

Cross & Keys

April/May 2021 - Newsletter of
Saint Peter's Church





The Anglican Parish of East Maitland

Saint Peter's Church

49 William Street East Maitland

Serving the Communities of Ashtonfield,
East Maitland, Four Mile Creek, Louth Park,
Metford, Pitnacree, Tenambit and the Hunter Region

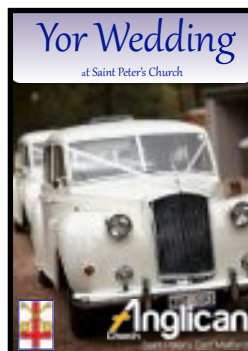


Parish Office & Parish Information The Parish Office is normally open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and is the first point of contact for all parish enquiries and bookings. If the office is unattended please leave a message. Contact details and information about our regular activities can be found in our *Welcome Guide* available at the back of church, on the parish website, or through the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care Please advise the Parish Office of any pastoral needs and especially if someone is in hospital. If you need the assistance of a priest at any time please contact the Parish Office. After hours the office telephone will provide a mobile phone number for a member of staff who can assist you, or you can leave a message.

Baptisms and Weddings Information about baptisms (christenings) is available on our parish website. Information about holding a wedding at Saint Peter's is available in our *Wedding Guide* and on our website. The best way to make an enquiry about baptisms or weddings is through our websites.

Site Hire The Parish Hall is available for hire for one-off or regular community and commercial events.

A background image for the Op Shop section showing a variety of clothing items hanging on racks in a well-lit room.

OP SHOP

Bargains Galore! Clothing, Household items, Books, Bric-a-brac - something for everyone.

Thursday 9am - 3pm
Friday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Located at rear of St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

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Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland

The Facebook logo, a blue square with a white lowercase 'f' inside.

Saint Peter's Columbarium

The mortal remains of many of our friends and loved ones rest in the columbarium niches and memorial garden.

We invite all members of our local community to consider our columbarium as the final resting place for their cremated remains, where family members and descendants can visit.



For further details about purchasing a columbarium niche please speak to Maryka in the Parish Office.

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Scott's Spot

Christ is risen! Alleluia! On Palm Sunday, during the notices in church I said, when people ask me in the future when I thought we had really turned the corner in terms of our worship life as a community being back on track after COVID-19, for me it was Palm Sunday 2021. It was wonderful to have so many people worshipping together, our fabulous Choir enhancing our liturgy, being able to sing without masks, and sharing in the blessing of Holy Communion together as a large gathering of the faithful in this place.



Through the rest of Holy Week and the Great Three Days of Easter that has followed we have continued to experience the amazing power of God at work among us and through us. Throughout these days our liturgies have been at times both solemn and deeply reflective, culminating in the immensely joyful praise and worship at the Great Vigil of Easter and our Easter Day Sung Eucharist. It was also a great joy to be able to gather for the Ecumenical Dawn Service on Easter Day. I hope you enjoy the photographs of our various liturgies in this edition of Cross and Keys.

After the Great Easter Vigil, as I sat alone in St Peter's, the church in darkness, the faint hint of incense still hanging in the air, I wondered, what's next? What's next for us as a community of faith who gather in this place, what's next for the church in our wider Maitland district, what's next for our Diocese and indeed what's next for the church throughout Australia and the world. In that moment it became all a little bit overwhelming. I found myself pondering how much my wonderings, as overwhelming as they were, resonated with the wonderings of the first disciples on the first Easter Day. All of their ideas - their hopes and dreams, about how the world could be, had been changed forever – shaken to their very core by their experience of the death, entombment and resurrection of their friend and brother Jesus. Amidst the confusion, the turmoil and the emerging joy of those days, Jesus breathed into them the spirit of faith and hope.

