camp

Over the years, the number of participants at Church camp has diminished.

The CHYSM task group would like to survey the congregation as to how we could make the camp more appealing to our congregational members.

Which would you prefer:

- Leave the dates as they are: March Long weekend
- Have a shorter camp- Friday to Sunday
- Change of location

Not really interested in attending Church camp

Survey forms can be placed in the survey box in the foyer or talk with Sue Scarlett, Marilyn Mc Keown, Bill Degnan or Sheila Whitehead

### **Notices**

- ◆ If you know of any pastoral concerns, issues, such as people who are ill or in hospital, any bereavements please let Tony know so that arrangements can be made for him to pay them a visit. Telephone, text message or email are best ways of contacting Tony.

### **Keeping children safe training workshop- forward notice**

If you are an Elder, worship leader, musician, involved in any Church group- mainly music, playgroup, camp leader, children's talk leader, attendance at this workshop is compulsory for you.

**Wednesday 9 May**

**6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. @ Traralgon**

**Saturday 12 May**

**9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. @ Traralgon**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONS IN TRARALGON DISTRICT**

**Sunday 8th April @ 10:30 am @ Traralgon**

### **The Call to Eldership (Election of Elders)**

We have come to an important time in the life of our congregation, and that is the election of Elders/Leaders. We are calling for nominations for Elders/Leaders as the congregational election will be held on Sunday, 8th April, following the service of worship.

The Basis of Union of the UCA states that "The Elders' or Leaders' Meeting ... consists of the minister and those who are called to share with the minister in oversight. It is responsible for building up the congregation in faith and love, sustaining its members in hope, and leading them into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world." (Paragraph 15) The Elders/Leaders of the church are those who have "spiritual oversight" of the congregation and its members. Acts 20:28 states that the Elders/Leaders are to "pay careful attention to themselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers, to care for the church of God ..."

An Elder/Leader may be any member of the congregation who knows the love of God in Christ and has the gifts and graces for the privileges and responsibilities of caring for the people of God. Elders are those who give themselves to Christ, to prayer, to the study of the Word of God, and who have a heart's desire to care for others. Within the sphere of spiritual oversight, the Elder/Leaders have regular commitments towards that end. Some of these commitments include: prayer with the minister and the worship leaders before the service, leading the prayers of the people, making sure that the sanctuary is adequately set up for worship, visitation of those under their care, and other similar matters. Not all Elders are required to perform every responsibility.

Most Elders/Leaders serve on the Church Council, which meets bimonthly. However, some Elders choose not to serve on the Church Council. Once a quarter we hold an Elders/Leaders Gathering over a shared meal, this is not a "formal" meeting, but rather a time of faith formation, discipleship, reflection, and prayer.

It is not an onerous task to be an Elder/Leader, but rather it is a blessed calling of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having planted churches, the early church leaders called the people of God within the community to "appoint elders in every town" so that they would "... exercise oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have them ..." (Titus 1:5 and 1 Peter 5:2) If this is your call and desire, and I trust that for a number of you it is, then please feel free to speak to Tony Johnson or Sue Scarlett. May the Lord provide for his church Godly women and men who will serve Him and His people.

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