



# BUSH TELEGRAPH

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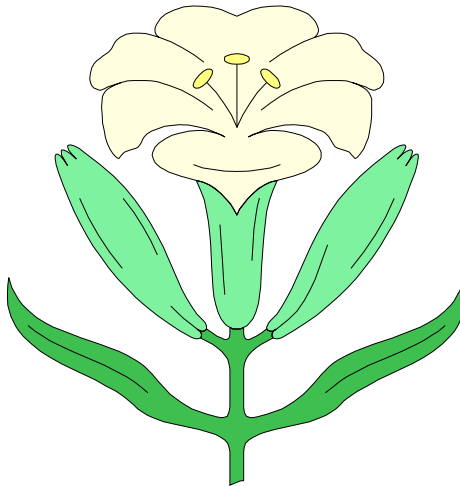
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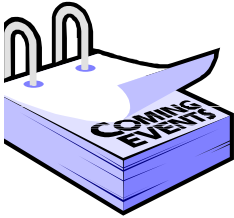
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We encourage our people to express their faith in God in  
the community

## Parish calendar



- 7 April Session meets
- 4 April Palm Sunday – not at St James
- 8 April Maundy Thursday service 8pm
- 9 April Good Friday
- 11 April Easter Day

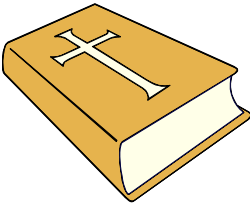
Further details on all but regular meetings are included elsewhere .in the newsletter.

### Easter service times

Maundy Thursday Service 8 April at St James at 8pm.  
Good Friday service 9 April at St James at 9.30am  
Easter Sunday service 11 April at 10.30 am

### 0508 Easter

No doubt most of you will have noticed signs around town “we have hot cross buns because” and similar. This is a pilot programme being tried in Wellington Presbytery to promote the real meaning of Easter. If people ring the toll-free number they can find out where and what time their local Easter services are being held. The target audience is 25 to 50 year olds with no church experience and the campaign and posters were designed by a group of Massey University marketing students. It was the inspiration for our own poster, and if you look closely at the back of ours you will see where we got the raw materials. The reason why we chose not to display the poster as originally provided was because we were unhappy with the way the message was expressed. Likewise we chose not to distribute the flyers provided for us to add our name and service times to. But being part of the pilot gives us a chance to have input into the discussion of the results and future planning.



## Can you find sixteen books of the Bible? – the answer

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke): it kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation; some were in a jam; especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers, to others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you.

Yes there will be some really difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better.

See how well you can compete, Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible hidden in these paragraphs.

### Lectionary

Date	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
4 April	None or Isaiah 50:4-9	Psalm 118:1- 2,19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16	None or Philemon 2:5-11	Luke 19:28- 40 or John 12:12- 16
5 April	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12: 1- 11
6 April	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

7 April	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
8 April Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14	Psalm 116:1-2,12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:21-32
9 April Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9	John 18:1-19,42
10 April Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24	Psalm 31:1-4,15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
11 April Easter day	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
18 April	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 188:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelations 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
25 April	Acts 9:1-6,(7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelations 5: 11-14	John 21:1-19

## News from Trinity

Gillian Woodward who has been interim minister since the end of January finishes on 11 April. On 14 April the induction service for Rev Desmond Cooper will be held at Trinity. He will commence his work as parish minister there on Monday 12

April. Des is married to Lorna who is a schoolteacher and they have a grownup family.

## An egg or two for Easter

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The Easter holiday is upon us once again, so this week's column is dedicated to educating all those who have lost sight of what Easter means in the religious world. And if you are all good pupils I'll see if I can find a few fun sites as well.

You see it is easy for youngsters these days to think that all Easter is about is chocolate eggs, after all, there is an excellent selection of Easter adverts being run on television and in newspapers. Sure there are also movies and programmes shown that will relay the true meaning of the holiday, but how many kids really take the message on board.

Like every other celebration, whether it be Christmas or Valentines Day, with all the commercial marketing that goes with the holiday it is easy to lose track of what the holiday really means. In fact, how long will it be until your kids start writing letters to the Easter bunny, like they do to Santa Claus, asking for certain eggs.

A little something like this - Dear Mr Easter Bunny.

I would like to put in my order for some Guinness-filled Easter eggs. I think a dozen or so will do. Please don't hide them in any hard-to-find places, as I'm not at my brightest first thing in the morning. I thought that maybe you could hide them under my bed. Hope you have a safe journey delivering all your eggs Mr Bunny and don't get waylaid by any Guinness-drinking, chocolate-eating dogs.

