



He is Risen;
He is Risen Indeed.

Services – Sunday 16 April, 2023

Easter 2

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: John 20: 19-31

Theme: "Hide and Seek"

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

There will be a brief special ***Worship Committee Meeting*** following morning tea.

Monday April 17

Monday Afternoon Lenten Bible Study

meet in the Church at 3pm.

Theme: 'Neighbouring is an intentional way of living'

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 and
Matthew 6: 1-4

Saturday 29 April 10.30am to 12 noon,
followed by lunch.

Planning Session

The Congregation has asked for a time to discuss/decide/plan the future of our Church and future ministry.

In order to ensure this meeting goes well we need definite numbers so please sign up on the sheet available today.

Lent Event Giving

As part of our support and interest in Lent Event, there is a gift envelope available if you wish to donate to the work of our Partner Churches overseas.

These may be returned in the offering plate or sent to the address shown on the envelope.

As we are still in the period of Easter, Christians around the world continue to celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and to remember the victory he gained over death itself. How the son of God willingly gave up his life as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity and because of his death and resurrection, means we are now ALL able to come before God in repentance of our sins. We seek his forgiveness and mercy, and by his grace we are saved and set free from the bondage of sin and death. So no longer do we need to fear death, for the Lord Jesus has promised us ALL eternal life in his name, if we only believe and have faith in Jesus. Therefore as believers we are promised salvation and eternity in the presence of God beyond the grave.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” *John 3:16*

This is the essence of the Christian faith, and the reason we place so much emphasis on the Easter events. The story and the accounts given by the synoptic gospels, by those who witnessed these events i.e. Jesus' disciples, are so crucial to us all. For without these detailed accounts of what took place during that time, we as believers would be at a loss. So, it would be true to state that the death and resurrection of Jesus is at the very core of the Christian faith.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus had risen from the grave, it marked the end of his earthly ministry, and the time had come for him to ascend back to the Father. The physical presence of Jesus would soon no longer be witnessed by his disciples and his followers. For soon the visible will be invisible, the flesh would now become spirit as the outward will now be inwards in our faith, in our minds and in our hearts.

Blessings, **Wattson**