

31st March — 7th April 2024		
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship
TUE	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER Sunday 7th April 2024	
Speaker:	Rhys McFadden
Worship Leader:	Phil Brady
Communion:	
Prep:	Shannon Thiry
Stewards:	Jacqui & Tim Roan
Welcomer:	Carol Cranage
Morning Tea	Sandra & Geoff Smith
Flowers:	Shannon Thiry
Counting & Lock-up:	Judy Hawken & Tony Connell



His Cross or Ours?

*On Calvary's hill a Cross was raised;
A grisly sight to see,
For on its form a body hung,
And blood was flowing free;
A mocking crown adorned the head,
No jewels sparkled there,
But bright red droplets marked the brow
And no one seemed to care.*

*He gave His all on Calvary's Cross
That you and I might be
The victors over death and sin,
And live eternally.
He paid the price that sinners owe.
His precious life He gave.
He begs the love of you and me,
Whose souls He died to save.*

(H.J.Mac Watts)

FINANCIAL OFFERING UPDATE		ONLINE BANKING			
24/03/2024	\$2,876:56		General	Mission	Property Development
YTD Average	\$2,216:88	BSB	704-913	704-913	704-913
2024 Budget	\$2,797:53	A/C	400039301	400046348	100001860

MARYBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

GOD CENTRED • PEOPLE FOCUSED • MISSION ORIENTED

Sunday, 31st March 2024

Easter 2024

I am fascinated by the way middle eastern people have a cultural tradition of feasts and memorial events that shape their cultures. I remember watching the anniversary of the killing of a Shi'ite cleric by Saddam's Royal Guard, 15 years after his demise, with a Muslim cleric friend from Iraq. The people retold the events of his death through exact dramatic enactment. It is a way of preserving oral tradition, guaranteeing important stories are passed on in accurate detail from generation to generation.

Passover is one of those traditions, originally passed down from Moses' retelling of the story of the Hebrews escape from Egypt. It became a feast shared annually, one of the most important of all Israel's feasts. Living this side of the Easter story we see a much more complete picture of God's redemptive plan than the first disciples. They celebrated that Passover with Jesus as what we call "the Last Supper". Their anticipation was still that Jesus was going to throw out the Romans and establish a Davidic Kingdom; remember, Peter cut Malchus's ear off in the garden when Jesus was arrested (John 18:10) What was he thinking? Then they saw Jesus carted off, tried, and killed as a common criminal. I'm sure the last thing they had in mind was that their rabbi was the perfect Passover lamb, sent on God's radical rescue mission for all humankind, without a clue of what was coming on Sunday!

"...as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love Him" 1 Corinthians 2:9

We are certainly fortunate and blessed to have my good friend Geoff Sunstrom with us this Easter. Geoff brings a wealth of experience, biblical knowledge, and practical wisdom to ministry.

I look forward to hearing my dear mentor break open the most wonderful story this year. I hope you are filled with anticipation too! Please make Geoff welcome among us.

Pastor Rhys McFadden

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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: Geoff Sunstrom

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 Jeannette as she recovers from breaking her ankle.
- Please pray for safety on the roads at all the times.

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.

2024 Directories

As we are now in the new year, we are beginning to gather 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.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."
John 5:24

"A new command I give you: Love one another . As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men and women will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."
John 13:34-35

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Easter

Just a reminder that the Church Office will not be open on Easter Monday. If you need assistance with Pastoral Matters, please contact Rhys.

ASD Support Group

The ASD Support Group will be held this **Thursday, 4th April at 7:30pm** in the Oasis Room. This is a support group for parents and carers of adults and children with ASD. See Denise for more details or visit the Facebook page

ASD Support Group – Maryborough QLD.

CONNECT GROUP

There will be NO Connect group during the school holidays on Tuesday 2nd and 9th April. 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.

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:31-32