



WEEKLY BULLETIN - EASTER 2026

Bulletin for Easter Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April

*Happy Easter to everyone celebrating with us.
We usually share Morning Tea after Sunday services but not today, we will resume that next Sunday 12 April.*

	BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY			
	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
4 & 5 Apr	Romans 6.3-11	-	-	Matthew 28.1-10
12 Apr	1 Peter 1.1-12	16	Acts 2.14a,22-32	John 20.19-31

COLLECT

Brightness of God's glory,
Whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison,
As you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
Help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
Let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
And no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
As the First and the Last, the Living One,
Our immortal saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

EASTER CRAFT STALL

Grace Howell's Easter Craft Stall is at the back of the Church. If you wish to purchase something and Grace isn't around please leave cash in the tin provided. Grace contributes all proceeds to the Parish.

OFFICE CLOSED 15 & 16 APRIL

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April 2026. For anything urgent please contact Church Warden Karen Green on 0407 645 814.

A PRAYER FROM THE CELTIC CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The Celtic Christian community thrived from the 3rd Century after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Holy One beyond all names, Eternal wellspring,
may love rise again in us today,
with food for every table,
shelter for every family
and reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love,
and free us from all falseness,
that the light of our souls may shine
and the strength of our spirits endure for earth and all its people,
this day, tonight and forever. Amen.

REV NIC'S LEAVE AND LOCUM PRIEST ARRANGEMENTS

As previously notified, Nic will be on leave from 6 April – 6 May. Julia will be with Nic for Easter and the week following. Nic will travel to South Africa to see family last visited 8 years ago, returning on Wednesday 6 May.

The Rev George Markotsis, a retired Priest well known in our Parish, will lead Sunday Services for the remaining Sundays in April. He will not be “running the Parish” but will be available for emergencies. Please contact the Parish Office in office hours or one of the Church Wardens.

Our honorary Asst Parish Priest Simon Kim will lead and preach at services on Sunday 3 May.

CHURCH FOR HIRE

Did you know, St David's Church is available for community hire for events appropriate for the space? Until recently, a local Toastmasters Club met fortnightly, and Narcotics Anonymous meets here every Monday evening including public holidays from 6.00 – 7.00pm; about 40 people attend.

For all Church hire enquires please contact Alicia in the Parish Office.

CAREFORCE

Careforce does valuable work and we look forward to continuing to support them through our collections at St David's. Donations can be dropped in the glass room at the rear of the Church. Information Flyer on the Noticeboard.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation

- Visit by Bishop John Roundhill.
- The 9.30am Service will include Confirmation.
- We pray for Hudson and Saxon Meyer preparing to confirm their faith at the Service.

Saturday 20 June 7pm – Riverbend Ensemble Concert

- More details on the Poster on the Noticeboard.

LIFE OF JESUS: VIDEO-BASED PRESENTATIONS IN MAY AND JUNE

Nic writes: On my return from overseas I will lead this 6-week video series.

Life of Jesus: who he is and why he matters.

The Rev Dr John Dickson is a Macquarie University Professor of Ancient History and in a series of short videos he and other experts in their fields present astonishing and thought-provoking information.

Sundays 17 and 31 May, and 7, 14, 21 and 28 June, 11.00am – Midday.

If requested, also on Tuesdays, 7.00pm – 8.00pm from 19 May to 23 June.

Email Nic or contact the parish office if interested in either option.

“BEWARE THOSE WHO CANNOT TELL GOD’S WILL FROM THEIR OWN”

"There are many ways to tell the story of what happened on Good Friday. According to the Gospel of John, it involved a collusion between religion and politics. While Pilate and the chief priests conspired to solve their mutual problem while managing to remain enemies, Jesus stood at the centre of the stage like a mirror in which all those around him saw themselves clearly for who they were...

... One of the many things this story tells us is that Jesus was not brought down by atheism and anarchy. He was brought down by law and order allied with religion, which is always a deadly mix. Beware those who claim to know the mind of God and who are prepared to use force, if necessary, to make others conform. Beware those who cannot tell God's will from their own."

~ Barbara Brown Taylor, "Truth to Tell," (from "The Perfect Mirror")

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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- (2) **TAP** card on EFTPOS reader at church entrance; choose the amount.
- (3) **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Chelmer–Graceville

BSB: 704 901 ACCT: 000 00150

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SCAM EMAILS

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