Yours in chocolate, Gavin Matthews.

So, here is a list of websites for those of us who are not religious to explain the true meaning of Easter and answer once and for all the question, what is Easter all about? The first of our Easter explanatory websites can be found at <http://preacherscorner.org/easterb1.htm>. Then, if you are still having trouble, head over to [www.witness4christ.org.au/easter.html](http://www.witness4christ.org.au/easter.html) for a different angle. Confused yet? If not you can always try [www.soon.org.uk/easter.htm](http://www.soon.org.uk/easter.htm) and see what their view on Easter is. And if those sites don't jump out and grab you this one will, put on your sunglasses and take a look at this site - <http://gods-open-door.org/QnA/EasterIs.html>.

Those four websites should be enough to answer the question about the religious side, but where do bunnies and eggs come into it. Well, I've been told that the Bunnies and eggs come from an age-old celebration where people celebrated spring or the birth of life, so to speak. So now I'm going to look at some fun Easter websites for you. The first one is a website that will have you searching your computer for special Easter eggs hidden there. These Easter eggs, so they call them, are bits of code written into certain programs by the developers, and when activated they give you little extras, like games and stuff. So check out [www.eeggs.com](http://www.eeggs.com) for a full list of where you can find these eggs, the list includes computer software, movies and television. But a word of warning, while these extras are not bad viruses, some of them can upset your machines, so please read thoroughly before trying each egg. I found this Easter website from Scotland on-line at [www.happy-easter.com](http://www.happy-easter.com), here you can find jokes, Easter cards and a fact book. [www.geocities.com/Heartland/7134/Easter](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/7134/Easter) offers stories, online activities, printable craft projects and riddles.

<http://blackdog.net/holiday/easter/index.html> features free Easter games, puzzles, mazes, wallpapers, screen savers and cartoon cards. <http://akidsheart.com/holidays/easter/estmain.htm> is where you can decorate an Easter egg to print or play other online games and puzzles. [www.easterbunnys.net](http://www.easterbunnys.net) includes Easter recipes, songs, and traditions from around the world. You can find a New Zealand Easter website for wee kiwis at [www.weekiwis.com/easter.html](http://www.weekiwis.com/easter.html), check it out for some Easter fun and games. And last of all is [www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/easter/index.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/easter/index.html) where you can find lots of on-line Easter games, crafts, printable puzzles and colouring pages, clip art, stories, and downloads.

That brings us to the end of my Easter report. Hope the Easter bunny is nice to you Happy Easter and I'll see you all again next week.

## Good causes

1. The Food Bank. We collect non-perishable food and grocery items for the Wellington City Mission food bank. Please put your donations into the cane laundry basket in the church lounge. Every little helps.
2. Used stamps. Please save them from all your mail from work and at home and put them in the box in the church lounge or give them direct to Yvonne Curtis.

3. PSDS. Presbyterian Savings and Development. If you have money you would like to invest at a competitive rate and do some good for the church at the same time, see Yvonne Curtis

## Rosters

There are new rosters coming out with the March 2004 issue

Date	Door	Bible Reading	Morning tea	Flowers
4 April	Service @ Trinity	Service @ Trinity	Service @ Trinity	English Language
11 April	Paul & Jenny	Mike Schwass	Harry & Sonja Graafland	Niue St James
18 April	Lynda & Robert Hunter	Lesley Shaw	Lesley Shaw	Niue St James
25 April	Jennifer Couper	Jennifer Couper	Tom & Eleanor Law	English Language
2 May	Lesley Shaw	Stuart Gordon	Paul & Jenny	English Language

Thank you to those who serve on our rosters. Without you people would not be welcomed and there would be no cup of tea which everyone so obviously enjoys.

If for any reason you can't perform your roster commitment, please try to arrange a swap with someone else on the list before contacting the roster co-ordinator.

Morning teas: Eleanor Law 389 8202

Bible reading and door duty: Eleanor Law 389 8202 or Valerie Hagan-Pratt 383 7071

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The third issue for 2004 will be available on Sunday 28 April 2004. Contributions for future issues are welcome. Please see Valerie Hagan-Pratt no later than the service Sunday 21 April for inclusion in the next issue. or 383 7071 phone or fax at 383 7091. My email address at work is [Valerie.hagan-pratt@LexisNexis.co.nz](mailto:Valerie.hagan-pratt@LexisNexis.co.nz)

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