

THIS WEEK – PALM SUNDAY 1st April 2012

Holy Communion

Theme: The Redeemer Arrives



Reading: John 12:12-19

9:00am

Reader: Tova Swadling

Welcomers: Robert and Sandra Murphy

Morning Tea: Richard and Carolyn Benisch

Mid-week Church Set-up: Robert Murphy

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Organist: Jan Allan

Flowers: Ann Gould

10:30am Preacher: Ian Weeks

6:30pm Leader: Zoe Chapman

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Welcomers: Elisa & Becky

2012 SOCIAL EVENTS
Saturday 12 May – Trivia Night
Saturday 28 July – High Tea (at church)
Saturday 8 September – Market Day tbc
Sunday 11 November – Fish & Chips DY

APRIL EVENTS

- 5th April Maundy Thursday Service
- 6th Good Friday
- 8th Easter Sunday
- 14th Men's Breakfast (1 week later than usual)
- 17th Ladies Fellowship

MAY EVENTS

- 5th Men's Breakfast
- 8th Belrose Fishers Lunch at BBC
- 12th Social Trivia Night *****
- 14th Church Council
- 15th Ladies Fellowship

EASTER SERVICES

- MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 5th April 2012 7:30pm Preacher:** Ian Weeks
- GOOD FRIDAY - 6th April 2012 9:00am Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Welcomers: Robert and Sandra Murphy, Joan Sena
Flowers: Carolyn Benisch **Organist:** Gwen Gatford
- EASTER SUNDAY - 8th April 2012 9:00am Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Theme: The Redeemer Lives
Reading: John 20:1-18
Welcomers: Helen Meillon, Denis and Lisle Wall
Morning Tea: Jenny Garlick, Val Wright
Flowers: Carolyn Benisch **Organist:** Gwen Gatford
Venessa's Driver: Ann & David
- 10:30am Preacher:** Ian Weeks
- 6:30pm Praise Service Leader:** Zoe Chapman **Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Welcomers: Grace & Sophie

Newsweek contributions are very welcome and should be given to Robert Murphy by 7.00pm Thursday on Ph. 9975 2245 or by email to murphyffoz@bigpond.com please.



NEWSWEEK

1st April 2012

Belrose Uniting Church
 Corner Forest Way & Morgan Road, Belrose



TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Palm Sunday *The Redeemer Arrives!*

Today, Sunday 1st April, is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of "Holy Week" – the week leading up to Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

All four Gospels record the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem in preparation for the Passover. In each Gospel account, the crowds, spurred on by the reports of Jesus' miracles – especially the raising of Lazarus from the dead – eagerly welcomed Jesus on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Has the long anticipated Redeemer arrived? Is Jesus the one? Their longing for a Saviour reflected in their welcoming cries: "Hosanna! – Save us now!" "Be our King!"

But what sort of Saviour and King would Jesus be? Some probably wanted Jesus to set them free from their earthly worries – Roman oppression, earthly cares and anxieties, poverty and injustice. They may have seen Jesus as their magic genie who would do as they wished, coming as a victorious soldier to overthrow their earthly enemies.

Instead, Jesus comes in humility, on a donkey, for the purpose of peace. Jesus' true Kingly victory would not be in defeating the Romans, but in dying on the cross, and by his death and resurrection, conquering the stranglehold of sin and death, making peace for us with God.

Jesus, mercifully, did not give in to the temptation to fulfill the desires of the crowd – what they thought they needed. Rather, he fulfilled the plans and purposes of God, and gave himself to the real human need – our reconciliation with God, the satisfaction of God's judgement for our sin, so that we might be forgiven and have eternal freedom.

As we welcome Jesus as our King today, we do so in the knowledge that we will come together on Thursday and Friday to remember how Jesus' Kingship was demonstrated: in humble service and self-less love; culminating in our celebrations next Sunday of Jesus' glorious and eternal Kingship as the Resurrected Saviour.

I pray that this week will be a week of blessing for you as you ponder the amazing grace of God in the events of this Holy Week.

