

Please pray for:

Bishop Steve and Lorraine, Ministry Educator– Alec Clark, the Diocesan office staff and Diocesan Council.

Give thanks for the life of Carleen Pocock and pray for her family.

Those who are sick: Ashley, Bill, Bridget, Brian, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Deborah, Denise, Dorothy & Dick, Dorothy H, Eric, Graham, Grayson, Jan Y, Jean V, Jesse Bessant, Jim L, Keith M, Les, Marilyn, Margaret, Mark S, Neville, Pam, Pat G, Philip, Ross, Sarah, Sharron M, Stewart, Tim, Russell, Rhianwyn, Val S, Yvonne B, Claire J

Southern Coastal Deanery

15th April, 2018.

3rd Sunday of Easter

The texts this week call us to look beyond the surface of appearances and see what lies beneath the surface. When we can do that, we can grow in grace and love. Jesus offers his whole self – wounds and all – to the disciples; in that, they see that he is the resurrected Christ. Peter's call for repentance is also a call for the apostles to show themselves wholly to Jesus.

Focus scripture: Luke 24:36b–48 Jesus is back! Or is he? If things are as they always were – Jesus and the disciples living and learning together on the road – why are things in Luke 24:36b–48 so strange? In some way we don't understand how the Jesus who appears to his disciples does not seem to be the Jesus they, who had lived with him for three years, remember. Jesus has to convince the disciples that it is he.

Later, in verse 44, Jesus speaks of a time when he was still with them. But isn't he with them now? Or is he with them in a new and mysterious way? What does Jesus' resurrection mean? The author of the gospel of Luke will spell that out in the second volume of this two-volume work, the book of Acts. In Acts, the story of God's relationship with humanity, begun in the deepest history of the foundations of the nation of Israel, will blossom out to all the world. For that to happen, the disciples who are present with the resurrected Jesus need a deep and abiding experience of his presence. This they do by eating with Jesus.

To eat with someone in the Ancient Near East, to share their hospitality, is to be intimately connected to them, to be linked with them in a relationship of mutual responsibility, care, welcome, and support. In eating with his disciples, Jesus offers this mutuality to his followers. It is the Spirit of God who is central to Acts 3:12–19. Here is a crucial moment occurring in a crucial place. A man has been restored to health right in the temple, the central place of Jewish faith and hope. And it looks like Peter and the other apostles are responsible. What better place and what better way to launch a new movement of faith with the

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Worship Schedule

Brighton 9am (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Green Island 11a.m. Mornington 9.30a.m.

St Kilda 11a.m. (Morning tea served from 10.15a.m.)

Midweek service

Wednesday 1pm @ Holy Cross Hall, St Kilda.

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apostles as its leaders? Peter, however, appears not to have read the right books. He has no interest in capitalizing on this amazing event. Instead, he tells those who are present that this experience of wholeness comes directly from the ancient promises of God to the nation. And those promises, long remembered and hoped for, found their focus in the place in which they stand, the temple, and now in one of their own, Jesus of Nazareth. So Peter, at the start of Acts, calls for what John the baptizer called for at the start of the gospel of Luke – a great turning around (Luke 3:3).

Jesus appeared to the disciples when they needed a friend. He showed up and offered them his peace. Peter told his friends the truth about their lives and Jesus in a way that they could hear it. He offered them healing and grace. How do we offer grace to friends in times of need? How can our lives be a reflection of the relationship Jesus had with the disciples when he came back and had breakfast with them?

The practice of contemplation Read Luke 24:36b-48.

In this week's focus story, Jesus appears to the disciples when they are afraid and very much in need of a friend. Use your journal to write or draw your response to these prompts:

- a time when a friend came through for you.
- the names of a few people you know who might really need a friend.
- How can you be a friend and “show up” when they need you?

Call to worship

We still tell the good news!

Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

The tomb was empty, and Jesus appeared to them.

Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Jesus gives peace to the people.

Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Jesus says, “Don't be afraid.”

Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

We are here to hear the good news, so we can tell others!

Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice. Rejoice in our God

always, again I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice. Rejoice in our God always,

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Sentence of the Day: Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19-20

Collect: Alleluia! Holy God, you set the example for us to follow; as we fulfil your call to tend your sheep make us faithful shepherds of your love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who is alive and reigns with you now and forever, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Readings: Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

Notices:

Tuesday 17th April: 4pm Health & Wellness group @ Holy Cross.

Wednesday 18th April., 1pm the Midweek Eucharist at Holy Cross.
7pm Mornington Committee

Thursday 19th April: Fruit & Vege distribution 10.30am – 11.30am St Mark's Green Island, 4pm – 5.30pm Holy Cross St Kilda,

Let all the World in every corner sing

A service in which we will celebrate with thanksgiving and joy the way in which music has enriched congregational worship in diverse musical styles throughout this Diocese, and particularly within the Archdeaconry of Dunedin. Through prayer, in word, silence and song, we will seek God's blessing upon all church musicians within the Church of Christ today, and upon all that lies before it in the years to come, in serving God's people. **St Paul's Cathedral, Sunday 15 April, 7.00 pm.**

Dunedin NZCMS Support Group

Dunedin NZCMS Support Group meets on **Wednesday, 18 April** at the home of Arch and Jenny Mathieson, [25A Sheen St, Roslyn](#) at 2.30pm.

Focus: New and prospective Mission Partners and those in training. We also hope to have Dot Muir, Dio Mission Representative join us. All welcome or contact Maureen Harley 03 456 0573.

Found- Easter Day – small chain bracelet with two charms at Mornington Methodist. Contact MARGARET CONNOR 488 4345.