



Services – Sunday 18 April, 2021

Easter 3

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Colossians 1: 9-18

Theme: "The Power of the Cross"

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



TODAY

Uniting World's 7 Days of Solidarity begins.

Our opportunity to be inspired by and learn about the work of God's people around the world.

"Celebrating the good things God is doing seems important after a year of strain and struggle to adapt to a pandemic that is still the source of pain for millions of people. COVID-19 continues to make life so incredibly difficult for our partners, but through it all, God is faithful. Their incredible lives remind us that we're surrounded by a cloud of witnesses who keep the faith, and giving up is not an option."

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Monday Bible Study group have enjoyed meeting to consider the theme of Easter and Discipleship. The group is now in recess for a few weeks.

Wednesday 21 April at 11.30am

PAC meeting in the church.

Lent Event

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

Do not fear, for I am with you

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)

As mentioned in part 8 we have Niko thinking gladly about not doing any more hard work, as the septic pit hole for one of the homes at Bitung, Northern Sulawesi, would be finished.

Nikholas Situmorang was the Logistic Manager and he was employed by the Manado branch of Habitat for Humanity, Indonesia. Niko was also the guy I turned to when we needed a foot ramp added to Augustine's house (mentioned in part 8).

When I was appointed assistant to Jack Brooks (more on him in part 10) I quickly learnt that if I needed a job done quickly and efficiently Niko was the man to see. Once we needed some fireworks for the farewell dinner so into his car and off to Bitung (nearest town) we went and task was completed at a reduced cost. Niko also had come from North Maluku and had purchased one of the houses. Also, there is a connection between Maluka and our own church's Lent Event recipients this year.

Habitat's programme is a hand-up programme, not a hand-out programme. Volunteers and home partner families are directly involved in building Habitat homes, which are sold to the selected families at no-interest-for-profit terms. These families are chosen, not only based on their level of need but also on their ability and willingness to pay the monthly payments and provide sweat equity in providing volunteer hours to build their own homes and those of future neighbours regardless of creed, sex, religion, colour or race.

The Christ Blessing statue (Yesus Memberkati), 50 metres tall, was built in 2010.

The statue has a lean of 20°, and is claimed to be the tallest flying statue in the world.

It was constructed by an engineering firm in Yogyakarta (Indonesia) and is found on the outskirts of Manado.



See you in 12 months. Amen. **John McIntosh**