

Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Ian's Update— 23 March 2021

Easter 2021—Services



Services for both Good Friday and Easter

Sunday will be pre-recorded for all who wish to join by accessing church on-line via the App, the Website or Youtube.

The Good Friday service will include Communion. You may wish to prepare before you start to view the service.

So that we are able to accommodate all who want to attend the physical services at the Garratt St Centre, the bookings for both services are being opened now in the App and we ask that you respond by Friday this week—26 March.

Arranging the seating depends upon us knowing well in advance who wants to attend.

Following Good Friday's service we plan to serve hot cross buns. This event will serve as a trial of our capacity to follow COVID Safe behaviours in serving and enjoying food. Its success depends upon set up and compliance by all of us.

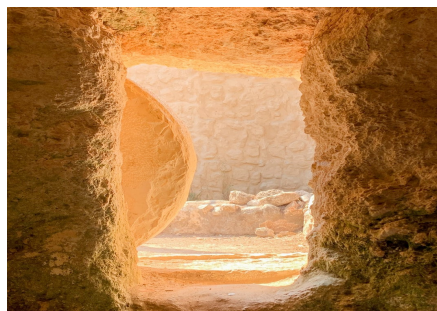
BOOKING USING EVENTS IN THE APP



The Good Friday Event in the App includes option about hot cross buns that will help us with catering and preparing for communion.

For Good Friday and Easter Sunday

If you are including guests in your book-



ings for either service (apart from your usual guests), please also send an email to let us know their names. This helps with seating them on the day.

- The Easter Services
- COVID Compliance—Distancing
- Men's Dinner
- Choose Joy—teaching series
- Prison Fellowship Guest Speaker
- Kids' Church Planning
- New book for Tuesday Discussion Group
- School Holidays—Ministries in Recess
- Assembly Council—following on from Special Assembly

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Paul Massen



COVID Compliance

New signage has been produced by ACT Health appealing to us to not become complacent because the incidence of COVID cases is low and the rollout of the vaccine is underway.

The COVID Safety team has marked out the entrances to the building and the reception area to indicate what 1.5 metres looks like and each week, once your bookings have been received, the seating is organised with 1.5 metres between groups.

Because we are using the CBR Check In app, which is now mandatory, we are able to apply the 2 sq mtr person rule limited only by the number of groups we can accommodate 1.5 mtrs between groups. Our capacity is working out at between 90—100 each week.

The onus, after these preparations, is on each of us to observe the distancing rule when we are approaching the building and moving around in the Auditorium. As a guide, 2 of the carpet tiles on the floor are equal to 1.5 mtrs.

Men's Dinner—Wednesday 21 April 2021

Join others at the Tuggeranong Vikings Club, Town Centre at 6:30 pm at Cnr Athllon Dr and Rowland Rees Cres, Greenway for an evening of friendship over a meal when you can catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Your host is Robert Ardill.



Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we no longer have sign-up sheets for our events. You can book through the App or by sending an email to events@tbcchurch.com.au. You need to respond by Monday 19 April so that numbers can be confirmed to the club.

You are responsible to keep yourself and others safe by practicing distancing of 1.5 mtr and hand hygiene.

Your temperature will be checked by the Club.

For a sneak peak at the menu follow this link: tatic1.squarespace.com/static/5a15fc8518b27dba1cf16898/t/6013596302b66a195845c4fa/1611880805013/TC_BaaMoo+Bistro+%26+Grill-Menu.pdf.

April—teaching at Tuggeranong Baptist Church



Paul wrote this letter Philippians from prison.

His future was up in the air. His life was hanging in the balance. He's waiting to stand trial before Caesar the king who was the most powerful man in the known world. He has no idea what's going to happen to him.

Is he going to live or is he going to die?

Paul has no clue what his future holds, but Paul does know Him who holds his future.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.



Guest Visits at the Garratt Street Centre—16 May 2021



Peter will be our guest on Sunday 16 May at the Garratt Street Centre. He is the NSW/ACT State Manager of *Prison Fellowship in Australia*.

For several years, Tuggeranong Baptist Church supported *Angel Tree* which is one of the programs of the Fellowship.

About Prison Fellowship : In Australia.

In 1979 a group of Christian men from several Australian States arranged for the founder of Prison Fellowship, Charles “Chuck” Colson, to come to Australia for the premiere of his film, “Born Again”. While he was here, Chuck spoke to several large assemblies and some smaller groups, and out of these came the motivation to start Prison Fellowship in Australia.

A national working group was formed, and by 1981 Australia became just the third chartered member of Prison Fellowship International. We are now a strong national organisation with a presence in every State and Territory, enjoying productive partnerships with each State-based Correctional Department and running programs both inside and outside correctional centres.