In the days following I have continued to reflect on that experience of life – death – entombment – and rising to new life. This is a pattern that we all know very well. We see it reflected around us in nature, the seed that dies only to spring forth into life. I have been watching expectantly as the flower bulbs in the Rectory garden begin to send up new green shoots before they will eventually blossom into flower in a few months' time. We see this pattern reflected also in our own lives as things that we have known and enjoyed for a long time give way to new and fresh possibilities. Our experience of this pattern always comes with an element of sadness and grief, as we see a part of something that has been important or meaningful to us cease to be. There is also the joy and gladness when the new thing emerges and we learn to live with that and celebrate the goodness of a new experience, a new relationship or a new way of being.

Whether we seek it or not, this Easter pattern of life – death – entombment – and new life pervades every part of our lives. We are called to live it with all the strength that God gives us. We live it empowered by the breath of the Spirit that Jesus breathes into us just as he did for those first disciples.

May God give to us all the grace and the courage to be his disciples today.

With the assurance of my prayers for you all. Your Priest and brother in Christ. Scott

Parish Diary April - May 2021

Special Events in April

Saturday 17th April
8.30am - 12.30pm
Visioning Workshop

Special Events in May

Please join us and invite your friends!

Saturday 1st May, 9am - 3pm
Op Shop Vintage Market Day

Thursday 13th May
Ascension Day
7pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 23rd May
Day of Pentecost

Sunday 30th May
Trinity Sunday
8.30am
Combined 5th Sunday Sung Eucharist

2nd Apr	Good Friday
4th	Easter Sunday
6th	2pm: Craft Group (and then 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month)
6th	4pm: Pastoral Care Team Meeting
6th	7.30pm Man Talk (and then 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)
13th	10.00am Kinship Group (formerly GAPS) (and then 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)
13th	4pm Ministry Team Meeting (and then 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)
14th	7.00pm Resourcing Team Meeting (and then 2nd Wednesday of each month)
17th	8.30am Visioning Workshop
26th	7pm Parish Council Meeting
1st May	9am Op Shop Vintage Market Day
17th-21st	Father Scott on Retreat
30th	8.30am Combined Service

Working with Children Checks & Safe Ministry Training

Throughout the Parish we have many people who volunteer to assist with a variety of roles. In order to comply with both legal and Diocesan requirements in regard to volunteers, many of our volunteers have been asked to provide Working with Children Checks and to attend Safe Ministry Training. For many of the volunteer roles this is an essential and necessary requirement.

Working with Children Checks

To get a Working with Children check requires you to apply online by going to the website at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and completing the online form. At this point you are provided with an Application Number - this then needs to be taken to the local Service NSW office together with proof of identity. For volunteers this check is free. You will then be provided with a Working With Children Check number - please advise this number and your date of birth to Maryka in the Parish Office so that she can complete the process.

Safe Ministry Training

Safe Ministry Training workshops are scheduled at various times during the year, however the training can be undertaken via online training via the following weblink: www.openlearning.com/courses/safe-ministry-online-induction. The cost is \$30 per person payable directly to Openlearning.com. When you have completed the training please bring a copy of your certificate to Maryka in the Parish Office and a copy of your receipt for reimbursement.

Commissioning of Rev'd Sarah Dulley

Many congratulations are extended to Rev'd Sarah Dulley who was commissioned by Bishop Peter Stuart on 8th March at Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Maitland. Sarah has been appointed as the Parish Priest for the Cluster Parishes of Saint Mary's, Maitland, and Saint Christopher's, Telarah-Rutherford.

It was a very special few weeks for Sarah and for her very proud family, husband Scott and daughter, Georgia. They all travelled to Melbourne the week after her commissioning for the University of Divinity Graduation Ceremony which was held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. At the ceremony Sarah was awarded a Master of Theological Studies and was also awarded the Bromby Prize for Biblical Greek from Trinity Theological School.



Registers

Holy Baptism

During April and May baptisms are scheduled for **Freya Byrnes, Henry Paul James Carey, Vivian Joy Bryant, Audrey Isabelle Field-Folpp, Theo Robert Ian Hudson, Skye Grace McDonald, Harlee Mae Fullerton, Lydia Skye Daniels, and Archer Jeffrey Barrett.** Baptisms now take place on Sundays at 1pm.

