



Five things about Palm Sunday that remind us Christ is King

A reflection by Debbie McDaniel, a writer, pastor's wife,
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1. God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 1 Cor. 15:55

2. Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of Zech. 9:9. In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace.

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zech. 9:9

3. When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" Ps. 118:26 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9

4. The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Saviour.

"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42

5. Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'" John 11:25

We have so much to be grateful for this week. The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win.

In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King...

Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone. Grace.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15



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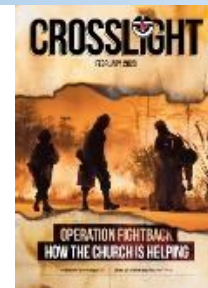
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Bible Readings for March 21st Lent 5 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*
 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

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Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am *(doors open 9:45 am)*

If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click here to download

<https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link or the image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WlM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** *(same as before)* and entering the above meeting details.

The above link and meeting details apply for all our services until the **April 25th 2021**.



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Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0463

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.



Videos on the internet

We now have our own YouTube Channel. Click on the YouTube logo or

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPNMmOZclZG12hSd9-HiJCO>

to view selected sermons and service preludes



Prayers of the People

We pray especially for -

Barb Loosemoore

Bronwyn

Anita and Rod

Val and Peter

Alan & Joanne *(Family of Helen*

Cole)

Bruce & Valda *(friends of*

Jo-ann & David)

Jenny, Janine , Cec

and June Bartholomeusz

Audrey Fewster

Margaret's neighbour Joan

Gloria Sampson & Family

Grace Fairbank

Betty Kneen

Dawn's daughter Lyn

Lourdes and her family

Gemma and Teresa

Nicole & David

Heather *(daughter of close friend of*

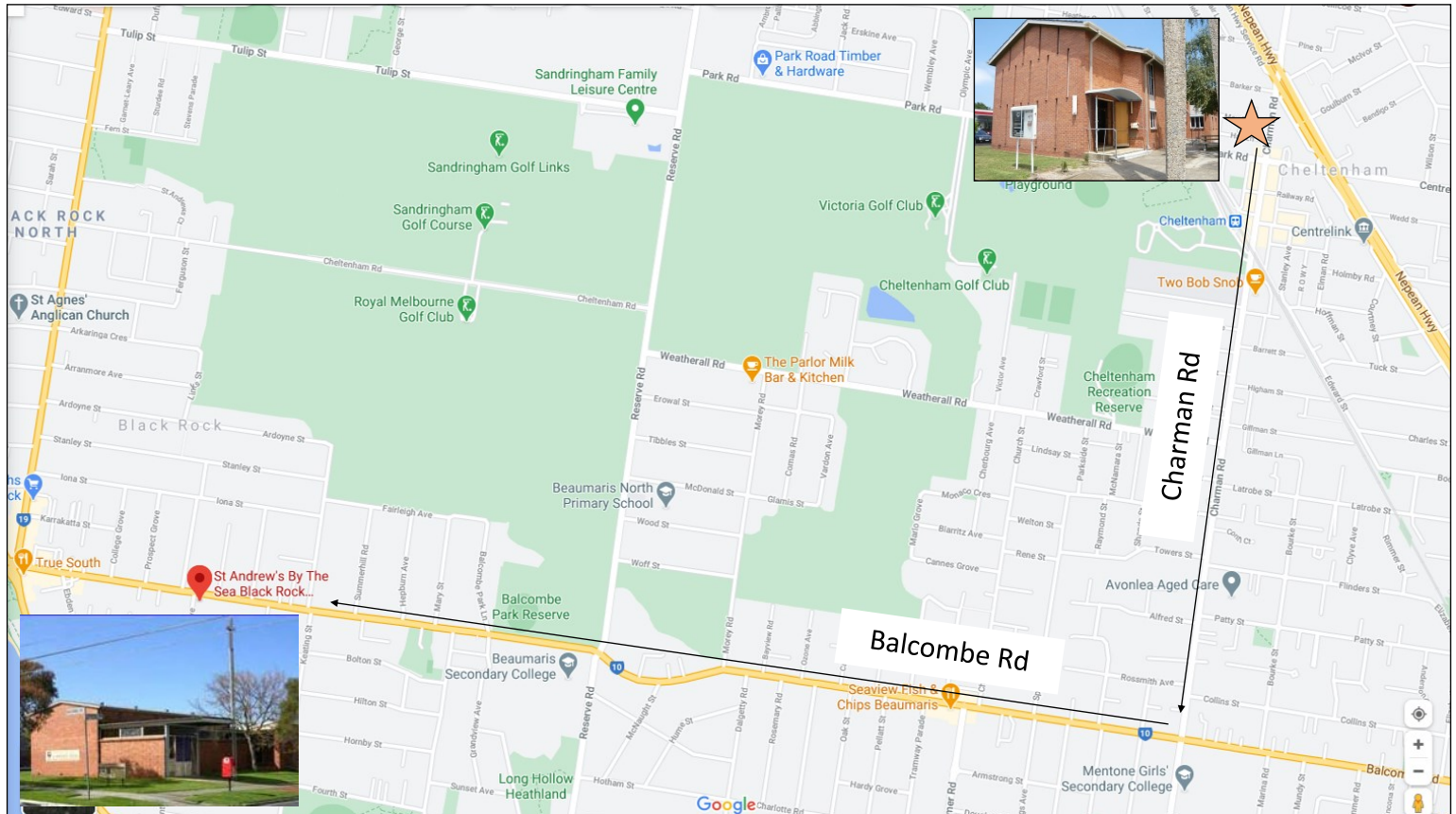
Graeme & Joan)

Tina and her two teenage sons *(also*

friends of Graeme & Joan)

Susan Bartell

How to get to 'St Andrews by the Sea' ...



Directions from our church in Charman Rd -

- * Travel south down Charman Rd towards Balcombe Rd
- * At Balcombe Rd turn right and continue to Black Rock uniting Church on the corner of Central Ave.
- * A 4.5 km or 7 minute drive
- * Unrestricted parking in both Balcombe Rd and Central Ave.
- * We will be running a 'taxi service' from our church if you are unable to get to Black Rock yourself.
- * Services commence at 10am—Zoon services as well as face to face services.
- As singing will be a part of the service, you will need to wear a mask throughout the service.



Don't worry - be happy!

**When people walk away, let them.
Your future is not about people
who walk away. It's about the people
who stay in it for the ride.**



My life isn't perfect, but I'm
thankful for everything I have.



There are two days in
every week which we have
no control over----yesterday
and tomorrow. Today is the
only day we can change.

