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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
Resurrection



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**Our mission:**  
*Striving to be like Jesus.*



A Welcome to any who may have joined our community for the first time, thanks for choosing to meet with us at Eaglehawk. Currently our church does not have a minister as we are in the process of calling a new person to lead us. Meanwhile we have the services of supply ministers for both leading services and for pastoral care. For more information please contact us, contact details on page 2. The people of Eaglehawk Uniting Church acknowledge the original custodians of the land on which we live and worship, the Dja Dja Wurrung – the Elders and the People, both past and present.

**ZOOM** If you are reading this in an email you can click on the meeting Zoom button below to join the meeting. Alternatively you could download the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID and password indicated. **The meeting will start 15 min early for chat.** If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone then you can join the meeting using the phone number **03 7018 2005**. You will be asked for the meeting ID and password, and your participation will be audio only.

### Cornerstone

is our children's Christian education program which is available to all aged 3 and over. Children participate in the first part of the 10 am service then either work on a guided activity at the rear of the church or leave for age appropriate lessons and activities in the meeting room. Children under 3 are also welcome to attend if accompanied by a carer.



**10 AM Worship (Zoom and at Church)** Meeting ID: 930 3469 6004 Password: 056493

See below for Easter services starting April 18, Good Friday **April 20: Rev Ken Rookes**

[Zoom](#)  
[10 AM Worship](#)

**6:30 PM Service (Zoom only)** Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231 Password: 042802

**April 20: No service, see below for Fish Meal** **April 27: Lectionary Study**

[Zoom](#)  
[6:30 PM Service](#)

### Eaglehawk Uniting Church Easter Services

**Good Friday April 18th:** Church Service at 9:30 am led by Di Gough

**Easter Sunday April 20th:** Two Services.

1: 'Sonrise' Ecumenical Service at Lake Neangar Amphitheatre @ 7:00 am. Come and share a Cappuccino and Hot Cross Bun after the Service, sponsored by Eaglehawk Uniting Church.

2: The Easter Sunday Service at the Church commences at 10:00 am including Holy Communion and will be led by Rev Ken Rookes.



**Editor Required** to produce this newsletter for the period May 11 to June 7 inclusive. Please see John Taylor.

### Emergency Exits

Everyone is requested to take particular notice of the various Emergency Exit Diagrams positioned around the building. This is in case of the unlikely event of an Emergency, so you will know the most accessible and quickest way to leave the Building, and go to the Emergency Assembly Area.

### Food & Care

On behalf of all our friends at F&C we wish to thank you for your kindnesses and donations.

We continue to be in need each week of the following items, and appreciate your generous giving. If possible please give:

- Small packets of Weetbix.
- Full cream/or Skim Long Life Milk.
- Cans of soup.
- Cans of fruit.
- Adult toothbrushes.
- Children's toothbrushes.
- Roll on deodorant.
- Men's razor blades
- Small bottles of Shampoo and/or Conditioner.



We would also love to see YOU come along and enjoy the Fellowship.

We thank you on behalf of our friends. Thank you for your support and prayers. Di, Glens, and the F&C Team.

### Easter Sunday Fish Meal

**5:30pm April 20.** All are welcome to a meal of fish n' chips to conclude our Easter services. No charge, come along and bring your friends to this family friendly event. Please add your name to the list in the foyer by midday Easter Sunday to ensure adequate catering.



## EUC Activities

**Food & Care** Emergency food assistance,  
Tuesday 11:00 to 1:00pm  
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**Tue Morning Bible Study Group**  
meets in the church hall at 10am.  
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**Wed Morning Study Group** meets at the  
Preston's 36 Harvey Lane, Jackass Flat -  
9:30 -11am.  
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**Mission Action Group (MAGS)**  
4th Tues. - 12noon - 3pm  
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**Friendship Group** meet 3rd Wed. of  
month at 12:30pm.  
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**Men's Coffee & Conversation** Usually last  
Friday of month at various venues.  
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**Pub Lunch**  
Meet for lunch fourth Sunday each  
month. Location varies, see newsletter.  
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### Safe Hygiene

We respectfully ask people to practice  
safe hygiene wherever possible. Hand  
sanitizer is still available and people are  
welcome to wear masks if desired.  
Thankyou.

### Prayer Chain

If one has a prayer request for our  
prayer chain, please contact Rosie  
Taylor 0417 164 973, or Yvonne  
Davey 5446 9163.



### Newsletter

- **Items for the newsletter** should be  
forwarded to John Taylor before 6pm  
each Thursday.
- The **newsletter can be emailed** to  
you if you prefer. Contact John Taylor.  
Email readers can use **hyperlinks** indicat-  
ed by underlined text or icons.
- **Old copies of the EUC newsletter**  
can be found in the rack in the church  
foyer. Last week's is top right, oldest,  
about 9 weeks ago, is bottom left.