Holy Matrimony

Please pray for those who have been married recently or who are preparing to be married in coming weeks, amongst them **Nicholas Thompson and Haylee Bard on 17th April.**

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all those who have died recently, including **Doreen Taylor, Michael Cook, Raymond Allen, Beryl Scholes and Betty Ellicott.** May they rest in peace.



Parish Diary

The majority of Parish activities are on hold at the present time due to the Covid-19 situation. We continue to be guided by Government guidelines and advice from the Diocese.

Memorial Flowers

Throughout the year we pray for the souls of loved ones on the anniversary of their death. Each year families remember loved ones who have died by dedicating memorial flowers in the church on the weekend in which they are included in our prayers.

This is a lovely way to remember loved ones and to help Saint Peter's maintain a supply of fresh flowers throughout the church.

The cost of flowers is determined by the family making the donation, however as an indication this is usually in the order of \$150 - \$200.

If you would like to organise memorial flowers for a loved one, please contact Maryka in the Parish Office on 4934 5303.



Edward Denny Day

In the Sanctuary at St Peter's Church there is a stained glass window dating to 1887 with the following dedication "To the Glory of God and in memory of Edward Denny Day of the 62nd Regiment who fell asleep 6 May 1876".

Edward Denny Day arrived in Sydney in 1834, as a civilian hoping to find success and maybe own property in the strange new land. His military career had seen him spend several years in India so it can be assumed that he was well prepared for the Australian heat and harsh conditions, unlike many of his British counterparts. His first job in the colony was as a clerk in the office of the Colonial Secretary Alexander Macleay.

At the age of 34 Edward Denny Day married Margaret, the 19 year old daughter of aristocrat James Raymond. James Raymond, his wife and nine children found their way to Australia through numerous social connections which ensured free passage and employment upon arrival.

In 1833 the role of police magistrate was created by a British Act of Parliament. Police magistrates were paid government officials, appointed by the Governor and given sweeping powers.

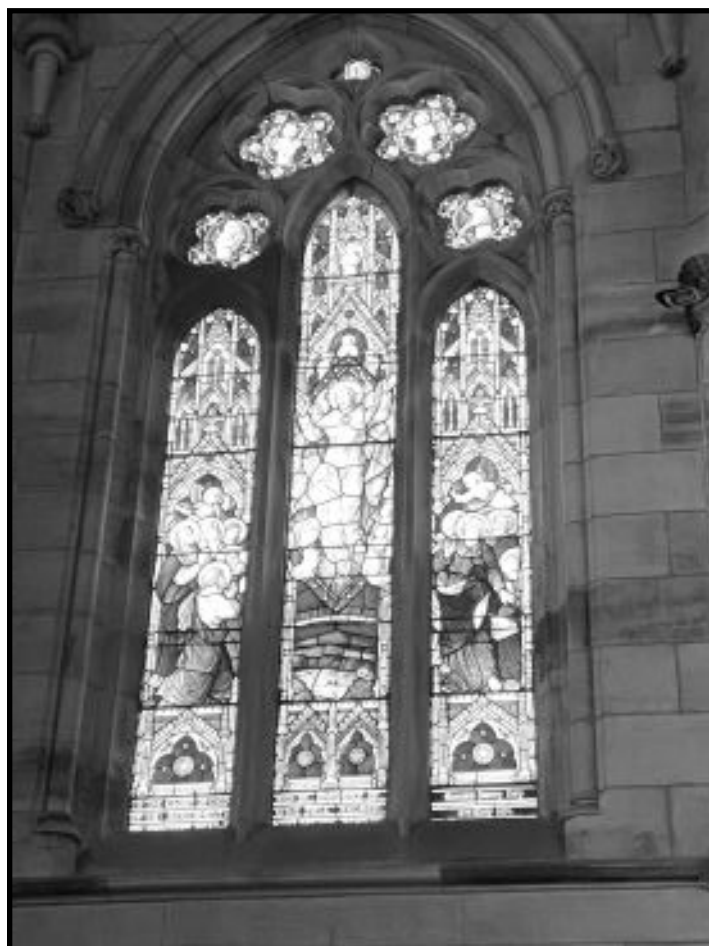
Denny Day's first post as police magistrate was in 1836 in the Blue Mountains. He arrived in Wallis Plains (Maitland) in 1837. He was so efficient in cleaning up the wild town of Maitland that after only nine months he was sent to Muscle Brook (Muswellbrook), being replaced by the highly inexperienced Patrick Grant.

