



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

18th & 20th April 2025

Our Mission Statement

*"Sharing the love of Jesus together
in welcoming all people into the
fellowship of the church as well as
ministering to the community"*

Jesus and Passion Week

Jesus did not come just to perform miracles and teach about the Kingdom. In fact, Jesus says the main reason He came to earth was to die (John 12:27).

Without Jesus dying for the sins of the people, there would be no good news.

As Jesus approaches the final days of His ministry, He begins to speak to His disciples about His coming death:

We are going up to Jerusalem... and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise. — Mark 10:33–34

The disciples have a difficult time understanding what Jesus means until He shows them more clearly during His last meal with them. At this final meal, Jesus shifts the focus of the meal to speak about Himself and what is soon to come. Before passing out the bread, Jesus says to them,

This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. — Luke 22:19

And before passing around the cup, He says to them,

This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you. — Luke 22:20

Jesus is telling them that by being broken in His death for them, He is like the Passover lamb. Just as God delivered His people from slavery by the blood of the lamb, Jesus will deliver His people from sin by His own blood. Those who believe in Him are saved by His broken body and poured-out blood. But this sacrifice is different, because it establishes the new covenant promised by the prophets.

Those who believe in Jesus will be saved and brought back to God forever.

Under pressure from the religious leaders, one of the disciples, Judas, betrays Jesus and hands Him over to be arrested. Jesus is placed on trial, and while no valid charge is brought against Him, the crowds persuade the governor, Pontius Pilate, to have Him crucified.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30pm @ Wavell

Sunday Worship Service 9am

See below for locations

Special Events & Services — April

Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday

Combined 9am Service @ Wavell

Sunday April 27th Combined 9am Service

@ Wavell

Special Events & Services — May

Sunday May 4th Combined 9am Service

@ Wavell

Wednesday May 7th Adult Fellowship 1:30pm

@ Geebung

Sunday May 11th Combined 9am Service

@ Geebung Mother's Day

Sunday May 18th Combined 9am Service

@ Wavell

Sunday May 25th Combined 9am Service

@ Geebung

Rev Tevita Conclusion Service @ 2pm

(location to be confirmed)

Special Events & Services — June

Sunday June 1st Combined 9am Service

@ Wavell

Saturday June 7th GeoVerdi Musica 1:30pm

@ Geebung

Sunday June 8th Combined 9am Service

@ Geebung

For your attention



Rev Tevita Conclusion Service May 25th at 2pm

As you would know, Rev Tevita is taking the next step in his Christian ministry by making himself available to minister to another congregation of the Uniting Church.

Although we are sad that he is leaving us, we would like to fully support him into the future and advise that his conclusion service for his ministry to the Geebung/Wavell Congregations will be held on Sunday May 25th at 2pm. The location is to be confirmed.

For any council member who are available, our Safe Ministry Training is due.

Ministry Agent Training

Code of Ethics Refresher + Safe Ministry Training

Friday 2nd May

Code of Ethics Refresher: 9am to 12:30pm

Safe Ministry: 1:15pm to 3:15pm

Venue: Kenani Community Church
425 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo



REGISTER

For more information contact: office@mrpres.org.au

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ann Bain	Maree Massey	Dell Merchant
Graham Power	Bert Wilton	Edna Street
Norma Jenkins	Lian Tan	Margaret Ferris
Marj & Bruce McKenzie	Sylvia Marson	Len Ferris
Malcolm & Judy McMillian	Beris Urquhart	Nev Bryans



From the front page

Jesus is stripped of His clothes, beaten and flogged, and forced to carry His cross to the place of His crucifixion. He undergoes the worst form of torture and death known at the time as His hands and feet are nailed to a wooden cross.

But in His death, Jesus is not only being rejected by men. He cries out from the cross,

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? — Matthew 27:46

In His final breath, Jesus cries out, *It is finished.* — John 19:30

On the cross, Jesus was not merely dying the death of a sinner. He was dying for the sins of the people, being separated from God and paying the full price for their sins in their place.

The Resurrection of Jesus

When Jesus took His final breath and gave up His spirit, it felt like the disciples had suffered their worst defeat. Their beloved Teacher had spent years proclaiming that He was the promised Savior who had come to rescue them and the promised King who had come to reign over a new Kingdom. But how could He be a Savior when He could not save Himself? And how could the King reign over an eternal kingdom when He had been defeated?

On the first day of the next week, two women who were Jesus' disciples went to visit His tomb. But instead of finding a stone covering the tomb, they were shocked to find it open and an angel sitting on the stone.

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen. — Matthew 28:5–6

Soon, Jesus appears to the women, and eventually to all of His disciples, in a resurrected body, turning their sorrow over His death into inexpressible joy. Just as He had promised, Jesus had carried their sins and defeated death. But He could not remain with them forever. Jesus was returning to the Father, and the disciples would now have a new mission as His witnesses to the world.

1. The infographic "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?" was adapted from J. Warner Wallace, *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels* (Colorado Springs: Cook, 2013).

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Dates for your diary

We have a few special events coming up we'd love you to enjoy,



Wednesday May 7th 1:30pm @ Geebung Adult Fellowship

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and some time with Rev. Tevita just a few weeks before he moves to the next chapter of his ministry.

Saturday June 7th

1:30pm at Geebung

GeoVerdi Musica

Afternoon Tea together

Adults \$20

Children Free

Saturday July 12th from 2pm @ Geebung

Maureen's Musical Melodies will present a Country and Western theme afternoon of entertainment. You could even wear your checked shirt, boots and hat.

Please make your friends and neighbours aware and come to enjoy the afternoon

Update re Geebung's use:

The Geebung Hall has now been allocated to the Australian Electoral Commission for both Early Polling and Election Day. Set up for Early Polling took place on Thursday April 17th. Early Voting starts

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th 8:30am to 5:30pm

Monday April 28th to Thursday May 1st 8:30 to 5:30pm

Friday May 2nd 8:30am to 6:00pm

Saturday May 3rd 8:00am to 6:00pm (hence - May 4th Service will be held at Wavell)

April 20

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Cor 15: 19-26

Jn 20: 1-18

April 27

Easter 2

Acts 5: 27-32

Ps 118: 14-29

Rev 1: 4-18

Jn 20: 19-31

May 4

Easter 3

Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20)

Ps 30

Rev 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

May 11

Easter 4

Acts 9: 36-43

Ps 23

Rev 7: 9-17

Jn 10: 22-30

GEEBUNG

Alternating

59 Simla Ave

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Geebung Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

Alternating

147 Rode Road

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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Thurs 9am—3pm
Friday 9am—1pm