



## A TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO JESUS CHRIST

Services  
Easter Sunday - 10.00am  
Wednesday—10.15am

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**CORE VALUES**  
BIBLICAL TRUTH  
MISSION  
COMMUNITY  
SPIRITUAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATE  
WORSHIP

## 4 April 2021

### How do you view the Easter Message?

The resurrection is the centre of all Christian belief. The ultimate fear of humankind has always been death. As Christians we believe that the death that could not hold Jesus in the grave will also not hold those of us who believe in Him.

Paul said "*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins*". Throughout history many people have tried to disprove the biblical account of the resurrection. They know that if this can be disproved then the Christian religion is meaningless.

There are very strong reasons to support the empty tomb account as true according to the Scriptures.

1. To prove the empty tomb was a lie, all the Jews or Romans had to do was to present the body of Jesus to prove He did not rise from the dead. But they could not do that.
2. If the apostles had stolen the body, they would not have gone about preaching the gospel and suffered agonising deaths for what they knew was a lie.
3. What about the incredible transformation in the lives of those people who accepted Jesus' claims and believed in Him?

To this day, no one has given a more rational answer than that of the scriptures: "*God has raised Him up from the dead!*"

We serve a risen saviour. The creator of the universe has restored His relationship with those who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus and accept His death as payment for our sins. We can rejoice this Easter that we can be sons and daughters of God and have a hope and a future in Him.

**Martin Armstrong—Senior Pastor**

**R E V I V E—Sunday 11 April—7pm –worship, ministry and prayer  
mainly music—Thursday 10am—30 minute pre-school educational music programme.  
Please note –THE WELL has a new format—Morning tea every Wednesday at 11am**

**Please note—our weekly Prayer Night is now  
Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89040755944?pwd=ek1XWXQ0SmZKK0NuM283ckdJaFFkQT09>

**Focus—Easter Camp -Easterfest –Taupo**

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden Mathew 5:14

As Taupo Baptist won't be holding a Good Friday Service,  
please join us at the Cross Walk at 10am Friday 2nd April  
leaving from outside St Andrews Church –walking around key locations of central Taupo and  
reflecting on the Cross and its meaning for us today  
*There are Good Friday Services at St Pauls 10am and Salvation Army 10.30am.*

**Easterfest 2021 is happening!**  
**Check out the fantastic program at [Easterfest 2021](#)**

Baptismal Service  
Sunday 11 April –10am  
Please join us to celebrate and encourage those taking the step of baptism.  
It will be inspiring.  
(If you are considering baptism please see Martin or Mike).

**Save the date!**  
**Women's Dessert and Coffee Evening—Friday April 9th**  
**Guest Speaker– Colleen Robertson**

NEW INSIGHTS AFTER EASTER  
**Women's quiet morning**  
Monday April 12th  
9.00-11.30am  
In Taupo  
Petra Corbett leading



Wear some glasses  
Bring a Bible  
Some paper and pen  
Drinks will be provided  
Contact Jan Carey  
0274600307  
if you are interested

## PRAYER

**SUNDAY**  
**9.30AM –9.45AM**  
**AUDITORIUM**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**7PM—7.40PM**  
**BY ZOOM**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**11.30AM-12 NOON**  
**CRECHE**

There is one God. There is one Man standing between God and men. That Man is Christ Jesus. He gave His life for all men so they could go free and not be held by the power of sin. God made this known to the world at the right time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Joining in Prayer -Every day at 11.45am—12 noon

Where we stop whatever we're doing for a time of united prayer.

## Administration (Nga Mahi Tari)

Jacky Gartner Dale Boddy  
Elsie Skelton Mary Rose Urgel  
Karen Collins

## Community (Te Iwi Whanui)

### Taupo LifeKeys Trust Update

We are pleased to inform you that on Tuesday this week we had 9 guests from our community meal come to TBC to meet with personnel from WINZ and Workbridge for help with finding employment and accommodation. Other support network connections were made, one CV was sent and several follow-up meetings have been booked.

Thank you for the support from our church family to help this meeting take place.

## New Seating Arrangement

At the back of the auditorium we have now allowed for a larger area for families to be comfortable

### Podcasts

Listen to a podcast of the **Wednesday Service** message.

Go to our webpage –

[www.taupobaptist.org.nz](http://www.taupobaptist.org.nz)

You can view an **unedited** (which includes notices, communion and other items) video recording of our **Sunday Service** for 24 hours. After that the video is edited to only the message and worship.

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Do you have a spare laptop?

One of our church members would love one. Please leave your name at the Help Desk or the office if you can help.

### 5th - 11th April

<b>Sunday Oversight</b>	Neil & Sue C
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Dale B
<b>Cleaning</b>	Diane Bullock's team
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Karen C
<b>Lawns</b>	Roger Stokes
<b>Sunday Cuppa</b>	Cherry Dickie
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Terry & Linda N
<b>Help Desk</b>	Mary Quayle
<b>Wednesday Cuppa</b>	(31/3) Sally & Cliff Mc
<b>Monday Dessert(12/4)</b>	Urgel's

### Membership at Taupo Baptist

Two of our young adults asked last week to become members. It was encouraging and inspiring to hear that request. Especially during this time of negative news that membership at NZ churches is declining.

Being a member is significant as it reflects to each of us and the nation that we belong and are committed. Please see Martin or Jacky about what it means to be a member.

**Children  
(Nga tamariki)  
Tim Fletcher**

For a complete list of parenting resources including articles, videos and podcasts on

- Building Faith in kids
- Parenting
- Marriage
- Family

Visit the Parenting Ministry Page at [www.taupobaptist.org.nz/](http://www.taupobaptist.org.nz/)

These are the resources sent out in previous church emails

**Youth  
(Nga Rangatahi)  
Mike Bloore**

## **Kingdom Youth 2021**

We are away with a group of about 30 youth to Easter Camp at Mystery Creek, Hamilton, 1-5 April.

Please join us in praying for this to be a truly faith-forming, life-changing experience for all of them.

Visit the link below for a taste of what Easter Camp is like...

<https://www.easter.camp/EC21/index.html>

**Missions  
Submitted by Lorna Chinn**

## **Evan and Maala Thomas Israel**

'All is well here despite massive challenges trying to get free of the pandemic and 'reboot' the economy and congregational life.

We are in the midst of huge reform of congregational life as it has been more than a year since being able to congregate.

We are moving now into a new model of life groups being the primary model of community life with large services every 4-6 weeks once we can again.

We're in great spirits and trusting the Lord.

Love and blessings to all and deep appreciation of the support.