Edward Denny Day is remembered not only for his exceptional work in Maitland, Muswellbrook and Port Macquarie as a peacekeeper and police magistrate, but also for his role in the trial of the perpetrators of the Myall Creek massacre. On the 10 June 1838, 28 Wirrayaraay Aboriginal men, women and children were massacred in the stockyard at Henry Dangar's run. Through Day's investigations, 11 of the 12 perpetrators were arrested and brought to trial and seven of them were hung on 18 December 1838.

Prior to Myall Creek only three British subjects had been convicted of murdering Aboriginal people but none had ever been executed. This was the first time that British subjects had been executed for the murder of Aboriginal people and it set a judicial precedent.

Day was also instrumental in the capture of the Jewboy gang of bushrangers. In December 1840 Day was a private citizen visiting Muswellbrook when news of the increased bushranger activity by Edward / Teddy Davis and his Jewboy Bushranger Gang reached him. There was no Police Magistrate in Muswellbrook and the Chief Constable at Maitland had been shot. Day gathered volunteers and Mounted Police to track down Davis and the gang. They were captured at Doughboy Hollow (Ardglen) and taken to Scone, and then to Sydney, where they were convicted and found guilty. They were executed on 16 March 1841.

In appreciation of his works in the capture of the gang Edward Denny Day was presented with silver Sheffield plate.



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Denny Day and his family spent many years in the Maitland area and subsequently Day was involved in many civic duties such as laying the foundation stone for the Maitland Benevolent Asylum in 1846. Although Day and the family moved to Sydney in 1849 followed by a move to Port Macquarie in 1853 to take up position of Provincial Inspector of Police, by 1858 Day had moved back to Maitland to take on the role of police magistrate again.

Edward Denny Day died in Maitland on the 6 May 1876 and his wife a few years later in February 1879 and they are both buried at Glebe Cemetery in East Maitland.

The Edward Denny Day Collection at Maitland City Library provides an in depth look at Denny Day's personal and professional life.

The foregoing account of Edward Denny Day's life is taken from Maitland City Library's website

Mission Partnerships Gaza Emergency

WHY ABM RESPONDS

Humanitarian crises are recognised as a significant impediment to development, and hence require a timely and strategic response.



ABM's approach to humanitarian emergencies is intrinsically linked to their core vision - seeing communities flourish around the world through targeted development programs.

The objectives of humanitarian response are to save lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain human dignity during and in the aftermath of human-caused crises and natural disasters. ABM recognises that any emergency response should be guided by the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence.

HOW ABM RESPONDS

As a small organisation, ABM cannot support every emergency that arises. They therefore have systems in place to assist in making timely decisions on whether to support a response. In the process of deciding whether ABM(AID) will support an emergency, these key considerations are taken into account:

Has ABM received a request for assistance?

This request may come from one of ABM's Community Development Program Partners, or it may be received within an appeal that has been launched by ACT Alliance or another partner organisation.

Does ABM have an appropriate partnership in the region affected?

ABM has standing partnership arrangements that can be used to support an emergency response.



Visit our Website: www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

Latest News and Events + Information about the Life of our Parish

Parish Governance

The Parish Resourcing Team meets monthly, with the Parish Council meeting every 2 months. At recent meetings the following were discussed:

- The Parish Visioning Day to be held on Saturday 17th April - it is important that as many parishioners as possible attend in order to help in planning the future direction of St Peter's Church.

