

Services – Sunday 28 March, 2021

Palm Sunday

9.30am Five Dock – led by Kay Johnson

Readings: Matthew 21: 1-11; 23: 37-39;
26: 26-30, 36-46

Preacher: Rev Phil Swain, Turramurra UCA

Theme: "Holy Week Preparation"

We are glad to have you with us today in worship. It is our hope that you will not only learn more about God, but that you will encounter Him and experience His presence, love and grace for you.

DIARY DATES



Monday 29 March at 12pm

Monday Bible Study will meet in the church continuing our Lenten study.

Topic: "Into Jerusalem on a donkey –

Be a person of peace, like Jesus"

Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 11: 1-11

Resumption of Morning Tea

– thanks to those on roster.

1st Sunday – Sue Brockway & Ruby Arthur

2nd Sunday – Paul Samuels & Lea Samuels

3rd Sunday – Kay Johnston & John McIntosh

4th Sunday – Beverley Monk & Marie Pereira

5th Sunday – Vama Rigamoto & Marie Pereira

Donation Distribution. A reminder is given that last week's insert sheet in the Newsletter gave information for all to consider, regarding a charity you would like to propose to receive financial support. Please check the details of this proposal. Copies are still available on the table if needed. Submission date is 11 April through the church office.

Lent Event

In past years we have been given information on projects of Uniting World which has informed and encouraged our giving through our church partners overseas. A reminder is given that your donation can be placed in the offering plate, in an envelope marked **Lent Event** or given direct at Uniting World

www.unitingworld.org.au.



Daylight saving ends on Sunday 4 April – move clocks **back** 1 hour at 3am.

Minutes of Congregation meeting held on 14 March and **PAC meeting** held on 17 March are on the notice board for your perusal.

Accessing God's natural blessings

"But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you; Isn't it clear that they all know and agree that God is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand—Every living soul, yes, every breathing creature?"

Job 12: 7-8 The Message

A recent ABC Catalyst episode* reported on University of Queensland research on animal venom as a source of new medicines and treatments.

The viewer could only be stunned by the complex design of these animals' armoury of weapons.

For example, research into funnel web spider venom is examining this species' 3000 mini proteins called peptides - each one specific in their target action. One of these peptides, known as H1A, is thought likely to be the basis for a lifesaving medicine to treat human conditions of ischemia where tissue with poor access to oxygen for some time triggers a deadly chain reaction destroying brain cells, such as when a "stroke" occurs.

Animal studies have shown H1A stops this process in its tracks, effectively tricking the brain into thinking conditions are normal. Similarly, a medicine derived from the peptide may well increase the safe period of time for donor hearts to be transported to recipient individuals for transplantation.

The Catalyst host concluded "*hidden within our forests, deserts and oceans, there's a vast pharmacy of complex venoms... that we're only just beginning to understand.*"

We might well say how extraordinary is the world created by our Lord that we can barely comprehend its intricate workings. What's more, by God's ongoing grace we can always turn to him to open up even greater horizons!

*What a wildly wonderful world God!
You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful
creations.*

Psalm 104: 24 The Message

**Kill or Cure: The Story of Venom*, aired March 2021