



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Rockingham Congregation
4 Erindoon Way, Waikiki 6169

UPDATE

EASTER SUNDAY 31th March 2024 at 9:30am

Service conducted by Rev Samuel Annan
Please join us for morning tea following worship

Welcome to Rockingham Uniting Church

Our hope is that all who come through our doors find Spiritual rest and nourishment, and that you will experience the presence of the living God in our midst.

MISSION AND VISION

- ❖ We aim to be a diverse community with the crucified risen Lord Jesus Christ as our guiding light spreading the good news of reconciliation to all.
- ❖ We aim to welcome all newcomers, encourage spiritual growth in all members of the community, nurture faith in children and young people and care for those in need,
- ❖ We will strive to achieve this by committing ourselves to God through love, worship, prayer, bible study and diligent management of our time, talents and resources.

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REFLECTION

In Mark 11:1-11, notice the joy that is recorded in the reading. Jerusalem receives her long-expected Messiah, what an excitement! Our long-promised Messiah has now arrived, Hallelujah, but the same people who here praise Jesus will soon attack Jesus. What a contradiction. Faithfulness and faithlessness are never too far from each other. Soon, the tragedy and the rejection of Jesus. As we wave our palm branches, the long shadow of Good Friday is on the horizon. In the days to come, we will remember events more dramatic and less celebratory. We will follow Jesus to the upper room, and out to the garden of Gethsemane. We will hear him pray and feel his disappointment when his friends can't stay awake and wait for him even for an hour. In fact, we will be disappointed at his arrest and trial and crucifixion. We will wonder how anybody could think of betraying him.

Maybe for a minute, we'll realize that we would have been just like the people around Jesus, as helpless sometimes to stop the earthly powers, as sleepy as the men and as silent as the women who followed him from Galilee into Jerusalem, the same friends and followers who started the week cheering him. Maybe just maybe, we will step outside of our own stories and wonder how it felt for Jesus.

In Philippians 2:5-11, Paul said, Jesus, humbled himself even to the point of death. Paul points to a Christ willing to empty himself and walk with us by pointing to a Christ willing to die for the sake of obedience. One of the central claims of the Christian tradition has been that God is love. Such a claim is not based on any abstract or sentimental notions about love; instead, it is connected to the history of God's love expressed through God's activities of creation, redemption, and sustenance. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem among palm branches strangely prepares us to fight our tendency toward the delusion of superficial love; instead, we are given a love that withstands the horror of crucifixion.

Palm Sunday shows us how often we misinterpret God's love and our love for God. The true measure of our love must comprise the capacity to extend ourselves in tangible acts of compassion towards the afflicted, forcing us to come out of ourselves. The church, as a church, is not called to be "like God" if that means having power over the world. Rather, the church is called to be like Jesus Christ, who gave up power and privilege to be in the midst of the suffering world.

By: Rev Samuel Annan

Bible Readings 7th April 2024:

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION

Weekly Worship with Children's Activities each Sunday 9.30am (with Communion on First Sunday of each month).

Week's Events from 31st March- 6th April 2024

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship Service: led by Rev Samuel Annan

Elder on Duty: Helen Williams

**Wednesday 9:30am-
11:00am**

Women's Connect Group at the Church

THE STORY by Randy Frazee

Session 12 - The Trials of a King

Friday 5:30pm

Music Practice

Rockingham Uniting Church Community Morning Tea

6th April from 9:30am to 11:00am

All are invited to join us for our Morning Tea. We will take this opportunity to present our new playground to the community!

Snacks & drinks are provided for all

**Saturday 4:00pm-
7:00pm**

Youth and Children's games

Karaoke Night Boys vs Girls

Coming Events

Easter Sunday 31st March: Worship Service at 9:30am – conducted by Rev Samuel Annan

Men's Group

Thursday 18th April, 10:00am

Boule/Bocce at Churchill Park, Flinders lane end, Rockingham. Ladies welcome.

Lost Property Box: Please check the Lost Property Box (located in the hall between kitchen and store room) for any left behind items before the end of April, all left over items will be relocate.

Mission Shaped Ministry (MSM): The MSM is a one-year course on how to start and sustain a Fresh Expression of church. It's about how to re-invent church for 21st century culture. MSM 2024 will be held face to face over four weekends: April 27-28, June 22-23, August 24 -25 and October 26-27. Each of these Saturdays at Mt Pleasant Uniting Church and Sundays at Nedland Uniting Church. You need to attend both days and all four weekends to fully participate. We want to register all who are willing to participate. Kindly contact Simon Cartwright to register if you would like to participate fully in this.

Notices

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Albania, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia.

PASTORAL LISTS

With the addition of new Elders there have been changes to the Pastoral List. You may have a new Elder. Please check the noticeboard in the Hall for the updated list. If you are not on the list and would like to be included, please contact either Rev Samuel or an Elder. Thank you.

Congratulations to Simon Cartwright, Kylie Harrison and Naibuka Laqere our newly elected Elders and to Ken Paton and Sharon Ritchens our re-elected Elders. We pray for their willingness and faithful service to our Lord in this role.

The role of Elder as outlined in the Uniting Church Regulations 'is one of spiritual oversight and may also be exercised in pastoral visitation, teaching encouraging members of the Congregation to share in mission; assisting the Minister in leadership of worship and administration of the sacraments and other areas in the life of the Congregation.'

Church Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers for the Following positions: bus drivers, readers, stewards, morning tea servers, AV-systems, and communion stewards. If you would like to fill any position please put your name and details on the list in the atrium. Your help will be much appreciated.

If you want to watch the live-streaming of our Sunday service, simply follow this link:

https://www.facebook.com/RockinghamUnitingChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

Otherwise, you can go to Facebook and search Rockingham Uniting Church.

Sunday 7th April 2024	
Bus Driver	Tim Finney 0434 208 534
Reader	Christina Harman
Elder & Announcements	Lois Lewis
Stewards	Christina Harman & Gerry Ligtermoet
Communion Stewards	Sharon Ritchens & Pat Nevin
Morning Tea	Margot Evans & Helen Williams
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Jordan Lockwood & Adrian Graetz
KUCA	

Four week averages: 61 Adults, 2 Children