



Tin Can Bay Community Church

A Baptist Ministry

*The Purpose Statement of our church is:
NOW IS THE TIME TO BE GOD'S
LIGHTHOUSE IN TIN CAN BAY*



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

**2nd April 2021
Good Friday**

Ever Wonder If The "Enemy" Is Getting The Best Of Us?

(by R. Dwight Hill - Facts of the Matter Daily Devotion)

Chaos and societal disintegration seem to reign. Good people are squashed as scoundrels cruise past us unscathed. Natural disasters and wars crush innumerable innocents, while the exploitive, wily, and manipulative rule, imbibing on life's delectables.

A rational observer would conclude that the forces of Light are losing to the forces of the Darkness. Prior to the cross, Jesus willingly surrendered to a lynch mob, to be strung up, mocked and murdered. As the inquisition began, He commented, *"This is your hour when darkness reigns."* (Luke 22:53)

How often have you personally felt that this was your hour when Darkness reigns, as you struggled with strained or broken relationships, frustration over insoluble issues at home or the office, or temptation and sin. If we are to win in our epic battle between good and evil, we need to view it through Jesus' eyes, because He is the One who understands that the Enemy has already been defeated and the victory has been secured. As the preacher said, "Today is Friday, (crucifixion day) but Sunday is coming!" (Resurrection Day).

The truth is that Sunday has already come and the victory has already been secured:

Paul was sent to the lost *"to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."* (Acts 26:18)

"[Christ] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves." (Colossians 1:13)

"Satan, who leads the whole world astray... was hurled to the earth..." (Revelation 12:9b)

Be reassured by Christ's encouragement that *"in this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world... because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."* (John 16:33b; 1 John 4:4b)

So today, will you choose to rest in the fact that because Sunday has already come, the victory has been won for you? Will you this very moment choose to appropriate and enjoy His triumph?

Welcome to Our Good Friday Service

We pray you will encounter God as we worship together today. If you are visiting please make yourself known to someone and stay behind for a chat.



Happy Birthday to Joel Emery celebrating his birthday on Monday.
God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- Continue to pray for Frith Krueger for healing from her thyroid cancer. She is scheduled to have surgery on 6th April.
- Continue to pray for Bob & Desley's daughter, Mon, for strength and comfort for the whole family during this time.
- Special prayer for Australians over this Easter period:
 - » That hearts might be softened towards God;
 - » That there would be an openness to His Word and the prompting of the Holy Spirit along with a searching to know Him as their Saviour;
 - » For Easter services that the message would be preached clearly and boldly and that many people would respond and give their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for John and the Elders as they share the oversight of the spiritual growth within our fellowship.
- Pray for the Deacons and Ministry Leaders who together form the Church Council.
- Pray for Christians around the world suffering from high levels of persecution (refer article "Persecution Increasing").

Easter Sunday Service

We are having our Easter Sunday Service at 9am in the park adjacent to the RSL Hall. Please note everyone must bring a chair. **In the event of wet weather the service will be at the Community Complex.**

The event will be operating under a COVID Safe Plan. Sign-in will be by electronic barcode scanning on your smartphone. If you haven't used barcode scanning before and you have an iPhone then the phone will automatically handle it. If you have an



Android phone then you will need to install a barcode scanning app. Paper sign-in will also be available for those who aren't able to do it electronically.

Persecution Increasing

An annual survey revealed that in 2020 the number of Christians killed for their faith rose by 60%, with 91% of the killings occurring in Africa, mostly in Nigeria. One in eight of all Christians worldwide suffer high levels of persecution and every day an average of 13 Christians are killed for their faith. In many places the COVID-19 pandemic has created a more hostile environment for Christians, who are often blamed, whether directly or indirectly, for the pandemic and discriminated against in receiving medical services.

Source: Open Doors

Goomboorian Fellowship

On Saturday evening a group of about 20 gathered for the first Goomboorian fellowship at Scott and Kelly's place. It was a beautiful afternoon to spend time worshipping the Lord, fellowshiping over an evening meal, and reflecting on 1 Corinthians 12 around what it means to be the body of Christ. No doubt, the highlight was witnessing Simon Hughes being baptised. A great start to this 'new' venture for folks in our church who live West of Tin Can Bay.



80th Birthday

On Saturday 17th April at 2pm at the Marina Bar & Grill, an afternoon tea will be held to celebrate the 80th birthday of Jan Murfet. All people who attend the Tin Can Bay Community Church (men and women) are invited to attend.

Graeme and Marie Parker (brother and sister-in-law) ask that each guest pays for their own drinks. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Numbers are essential for catering purposes (maximum of 40 people). Please RSVP by 14th April to Marie Parker, either text or phone on 0437 120 333.

Message from Robyn Sleep

A special hello to all of the church from Robyn Sleep. She and Trevor are set up now at their next house sit at Kyneton in Victoria for the next 7 weeks.

Church Library

The Church Library is open each week after the service. We are following COVID safe guidelines with each book and DVD being sanitised on return to the library. The library has had a donation of many new novels for those who have read through all of the library books to date. Take time to have a browse of what's on offer.



KYB

KYB is currently in recess. It will recommence the week beginning 20th April and we will be studying the book of Daniel.



Church Website

Links to the Sermon and Church Bulletin are emailed out each week but they are also available on our Church Website. In fact, you can listen to sermons from as far back as 2011. To access these and other great resources you need to register online and email Brad so he can confirm your registration.

www.tincanbaycommunitychurch.com.au

Website Administrator - Brad Battaglene, Email: bbattagl@gmail.com

This Week In Our Church



Friday 2nd April	8.00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday 4th April	9.00 am	Easter Sunday Service in the Park
Sunday 11th April	9.00 am	Church Service

Rosters

Date	Worship Leader	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
Good Friday 2 Apr	John V	Carmel	Brendan	Jan H Diane	Christine Rob	Jan H John F	Rob Jim
Easter Sunday 4 Apr	Simon	Hayley Karen		Jim Sheila	Christine Kaitlyn		
11 Apr	Kelly	Scott	Linda	Kay Carmel	Rob	Kay Trevor U	Rob, Bruce & Heather

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