



APRIL / MAY
2025

Bringing Glory to God in Worship and Life
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Dear friends,

As we journey together through the season of Lent, I've found myself reflecting on how easy it is to rush through life; always moving, always ticking boxes, and yet Lent calls us to slow down.

The other day, I was out walking early in the morning. The sun was rising, and the neighbourhood felt calm, and still; everything seemed to be in a state of quiet anticipation. It reminded me that this season isn't just about giving something up or marking time until Easter. It's about walking closely with Jesus, noticing what He's doing in us and around us, and allowing ourselves to be changed. Lent reminds us we're not finished yet; God is still shaping us.

And then comes Easter. The stone rolls away. The tomb is empty. Life bursts forth. Hope takes root again. We're reminded that no matter what we've been through or how far we feel we've wandered, resurrection is real. Transformation is possible. Jesus meets us where we are and calls us into new life.

Whether you've been at church every Sunday or haven't been in a while, I want to invite you to be part of our journey this season. You are always welcome here.

We've got some wonderful community events coming up; why not pop one in your calendar and come along?

- **Community Lunches** on **April 10th** and **May 8th** at 12 pm (bring a friend!)
- **Potluck Dinner** on **May 31st**: come with a plate and stay for good conversation
- **ANZAC Day Service** at the Drury Memorial on **April 25th**
- And, of course, our **Sunday Services at 9:30 am**, including special services for **Good Friday (April 18)** and **Easter Sunday (April 20)**.

We'd love to see you.

Let's continue to journey with Jesus, hold onto hope, and be open to the transformation He brings.

A short prayer as we walk together:

Loving God, as we walk through Lent and look toward Easter, help us to follow Jesus with open hearts. Where we are tired, bring renewal. Where we are burdened, bring peace. And where we have lost our way, gently call us home again. Amen.

Blessings

Rev. Maugapaia Ropeti-Iupeli

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."



from
MATTHEW 20:18-19

April and May Services at a Glance

- Sun Apr 13th** 9:30am Service: Palm Sunday
- Fri Apr 18th** 9:30am Good Friday Service
- Sun Apr 20th** 9:30am Easter Sunday Service
- Sun Apr 27th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun May 4th** 9:30am Service, Holy Communion: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun May 11th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun May 18th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun May 25th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli

Sunday Service: 9.30am





DPC Weekly

Sundays 9.30am:

- Service followed by morning tea at 10.30am.
- Kids Rock during service.
- Good Friday Service - 18th April

Tuesdays 10am-11.30am: (during school term)

- Prayer Group meet in the church hall.

Wednesdays 7pm:

- Parish Council - 16th Apr and 21st May - meet in church hall.

Thursdays:

- Community Lunches - 10th April & 8th May - 12 noon at the church hall; A simple lunch is provided; bring a friend!
- Young Adults' Group - 10th & 24th April and 8th & 22nd May; at the manse.

Fridays:

- Youth Group - 7.30-9pm - at Papakura East Presbyterian Church (during school term). Contact Paia for more info or transport.
- Anzac Day Service - 25th April - 11am, at Drury Cenotaph in Tui Street.

Saturdays:

- Men's Breakfast - 12th April at PEPC, 8am-9am.
- Ladies' Group - 26th April at Drury, 10-11.30am.
- Potluck Dinner - 31st May - 6-9pm in the church hall.

Notices

CONTACT LIST

Did you pick up a copy of the new Contact List? If you missed out, let Sharlene know to print more.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 12th April, 8am-9am at Papakura East. Speaker: Jon Corson - His Passion for Wheelchair Rugby. Please RSVP to Chris J if attending, so numbers for catering are accurate.

LADIES' GROUP

Saturday 26th April, 10am-11.30am at Drury Presbyterian Church hall. Details to follow. Save the date for Girls' Night at PEPC - 24th May - they have a speaker and a high tea, 7.30-9pm.

Easter in Ararimu

Jesus said,
"I am the way,
the truth
and
the life."

WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?

VISIT THE ARARIMU GARDEN
FROM MONDAY 7TH APRIL TO
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

LAMB & POTLUCK Meal
on Good Friday 18th April,
6pm at Ararimu Hall

Please bring a plate of food to share.
Everyone welcome!

Learn about The Passover and how Jesus fulfilled The Passover

For further info please contact Lyndsay on 294 8379

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