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### 40 days of faith-filled action for God's creation : 5 March-17 April

Stand with people fighting on the frontlines of climate change.  
Hear voices of courage and resilience from Tonga and beyond.  
Take up a commitment for Lent and fundraise for vital climate action led by  
communities most affected.

**"The impact of climate change is very real in the lives of our people in Tonga. It means a lot to us that the people of the Uniting Church in Australia are standing with us, through UnitingWorld."** - Rev Makoni Pulu, Free Wesleyan Church in Tonga

Your support will help communities in the Pacific and Asia fight poverty, build food security and safeguard lives in the face of climate change and disasters.

As our contribution to the work of UnitingWorld, please consider a donation. take an envelope and place in the Offering Plate at EUC, or forward via an Elder. Alternatively, you can debit directly into the EUC Mission Account and the total will be forwarded to UnitingWorld at the end of Lent.

Details for the Direct Deposit option:

**Account Title: UCA Eaglehawk Mission Account**  
**BSB: 633 000      Acct No: 2031029**  
**Reference: Lent Event**

### Film Night fundraising event for the Bendigo Interfaith Council

**Film Night fundraising event for the Bendigo Interfaith Council:** The film "The Penguin Lessons" will be screened at the "Star" cinema, Eaglehawk, on Thursday, April 24, at 7pm. The film tells the story of Tom Michell, an English teacher who befriends a penguin in Argentina, at the time of political uprising in the 1970's. Tickets are on sale at <https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/bendigo-interfaith-fundraiser-the-penguin-lessons>

There's been a lot of interest in penguins recently, so why not come and enjoy **The Penguin Lessons** at our film night.

### Bendigo Interfaith Council Annual Dinner

This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, May 1, 6pm, at The Conservatory, All Seasons Resort, Mclvor Hwy. Bendigo. The guest speaker will be the Rev Sharon Hollis, Assistant General Secretary of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and Past President of the National Assembly of the UCA. Sharon's topic will be **"Voice of Harmony: Interfaith in Australia and World Wide"**. Tickets are \$65 each and are available online at [www.trybooking.com/CYSXI](http://www.trybooking.com/CYSXI). Bookings close 26 April. Tables of 8 are available, just book 8 tickets together. All food is Halal certified with a vegetarian option available. Please indicate "special dietary requirement" when booking.




### Watch the President's Easter message

Dear friends in Christ,  
We write to let you know that the 2025 Easter message from President Rev Charissa Suli is now here to give hope and inspiration to you and your community this Easter season!  
Inspired by the women who faithfully came to the tomb in the early morning and had their sorrow transformed into joy, the President calls to us to rise from our tombs and live as Easter people.  
"The tomb – once a symbol of defeat – became the birthplace of courage. They came grieving and afraid and were called from their sorrow. They rose up. They ran and they proclaimed. Fear gave way to faith. Despair gave way to purpose."



"And now, the question comes to us: What tombs are we living in? The tomb of fear? Of division? Of hopelessness?"  
 "We must rise now and speak words of healing into a world torn apart. Act with courage where the vulnerable are forgotten. Love without limits. Serve without fear. Hope without hesitation."  
 We invite Uniting Church communities to download, watch together and share the message on or around Easter Day. You can [download it from Vimeo](#), [watch it on our website](#). (Click on the underlined links.)  
 This holiest of Christian seasons, let's "live boldly as people of new life, strong in courage and relentless in love." May the joy of the risen Christ bring you peace and renew your spirit this Easter!  
**Grace and peace,**  
 The Uniting Church Assembly Communications Team  
 Contact us: [comms@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:comms@nat.uca.org.au)



**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**  
 Bendigo's own Passion Play  
 Directed by Julie Lovell

**GOOD FRIDAY April 18th 7:30 PM**  
**ROSALIND PARK, BENDIGO**

SUPPORTED BY THE CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO AND PRODUCED BY A COLLABORATION OF MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHURCHES IN BENDIGO.  
 Please bring a chair

**GOOD FRIDAY – 18TH APRIL 2025**  
**“JOURNEY TO THE CROSS”**



**A KANGAROO FLAT Ecumenical event**  
**from 10:30 – 11:30am**  
**To be held indoors at St Mary's Anglican Church. High Street.**  
 Readings from the Gospel of Luke and Prayers.  
 Hot + buns with a 'cuppa' to follow. **All Welcome.**

**OUR HOPE**  
*Inspired by Psalm 118 - by David U'Ren*

The world is a scary place.  
 Governments hold warlike policies;  
 climate change threatens our human life;  
 millions die of hunger, thirst and disease;  
 changes demand new attitudes and ideas.  
 It is all very hard to handle.

