



## Welcome

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## For Your Prayer

- Pray for the country of Nigeria. More Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country. The government's attempts to increase the influence of Islam across the country affect even Christian-majority communities in the South. Men and boys are particularly vulnerable to being killed and widowed women and their children have little protection. Pray for God's grace and comfort as many believers are displaced and experience trauma because of their faith. Pray the church will be brave enough to be a light in their nation and continue sharing the gospel.
- Pray for the COVID-19 response. Thank God for the easing of restrictions and the ability to meet and sing over Easter.
- Pray for our Church. That over Easter the good news of Jesus might be proclaimed faithfully and that through our Church services, radio programme and internet that some might hear the gospel of Jesus (and believe) that otherwise wouldn't hear.
- Pray for safety on the roads for all those who travel this weekend.



## What's Happening?

### Focus for April – Family Devotions

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### Prayer on ZOOM

For the month of April we will have the meeting every Wednesday at 7am. All are welcome. The link is on Facebook and can be sent if requested.

### School Holidays

The regular activities of the Church will go into recess over the NSW School holidays. Stephen will also be on leave for the week Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jon if you need any pastoral assistance.

### Rosters

We are still looking for extra help with our Sunday services especially in welcoming, cleaning, playing music, singing, sound, computers, disinfecting, leading, reading the Bible and praying. Could we all find one spot that would fit us? If so please speak to Liz, John or Stephen.

### Change of service times

From Sunday 18th April we are planning to change our service times (again!) Each week we will run three morning services Swansea 8am, Charlestown 9am and 10:30am. We are doing that so that we can have a combined morning tea in the middle of the two Charlestown services to better facilitate fellowship across these two congregations. So if you normally come to the first service, please try and stay for morning tea as well (9-10:30am). And if you normally come to the second service please come early for morning tea (10:00-11:30am)!

### Working Bee | Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 8am

The Charlestown Church is planning to have a working bee. There will be lots of jobs, big and small, skilled and unskilled. Come for an hour, come for the morning but please come and help keep our buildings in their best possible shape.

### Finances for February

<i>Budget for February</i>	\$24,005
<i>Actual offerings for February</i>	\$21,719
<i>Deficit for February</i>	\$2,286
<i>Deficit for year</i>	\$9,232

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- Pray for the COVID-19 response. This time last Easter we were in lockdown. Praise the Lord that we were spared the worst of the COVID pandemic. Pray for much of Europe as they enter into a third wave.
- Pray for our church, that people might experience new life in Christ because of the message of Easter this weekend.
- Praise God for the work of missionaries all over the world. That while Christianity may be struggling in much of the developed world it is growing exponentially in much of the developing world. Pray for good training of pastors and church leaders to Church build from a solid base.
- Pray for those who have lost everything in the NSW floods. Pray for those who are exhausted after working hard to keep people safe. Pray for Churches in the flood affected areas that they may be hubs of hope.



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### Kids' Spot

The 2nd half of the greatest swap in history that Jesus did is: Jesus swapped his death for life! After dying on the cross, Jesus came back to life and anyone who trusts Jesus will one day also swap their death for life and live forever with him. What a great swap! Question for the week: Why is it so important that Jesus didn't stay dead, but swapped his death for life?

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# Suffering

**Readings:** Matthew 27:1-26, Matthew 27:27-56

1. The causes of suffering

2. The man of suffering

3. The results of his suffering

4. The results of our suffering



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**



**Suffering  
Services**

**Charlestown: 9:15am & 10:30am & 6pm**

**Swansea: 8am**

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Welcome & Prayer**

**Song** In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**Bible reading** Matthew 27:1-26

**Announcements**

**Song** How Deep the Father's Love For Us

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Bible reading** Matthew 27:27-56

**Sermon** Suffering

1. The causes of suffering
2. The man of suffering
3. The results of his suffering
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**Song** O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

**Closing Prayer**



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# The reaction to the resurrection

**Readings:** Matthew 28:1-10, Matthew 28:11-20

1. Fear
2. Joy
3. Worship
4. Pretend
5. Make disciples



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

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**Song** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Bible reading** Matthew 28:1-10

**Announcements**

**Song** His Mercy Is More

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Bible reading** Matthew 28:11-20

**Sermon** The reaction to the resurrection

1. Fear
2. Joy
3. Worship
4. Pretend
5. Make disciples

**Song** Thine Be The Glory

**Closing Prayer**



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



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