

7th April - 14th April 2024			NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER Sunday 14th April 2024	
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Speaker:</b>	Rhys McFadden
TUE	7:00 pm	Team Leaders Meeting	<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Brittni Brady
SAT	7:00 am	Church Working Bee	<b>Welcomer:</b>	Nola Neubauer
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Lance Neubauer & Chris Carr
<b>Up Coming dates</b>			<b>Flowers:</b>	Lillian Russell
<b>28th April</b>	Journey of Faith forum		<b>Counting &amp; Lock-up:</b>	Marilyn Barnes & Geoff Smith
<b>09th June</b>	Boys Brigade Church Parade			
<b>16th June</b>	Members Business Meeting			

### Each Day

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.

For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose.

And so I choose LOVE and PEACE.

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose Love.

Today I will love GOD and what God loves.

I choose Peace, I will live forgiven. I will forgive so the I may live.

Grace for the Moment by Max Lucado

FINANCIAL OFFERING UPDATE		ONLINE BANKING			
31/03/2024	3,264.83		<b>General</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Property Development</b>
YTD Average	\$2402.37	<b>BSB</b>	704-913	704-913	704-913
2024 Budget	\$2,797:53	<b>A/C</b>	400039301	400046348	100001860

# MARYBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, 7th April 2024

What Jesus Started 1, "My Lord and My God!" John 20:24-28

This week, after a wonderful and enriching Easter weekend with our good friend Geoff Sunstrom, we begin a 4-week series to consider what it is that Jesus started. The Jews expected Messiah to usher in the restoration of Israel as a Temple/State by a violent military/political coup' to defeat and evict the Romans from Israel. Yet Jesus was taken away, tried, beaten, and crucified as a common criminal; to rise on the third day, ultimately to return to the Father from Bethany. In doing so He redefined the Messianic mission. Jesus surrendered His life to remove the wrong so what is right can be restored. Subsequently, the first disciples became known as Apostles, the "sent ones", are sent with the wonderful message of Jesus' resurrection and forgiveness of sin in His name. This proclamation transformed the world, and a movement was born!

The movement became known as Christianity. Over the years, the Church has faced many difficulties, challenges, persecutions, heresies, and hardships to overcome as it carried the movement. And while the church today may not be exactly what Jesus intended, for in some cases the church property becomes a monument to where God once moved, rather than serving the purposes of a movement, and Christians become consumers of religious goods and chattels, rather than participants who invest their lives to share radical grace with others; the Church (the people, not the property) is the closest thing we have, to carry Jesus' message of hope, redemption and transformation into our world. My hope is that as we look at this series, we too will be caught up in Thomas's proclamation to the risen Jesus, "My Lord and My God" and once more be captivated to play our part in the movement that Jesus initiated all those years ago. Then, as Geoff reminded us, it will be as Francis Schaeffer said, "Even when the church is a little of what it should be, young people will come." Rhys

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## Welcome to MARYBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Are you new to town? Just visiting or a newcomer to church-going? We are happy to welcome you and pray that you may experience the presence and blessing of God here today. We invite you to join us after the service for a cuppa and a chat in the hall at the rear of the church.

**Today's speaker is: Rhys McFadden**

### Prayer Points:

- Pray for our church as we enter this time of transition. Pray also, for patience in the congregation and wisdom for the leaders as we progress the report recommendations.
- Pray for Jeanette as she recovers from breaking her ankle.

If you have any **news, events, prayer requests** to be included in the bulletin please email either: Pastor Rhys-rhysmcfadden@me.com, Or Elders-eldersmbc23@gmail.com or the church admin staff-mbhbaptist@bigpond.com by **Wednesday 5pm** of the week you want it included.

They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles You performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Nehemiah 9:17

My son, daughter, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to My words. Do not let them out of your sight; keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's or woman's whole body. Proverbs 4:20-22

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there: if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### Church Working Bee Saturday 13th April - 7am

All are welcome to come and help tidy, clean and repair the church and grounds where needed. The morning will conclude with morning tea. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Please contact Tim Roan on 0421 524 978 to let him know if you can make it so we can plan our work.

### CONNECT GROUP

We will recommence on Tuesday 16th April with Study 9 of the Spring Feasts "Preparation for Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)".

### News from the Office

As you are aware, Shannon has been working 1 day a week in the office as she has another position, therefore as of next term she will no longer be in the office on a Friday, because she will be working longer hours at her job. Marcus will be in the office on Mondays and Fridays from the beginning of next term.

### Office Hours

Starting next term the Church office hours will be changing. This will begin on the 15th April. The office will be still open on Mondays and Friday but only from 8.30am to 11.30am.

### On Leave

Marcus is away on leave from the 26th March to the 9th April. The Office will still be open while he is absent, and Shannon is going to be filling in for him. If you need assistance Shannon will be able to help you.

### 2024 Directories

As we are now in the new year, we are gathering information for our 2024 Church Directory. If are new to the church and would like to have your details added or you need to change your details or you want an updated photo, will you please see Shannon or Marcus and they will be able to assist you. We hope to have them out for collection by next term if possible.