

**Working Bee - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April** Gather with friends from 9:30am to plant out our rear garden. A big concentration on pulling our grounds into shape

**Winter Festival - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jun** As fifth Sunday in the month, we shake things up a little bit on this day. A short prayer service in church at the usual time of 10am, but then gather in the afternoon for a bonfire, food and fellowship.

### Coming Events

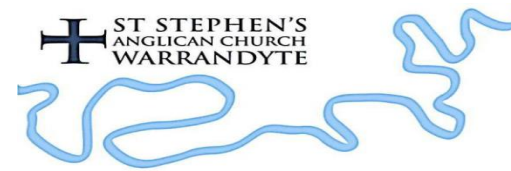
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jul Jumbunna Episcopate Day of Prayer

### Resources for ministry

Giving can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank Warrandyte account  
BSB: 633-000 Acct Number: 140334277.

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*A welcoming Christ-centred community seeking and working together through the power of the Holy Spirit to worship God, share His good news and grow as disciples of Jesus*

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

In the past week I have been reviewing the various ministries we participated in at Easter. A highlight of our time together was the Seder meal of fellowship we shared on Maundy Thursday, following the form of the Jewish Passover, the same meal which Jesus ate with his friends as a last supper.

The Passover is vitally important to Jewish family life; it is a principal way in which adults teach their children about their national origin and about the rescue enacted by God. Christians believe that the events suffered by God's chosen people in Old Testament times had their essential purpose in pre-figuring what God would ultimately accomplish in his Messiah. So, God's mighty rescue, which Jews teach as finished history through the Passover, we now explain as a promised future through the story of the Gospel.

After his resurrection, Jesus dealt gently with the astounded minds of his followers, connecting the reality of his resurrected presence to the predictions and prophecies of Scripture: *He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:44-45).*

Lord and Heavenly Father, show us how Jesus 'opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures' so that we can continue this work.

**1** If a child is in **immediate danger** at any point **CALL 000**

**2** All suspicions or reports of child abuse must be reported to:

What is Child Abuse?	Who can report neglect and abuse of a child under the age of 18?	What sorts of things must be reported?
Abuse and neglect includes but is not limited to: <b>Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Family Violence, Sexual Abuse, Grooming and Neglect.</b>	Children, Parents, Staff, Volunteers, Anyone.	All child safety concerns must be reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disclosure of past and present abuse and harm</li><li>• Allegations, suspicions or observations</li><li>• Breaches of the Code of Conduct</li></ul>

**CONTACT NUMBERS:** POLICE 000 CHILD PROTECTION SEE BELOW KOYOORA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS 1800 135 246

### **Luke 24:36b-48**

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

### **Acts 3:12-19**

*(After Peter, with John, healed a lame man . . . )* While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.”

“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah

would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

“Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’ *(see Deut. 18:15,18,19)*

“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ *(see Genesis 22:18 and 26:4)* When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

### **1 John 3:1-7**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.