Annual General Meeting

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting elections were held for Churchwardens and key Parish Officials. The 2021 officials are as follows:

Church Wardens

- Graham Webb (Rector's Warden)
- Kerry Bruce
- Anne Page

Parish Councillors

David Burton
Stephen McKinnon
Barry Sherringham
Kevin Short
David Wheeler

Parish Treasurer

Yvonne Hinde

Parish Secretary

Maryka Gibson

Mission Secretary

Graham Webb



Churchwardens (l to r) Anne Page, Kerry Bruce, Graham Webb

If you are a user of Facebook please like and share our Facebook Pages:

- East Maitland Anglican
- Petrus Community
- St Peter's Playgroup East Maitland
- Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland



Parish Office Opening Hours

From 1st March 2021 the Parish Office opening hours have changed. The new Opening Hours are as follows:

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Thursday 9am - 3pm

Friday 9am - 3pm

Outside of these hours messages can be left on the Parish Office phone (4934 5303) and will be responded to as promptly as possible during opening hours.

Op Shop Update

by Jane Hall

It is with much excitement that we are proud to announce our very first Op Shop Market Day since Covid. But this one will be with a difference!. If you all cast your minds back to last year Saturday 14th March 2020 where we were so fortunate to get our Market Day in before we were all virtually placed into Covid Lockdown! How far we have come since then!

Our **St Peters Anglican Op Shop Vintage Market Day is set down for Saturday 1st May, 2020 from 9am – 3pm**. Over the last 12 months

we have been so fortunate to have received some truly amazing donations by way of beautiful trinkets, collectibles, and valuable vintage items which we will be offering for sale, at a price to sell, in the Parish Hall.

We will also have some other wonderful stalls in the hall in the same vintage theme and of course our ever popular usual stalls which include our beautiful Craft Stall headed up by Di Mudd, our ever amazing Nick the Plant Man, and our delectable ever popular GAPS cake stall. Don't have much breakfast before you come because we will have THE best BBQ going, headed up by Father Rothnie, and grab a coffee from our onsite Tunza Coffee van! Also don't forget the amazing bargains we will have on offer at our wonderful Oppy Shop!

So! Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbours. Spread the word for this wonderful fundraiser for our Parish. If you would like to donate any potted plants for our Vintage Market Day all donations would be gratefully accepted.

We are also very pleased to announce we have two beautiful change rooms for your shopping pleasure in our Op Shop. Our customers are enjoying the opportunity once again to be able to try garments on before purchase.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of Volunteers, we are open Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 3pm and Saturdays from 9am – 1pm. We would love to see you. For just 3 hours a week, fortnight, or month we are grateful for whatever time you can spare. If you are interested ring me, Jane, on 0421 550615 or call in and see us!.

Keep updated with our weekly specials on Facebook. There is something for everyone!

We are so grateful for our wonderful group of Op Shop Volunteers for their commitment, support and most importantly their valuable gift of time that makes our Op Shop so great.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Easter.

Take care all and see you all on Saturday 1st May 2021!



St Peters Anglican Op Shop Vintage Market Day

Saturday 1st May, 2021

9am - 3pm

52 Banks Street East Maitland



Vintage Stalls
Galore!

Craft Stall, Plants,
Cake Stall, Coffee
VanBbq & Op Shop
Sale

Community Ministries

OzHarvest Food Parcels - Carrier Bags Needed

Wednesdays continue to be a hive of activity in the Parish Hall as our team of volunteers helps to unload the OzHarvest truck and then set about sorting the food and dividing it among those who have registered to receive a food parcel, which is packaged up into plastic carrier bags ready for pick-up. For the past 12 months the carrier bags have been generously donated by Woolworths, however this arrangement cannot continue and we are in need of plastic carrier bags. These are an essential element of this program as many people travel by bus to pick up their food parcel and we have to ensure that this is manageable for them.



If you have a stash of plastic carrier bags at home that you can donate, please bring these to the Parish Office or to church when attending a service. This will make a big difference to helping us help those in need.

Making Palm Crosses

As with so many of the tasks associated with the Liturgical Calendar throughout the year, preparation of the church is undertaken by a willing group of volunteers. In the lead up to Easter, an important task is preparation of the Palm Crosses that are blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday.

The palm crosses can be kept at home until the following Easter. A number of the crosses will be used by the Parish Priest the following Easter, who will burn them and use the ashes to anoint parishioners attending Ash Wednesday services the following year.

Pictured here is the working bee where over 200 palm crosses were created.