Ian Weeks

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Sunday Services

9:00am, 10:30am, 6.30pm*

(*5:30pm Youth Service on the last Sunday in each month)

ACC – As a Congregation we decided to join the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church of Australia. The logo of the ACC has been added to our Newsweek banner on Page 1 of Newsweek to signify our membership.



EASTER THANK OFFERING 2012

Our Mission of the Month for April is the Easter Thank Offering.

This year, the newly merged Uniting Mission and Education is running this annual appeal which supports international and local projects that would struggle without the extra support received through this Appeal. As these are church based programs, donations are not tax deductible.

1. Overseas Church Partners Lay Leadership Training.
2. Pastoral Care Training in Rural Communities in NSW and ACT.
3. Solomon Islands Minister Education Upgrade.
4. Indonesia Children's Ministry Leadership Exchange which will support 4 young leaders in Indonesia to develop leadership skills in ministry by visiting Lugarno Peakhurst Uniting Church to help lead Christian school holiday programs.
5. Eddie Dixon Centre in Paddington seeks to provide nutritious lunches, showers, mental health support, referrals, spiritual and personal support for homeless and disadvantaged people in inner Sydney.

Donations can be placed in the offering using the special Easter Thank Offering envelopes from the pews

Congregational Prayer Gatherings

Every fortnight - – All Welcome!
Come, and be blessed!
Pray for our church and our community
Receive prayer; for yourself, your family and friends!
Next Prayer night: 7:30pm Friday 6th April.
Please join us in the Family Meeting Room.

For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith. Romans 1:17 (AMP)

ACC News on our Church Website

Our webmaster, Ross Swadling, has placed the content of the ACC News on a new page on our Church website. It is a sub-item within "News" on the top menu (with Newsweek and Good News). It will be updated each month.



LENT EVENT concludes at sunset on Easter Saturday, 7th April. Thank you for your participation in Lent Event. Every dollar donated will help fund development projects for needy people through UnitingWorld. Please place your donation in the offering on Sunday 15th April. If you need another donation envelope, spare Lent Event brochures which contain the donation envelope are available in the foyer, or see the acting co-ordinator, Ken Attwooll. If you will not be here on 15th April, please remember to bring in your contribution ASAP. Receipts for donations, which are tax deductible, will be sent out by UnitingWorld.

Input to Parliamentary Inquiry - The Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church to which we belong, has encouraged us to make inputs to the Senate Inquiry into Marriage. The (insert) flyer from ACC is forwarded for your consideration.



Following the 9.00am Service on Good Friday, everyone is invited to the Swadlings' for hot cross buns.

**55 Pringle Ave
Belrose**

Horn of Africa Crisis Appeal

Thank you for your support of the Uniting Church Horn of Africa Crisis Appeal which was the January Mission of the Month. \$270 has been forwarded for this purpose.

Alpha – Tomorrow!! Bring your family and Friends

Topic:
How can we have faith?

When:
7:30pm 2nd Apr.

You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for by Christ]; ... **1 Corinthians 7:23 (AMP)**

Yes, there is more to life!!



Rev John Mallison - The death occurred on Thursday of the Rev John Mallison, who was a Christian pastor, mentor, author and teacher.

John Mallison played a major role in maximising the impact of Christian small groups and was the 7th Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia in N.S.W. In 2003 he was awarded an Order of Australia for his social work. He will be greatly missed in the life of the Church.

'The Board' Movie

Buy copies of the "The Board" movie for your family and friends.

Where: Foyer of church **Cost:** Only \$3 ea

Prayer requests

Praise God – for answering many of our specific prayers.

Let us Pray for:-

Healing & Comfort

Val Dowling	Anne Weeks
Jenny Dinning	Elsie Chan
David and Ann	Bill Schnabel
Frances and Gordon Richardson	

Protection & Provision

Ps. Ian & Anne Weeks – Ministry at BUC
Phil, Glenda & kids – Missionaries, PNG
Michael Weeks – Evangelistic victory
Bruce and Kathy – Return to Cameroon
Brad Thornton – New SRE teacher

Prayer for BUC

Easter – Many people drawn to Jesus
Alpha – outcome success
Lent Event – participation & success

¹⁵ *He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.* ¹⁶ *With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.* **Psalm 91:15-16 (AMP)**