



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



*Witnessing to God's love for the world
From the main street to the paddock.*

April 2022

Living Into the Sign of the Cross

‘From this day on, the sign of the cross is upon you.’

It was very special to share in the Baptism of Poppy Clements in worship a few weeks ago. Perhaps one of the most moving things for me was to see the way Poppy placed her hands in the water and made the sign of the cross upon her own head.

At just two years old, Poppy had understood one of the central claims of our faith – that we are claimed as people of the cross.

This month we again return to the key story of our faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We will again hear the ridiculous claim that God cares enough about the suffering of humanity, to enter into that suffering with us.

We will hear that in Jesus, God knows what it is to feel forsaken by God.

We will hear how God takes that which is most shameful, painful, violent and despised, and use it for life, healing, reconciliation, and peace.

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And we will be reminded that through our Baptism, we have been claimed as people of this story – whether life feels really wonderful or really difficult at the moment; whether we've been to Church every week or haven't been for years; and whether we've lived as people of the cross or are still learning how to.



In the words of Paul:

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18, 27)

In a time when the world is struggling through war, pandemic and floods; in a time when members of our community are suffering from cancer, depression and isolation; in a world where God's presence seems almost impossible to discern, I believe this message still has a lot to say.

For I'm not sure if we ever truly understand the Easter story. But I know it continues to claim our lives, each and every day.

So, this Easter, remember 'from this day on, the sign of the cross is upon you.'

- Daniel



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Worship & Readings

Please note that services will begin at 9:30 am as we share resources with Goulburn.

Sunday 3 April

9:30am Crookwell and
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Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday 10 April

9:30am Crookwell and
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Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Luke 19:28-40

Sunday 17 April

9:30am Crookwell and
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Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

Sunday 24 April

9:30 Crookwell and
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Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 14 April

7:00pm Crookwell

Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31-35

Good Friday 15 April

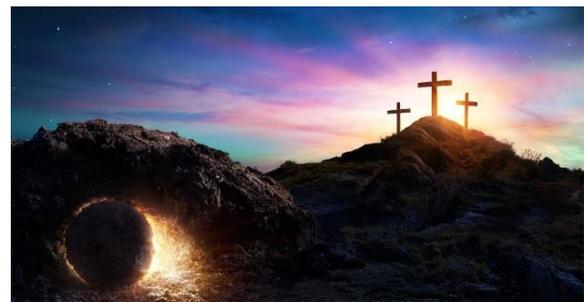
9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday 17 April

9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18



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Welcome Re-opens

The Welcome book shop re-opened on March 24. Much thanks to Bob and Maria and the team of volunteers.

If you can spare some time each week to volunteer, and would like to help, please see Daniel, or Bob and Maria in the shop on Thursdays between 10am and 1pm.



Flood Fundraiser

The Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT has launched a fundraiser to assist with the flood affected regions of northern NSW.

If you would like to support the recovery of these communities, please visit the Moderator's Flood Appeal website at Tinyurl.com/ModFloodAppeal



Thank You Front Line Workers

On Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March 2022, representatives from the Combined Crookwell Churches got together to provide care packages for the staff of Crookwell Hospital, Viewhaven, Sunset Lodge and Upper Lachlan Home Care.

These 161 packages are a thank you to all staff for the care to the community provided in trying times over the last two years. These people worked under very difficult conditions to keep us all safe.

Church Council Notes

Parish Council met on Friday 18th March 2022. The Church Council continues to explore the option of the childcare centre.

It was also decided that worship would start at 9:30am from now on. This was the overwhelming response from the congregation.

Church Council also decided that for the time being, we will attend the local coffee shop after church for morning tea.

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