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Easter Fools?

I've never really understood why the date of Easter shifts around. Apparently it's to do with the phases of the moon as well as tilt of the earth — a bit of googling will soon have you staring at astronomical diagrams. Whatever the technicalities, this year we've ended up with Easter Sunday landing on April Fools Day. What to make of this?

Of course some people find this entirely appropriate. Only a fool could believe in someone literally rising from the dead, they argue. People taken in by such an idea must be just as hapless as those who tried to grow their own spaghetti trees after seeing the BBC report on 1st April 1957.

But what if the joke is the other way around?

As he travelled around Judea as a penniless itinerant preacher, Jesus declared the coming of the kingdom of God — with himself as God's king. Some were captivated but others scoffed and eventually the religious establishment put him to death. As Jesus was buried, everyone was convinced this was the end of the matter — those who'd pinned their hopes on Jesus as king had backed the wrong horse.

But on the Sunday, when the tomb was found empty and his disciples encountered the risen Jesus, suddenly the tables were turned.

As the Bible later put it, Jesus was "appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:7). The resurrection was the moment when God showed Jesus to be the true king after all — the scoffers were the ones who'd been fooled.

Of course, like the fake iceberg towed into Sydney Harbour by Dick Smith in 1978, you have to look at these things up close to see if they're the real deal. In the case of Jesus, you need to consider the historical evidence (which historians of all religious stripes take pretty seriously) and also what difference Jesus' resurrection makes to life today. At All Saints we'd love to help you check these things out yourself. Drop in to one of our gatherings this Easter, or any Sunday during the year — our doors are open to the faithful and the curious alike.

Tom Barrett
Assistant Minister

Who are we?

All Saints Anglican Church is a family-friendly church with a relaxed atmosphere. We are a diverse, Bible-based community being transformed by Jesus' love, devoted to loving one another and committed to impacting the world with Christ's love.

Where do we meet?

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MINI MOVERS

Mini movers is our playgroup for kids and their parents/carers. There will be toys, craft, singing, Bible stories and morning tea.

**ALL SAINTS
ANGLICAN CHURCH
NORTH EPPING**

**TUESDAYS
9:45AM - 11:30AM**

**0-5 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR
PARENTS/CARERS**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



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UFC (Ultimate FRESH Camp), is a 4 day camp, where roughly 90 high schoolers will go away together with around 20 young adult leaders from All Saints. Youth of all beliefs are welcome to come and engage in honest discussions about God's word and life's big issues. We'll be at the Collaroy Salvation Army Centre and there will be plenty of fun to be had by all.

REGISTER NOW at allsaintsepping.org/ufc
For more info email leigh@allsaintsepping.org

*We would be
pleased to welcome
you at one of our
Easter services.*



GOOD FRIDAY
March 30 | 9.30am

EASTER SUNDAY
April 1 | 9.00am, 10.30am and 6.30pm

What's on at All Saints

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Church services

Sunday Morning 9am and 10.30am

Both morning services are contemporary, family-friendly and contain a mixture of ages across the generations. Each service features a segment for the children, before they leave to participate in a range of programs, catering for preschool up to junior high age. Both services have a crèche and are followed by morning tea.

Sunday Night 6.30pm

Night Church is informal, interactive and centered on learning what the Bible says about following Jesus. While primarily young people we welcome people of all ages. We get together to help each other grow and to keep on trusting Jesus—and to give visitors a chance to find out more about him.

Monthly Mid-Week

On the first Thursday of each month we hold a traditional Anglican service for those who find it difficult to attend on Sunday or simply enjoy singing hymns, sharing in holy communion and learning together from the Bible.

Youth & children's ministry

Youth Ministry

Fresh is for everyone in high school and happens on Friday night. Fresh Jnr (Yrs 7-9) is 6.30pm-8.15pm and Fresh Snr (Yrs 10-12) is 7.45pm-10pm. At Fresh, we spend time exploring life and discussing the Bible together, as well as burning off some of that end of week energy and chilling out.

Fresh Bible Study groups occur on Sunday and at other times during the week to help young people grow in their knowledge and love for God.

Children's Ministry

The Zone is a group that runs for children in school years 5 and 6 on Friday afternoon (4pm-5.30pm). There is plenty of action and fun as well as the opportunity to explore what it means to be friends with Jesus.

Cornerstone is our children's program on Sunday morning, during both services.

Groups and Activities

Home Groups

Small groups meet at various times during the week to learn from the Bible together. These groups provide an opportunity to build deeper friendships and to help each other develop a stronger relationship with God.

Christianity Discovery Courses and Groups

We provide regular opportunities to examine the claims of Jesus Christ and to explore what it means to be a Christian.

Mini Movers Playgroup

Mini Movers is our playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers, on Tuesdays 9.45-11.30am. There will be toys, craft, singing, Bible stories and morning tea. Come along and invite others! For more info, contact our Children's Minister Emily Cooper.



All Saints Senior Fellowship (ASSF)

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, enjoying a range of activities, lunches and outings.

Pins & Needles

A Friday morning friendship group for those who enjoy knitting, quilting, stitchery etc.