Across Australia there are over 1000 volunteer men and women visiting prisoners, running programs in prisons, organising camps and providing Christmas presents for prisoners’ children, supporting ex- prisoners when they are released, playing sports, running in-prison Bible studies, and providing many other services.

We rely on donations from individuals and churches for the majority of our financial needs and we are constantly humbled by our partnership with those who support this work.

In all we do, we seek to bring a message of hope and change for prisoners, ex-offenders and their families.

Kids’ Church—a call to Parents

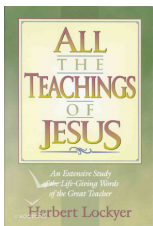


Marian and Sara have invited parents of children to shape and serve in Kids’ Church as plans are developed for re-starting the program.

Contact Marian or Sara to share your ideas about activities and your children. See further details listed as a News item in the App.

Tuesday Study and Discussion Group

From Tuesday 30 March 2021, the group will begin a study of the book *All the Teachings of Jesus!*



The group now meets at 2:00 pm instead of 1:00 pm.

The group is led by Paul Massen and attended by a number of our Op Shop volunteers. Others who wish to attend are always welcome and you can book in the App.

School Holidays—Ministries in Recess

Boys’ and Girls’ Brigades and the Women’s Bible Study group that meets in Greenway are in recess during the school holidays.



Special Assembly—follow up message from Assembly Council



The following message has been circulated by the Assembly Council. It outlines their proposed actions in light of the voting results and in recognition of a number of concerns arising out of the Assembly.

Dear Friends,

Assembly Council met last week and began to progress the matters coming out of the discussion and decisions at our recent Assembly.

The final version of the 2 motions agreed at the Special Assembly were passed by a majority of 63% and 65% respectively. In view of this, Assembly Council recognises the responsibility of both moving forward to implement the decisions of Assembly and also working to build further consensus wherever possible.

In the view of Assembly Council the issues discussed at the Special Assembly are multifaceted and can be grouped into at least 3 main areas, including:

1. The value of the autonomy of the local church and how this interacts with the value of associationism, especially with respect to what we require fellow affiliated churches and accredited pastors to affirm by way of 'creedal'-type statements.
2. The appropriate function and use of our core values going forward, and how these relate together with our beliefs and objects.
3. The requirement for all churches and accredited/recognised pastors to affirm their commitment to our beliefs and core values, including our value regarding marriage.

Some aspects of these matters were decided at our Special Assembly and need to be implemented; in other areas Assembly Council noted that further work needs to be done. In order to progress these matters the Council has discerned a number of courses of action.

Firstly, Assembly Council will be working to bring some matters to the September 2021 Assembly. These include a proposal regarding accredited pastors as required by Motion 2 passed at the Special Assembly, as well as considering what equivalent proposal is appropriate for recognised ministers. Conversations will particularly occur around these things in the weeks ahead with the Committee for the Ministry. It is also anticipated that the process requested in Part 3 of Motion 1 passed at the Special Assembly will also be able to be brought to the September Assembly.

Secondly, there are a number of other matters that in the view of AC require further consideration and consultation across our movement before the finalisation of recommendations to a future Assembly. These include the process of churches giving periodic reaffirmation of our basic doctrines, objects and core values as per Motion 1, and the need to further consider the place and function of our Core Value statements and how we live them out. The Council is establishing a Taskforce to lead work in these areas and bring it recommendations. If these are not ready in time for the September Assembly, the Council will bring a progress report with the intention that the recommendations come to an assembly in 2022.

Any changes to the Association's constitution can be made only at an Annual Assembly and therefore matters arising out of the motions that require constitutional change will need to be dealt with at the 2022 Annual Assembly.

Assembly Council is also establishing a second group to lead a process of equipping and exploration in our movement in areas of pastoral and missional practice that follow from our value of marriage and discussions around same-sex attraction. This is expected to include what it means to graciously and effectively welcome and love people when we cannot affirm their lifestyle and sexual choices, and how we best support true community for those seeking to live celibate lives as single persons.

The Council will continue to provide updates as relevant. We value your ongoing prayers as these tasks are undertaken in the months ahead, and your engagement with opportunities for feedback and discussion when they arise.

Jamie Long
Assembly Council Chair

Steve Bartlett
Director of Ministries

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Finance

Job keeper has finished. We are grateful to the government for this payment and the cash boosts and pray that God will continue to provide for the church's financial needs and indeed for the needs of all at TBC.

Due to restrictions, we continue to request that offerings are made by transfer to the following bank account:

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Blessings,
Ian Reid
for the Leadership Team