Old foundations are crumbling.  
 Too smart weapons threaten to obliterate us.  
 Racism and nationalism  
 overtakes human ability to love and respect  
 difference.  
 Where can I recover confidence?

We feel cast adrift, lost and alone  
 before the storms that look too dark to imagine.  
 How can I sing again songs of joy and peace  
 and find strength and security?

The people of old turned to their God.  
 In him they sought refuge and hope  
 and found him present, living, ready to comfort.  
 They cast aside their complacency  
 and found God real and active in human affairs.

So let us join them in simple trust,  
 lay our lives before him,  
 submit to the ways of justice and peace  
 making God's way our way.

The one rejected by the world,  
 is, after all, the Living God!  
 In him we will find inner peace,  
 "The Rock of our salvation!"  
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Together we will be able to say,  
 "You are my God,  
 I thank you."  
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**April JustAct Newsletter 2025**

JustAct is the social justice unit at the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. We equip church members and non-church members to take action on issues that matter most to them.

We campaign on issues that matter most to our supporters. Sometimes this means writing letters or making phone calls, but it can also result in direct lobbying. We also offer other types of resources for those interested in making social justice change

You can click on this link to go to the [latest newsletter](#) and/or you can sign up to their mailing list by emailing [jim@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:jim@victas.uca.org.au)

**Some items from the current newsletter:**  
 Actions urging Australian Governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.  
 In the February 2025 JustAct, we included a postcard action calling on the Victorian Government to end alcohol home deliveries after 10 pm.  
 Latest Research into Online Sexual Extortion of Australian Teenagers In October 2024. We invited you to write letters to the Australian Government regarding generative artificial intelligence (AI) and online child sexual abuse.  
 Progress on curbing Multinational Corporate Tax Evasion and Avoidance.  
 Book Reviews of Books on Disinformation and Misinformation.  
 Book Reviews on Books about Justice for First Peoples  
 Supporter Profile Alex Adam.

**From the Lectionary**

**John 20:1-18**

*Seeing the risen Christ*

20:1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

20:2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

20:3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed,

20:9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,

20:12and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

20:13They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

**Bible Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary**

The Eaglehawk Uniting Church seeks to be informed and guided by the biblical witness. These readings are typically used for personal reflection, group bible study and preaching.

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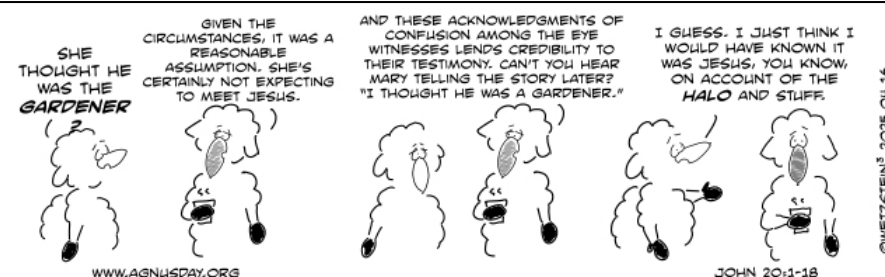
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18

Easter2:April27

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

Easter3:May4

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19



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20:14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

20:16Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

20:18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

But God raised him

Haiku of witness

The ancient witness  
from the book of Acts; Peter,  
once frightened, speaks out.

God, Peter declares,  
does not take sides, all nations  
are treated the same.

If you do what's right  
God will accept you, listen  
to what God's saying.

Jesus came preaching  
peace with God, for all nations,  
not merely his own.

Anointed by God  
and filled with Spirit power,  
Jesus came to heal.

We, his witnesses,  
were with him in Judea  
and Jerusalem.

They put him to death  
on the tree, God restored him  
day three; we saw him!

Chosen witnesses,  
we ate and drank with Jesus  
when he rose to life.

Commanded to preach,  
we declare, through Jesus' name,  
sins are forgiven.

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ROSTERS for 10am service	April 6		April 13	April 18 Good Friday 9:30 am	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27 Communion: G Hall H Cox P Mozous
	Leader	Focus Service	Family Ser- vice	Di Gough	Rev Ken Rookes	Rev Jim Foley
Duty Elder Steward	G Hall H Cox	G Hall H Cox	G Hall H Cox	G Hall H Cox	G Hall H Cox	
Sing Leader	M Cole	R Taylor	R Taylor	M Cole	R Taylor	
Piano	G Hall	G Hall	L Thomas	L Thomas	G Hall	
Organ	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	
Bible Readers	J Taylor Tilly	G Trewartha Amber		G Hall Levi	S Field Nixon	
Cameras	J Taylor	J Taylor	J Taylor	J Taylor	J Taylor	
Zoom + PP	M Hall	M Hall	L Preston	L Preston	A Pata	
Sound	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans	
Coffee	S Lawson	Di Gough		T O'Mara	E Dempsey	