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NOTICE SHEET

Five Dock Drummoyne Congregation



Praise and Prayer Points

EASTER

Services – Sunday 4 April, 2021

Easter

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Luke 24: 1-35

Theme: "Christ is risen!"

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 Bible Study group have enjoyed meeting to consider the theme of Easter and Discipleship.

The statements of the author, Dr Chris Walker (linked to the Scripture passages) were thought provoking. Such as:

"Jesus made following him hard, not easy – people have to deny themselves and take up their cross in order to follow him. In our culture we like things easy and do not like to deny ourselves or to suffer. What do we have to deny, what cross do we need to take up, to follow Jesus?"

"Discipleship is a matter of believing in Jesus, putting our whole trust in him, and living for God. We have Jesus as our Lord and the Holy Spirit to help us live his way. Just as Jesus lived entirely for God carrying out God's purpose for his life, we are to discern how we can be part of God's good purposes in the world."

The group is now in recess for a few weeks.

Donation Distribution

Please note that your suggestion of an organisation or charity to receive financial support is due by Sunday 11th April forwarded through the church office. Thank you to those who have responded to this invitation.

Lent Event

Donations in support of Lent Event may be forwarded in the envelopes provided, direct to Uniting World or through the offering plate.

There is a green hill far away
Outside a city wall
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven
He died to make us good
That we might go at last to Heaven
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the prince of sin
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved
And we must love Him too
And trust in His redeeming blood
And try His works to do.

This hymn encapsulates Easter in such a clear and simple way that it is no surprise that Cecil Frances Alexander wrote it as a children's hymn.

Cecil Frances Alexander was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1818 and was a hymn writer and poet.

This hymn was first published in 1848 in 'Hymns for Little Children' and then in the Church of Ireland Hymn Book and remains popular today, still appearing in major adult hymnals.

Married to an Anglican clergyman, William Alexander, Cecil was involved in charitable work for much of her life. Money from her first publications had helped build the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and the profits from the 'Hymns for little Children' were also donated to the school.

She was involved with the Derry Home for Fallen Women and worked to develop a district nurse's service. She was an indefatigable visitor to the poor and sick.

Cecil died in her home, the Bishop's Palace in Derry, Ireland in 1895

A Happy and Holy Easter to all