Easter at Saint Peter's

Holy Week

Within the framework of the Lenten season, the last week, Holy Week, stands out for special attention, not simply because it contains Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but because the whole week is a commemoration and celebration of our Lord's Passion. This week of the Passion is inaugurated on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday or 6th Sunday of Lent) with the reading of the Passion Gospel which sets the tone for the rest of the week.

To mark out this week as one of special solemnity, the liturgical colour changes from violet to passion red. A large cross is placed in the church, for this is the Week of the Cross. Branches and Palm fronds are left in the church from the Sunday through to Maundy Thursday, when they will be removed.

In Holy Week we need to be particularly careful not to try and 're-enact' the events of the days before the death of Jesus. Liturgy is about celebration and commemoration rather than re-enactment. The careful and simple use of our symbols can serve this.



Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

In early times there were two liturgical celebrations on this Day: the Eucharist of the Day which commemorated the Passion of our Lord and, later in the day, a procession of all the people carrying palms in procession to the Great Church in Jerusalem for Vespers. As the years passed, these two different commemorations merged into one, and in some places the re-enactment of the 'Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem' took over in importance. Some communities have made this the main theme of the Day's liturgy and omitted the Passion reading altogether. It should be remembered, however, that it is not the entry into Jerusalem, but rather the Passion Reading that sets the major theme for the whole week, as is recognised in the Book of Common Prayer.



Maundy Thursday

The Eucharist is celebrated once on this day, normally in the evening. The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – *mandatum novum* – which Christ, according to John, gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'. Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Great Three Days. This holiest time of the year contains differing emphases, but it is, nevertheless, a continuum. This is a very rich liturgy. The Gospel speaks of love and service, which are also expressed in the ceremony of the foot washing. The New Testament reading records the institution of the Lord's Supper. The evening setting highlights the nearness of the betrayal and approaching passion of Jesus.

At the end of the service, a silent Watch or Prayer Vigil will be observed. Silence is observed from the end of the service. People gather on Good Friday again observing the same silence. The liturgical colour for Maundy Thursday is white.



Good Friday

In the first centuries of the church, the Christian Passover (Pasch) was not divided into separate 'packages', independent services spread from Thursday to Sunday. Rather, it was seen as a unity, commemorating of Christ's triumph over death, celebrating both his passage from death to life and the Christian's own share in that victory through baptism. In this context, as part of the larger celebration of the Paschal Mystery, it is appropriate that the liturgy of Good Friday provide an opportunity for meditation on the passion and cross of Jesus, as well as solemn prayer for the church and the world for which he died. But the service should not give the impression of being 'Jesus' funeral'. The community gathers on Good Friday to celebrate the Lord's triumph on the cross – an event that can only be understood from the viewpoint of Easter. The shape of the Liturgy of Good Friday is as follows: The Ministry of the Word, the Solemn Prayers, and the Proclamation of the Cross.



Because this liturgy is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday commemoration, silence is observed at the beginning and end of the liturgy, there is no music before, and no opening hymn. The ministers enter in silence and then the service commences. At the end of the service once again there is no hymn, and the people leave in silence.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil consists of four parts: The Service of Light; the Ministry of the Word; the renewal of Baptismal promises; and the first celebration of the Eucharist at Easter. Over the centuries these elements have been arranged in various ways. The order we are using here is the most common. It is fundamental to this liturgy that it begin in darkness. We hear the history of our salvation through the readings and the proclamation of the Easter Gospel. Throughout the service the lighting increases as we welcome the risen Christ. The 'Gloria in excelsis' and 'Alleluias' are once again restored to the liturgy. The liturgical colour is white or gold.



Ecumenical Dawn Service

At 6am on Easter Day an Ecumenical Dawn Service is held at Stockade Hill with our fellow worshippers from St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland, and East Maitland Uniting Church.

For Christians, the reason for timing a service to coincide with the rising of the sun is simple: It was dawn when the first believers — in every gospel account, women — went to the tomb of Jesus, found the rock rolled away from the entrance and the body of Jesus gone. So it makes sense that this that earth-shaking event would be celebrated as the sun comes up.





