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Welcome to LifeWay! What a joy to have you with us today as we conclude our Lenten series: **At the Table.** If this is your first time with us or you are just visiting, we are delighted that you are here. Please fill in a visitor card and put it on the offering plate during the service or hand it to the ushers at the door – we would love to acknowledge your time with us today. If you would like to know more about or explore what it means to journey the way of Jesus, please speak with one of our Pastors or the people who greeted you at the door.

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Welcome home! There's no greater word to hear - whether you are returning after travelling, reuniting after separation, coming home from deployment or reconciling after years estranged. Welcome home... let's celebrate. In the final week of our series 'At the Table' we do just that. Celebrate. Party. Rejoice. For that's what God does every time he welcomes someone home. He throws a lavish party, where love abounds, forgiveness flows freely, laughter multiplies and joy spreads. Wherever you come from, no matter how far away you have been, the party today is for you - for the Father longs to embrace you in his arms and say, 'Welcome. Welcome home.'



If you are visiting with us,  
we extend a special welcome  
to you and invite you to stay  
for morning tea with us  
after the service.

# JOIN US THIS EASTER FOR...

# no other

**EXCLUSIVE CLAIMS FROM AN INCLUSIVE GOD**



**PALM SUNDAY**

14 APRIL

**9.30AM**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

18 APRIL

**7PM**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

19 APRIL

**9.30AM**



**EASTER SUNDAY**

21 APRIL

**6AM + 9.30AM**

## WHAT'S ON?

### THIS WEEK

**MON 8** **Conversational English Classes**  
Epping 10am

**Exodus Grow Course - NOT ON**  
Pastor Mark is in Melbourne

**WED 10** **Purposeful Prayer**  
in church, Epping 7am

**Band Practice**  
Epping 7.30pm

**THUR 11** **Mainly Music, Term 1**  
Newcastle 10am

**Mandarin Singing Group**  
Epping 10am

**Purposeful Prayer**  
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

**LifeGroup Experience**  
Newcastle, 7.30pm

**FRI 12** **Mainly Music, Term 1**  
Epping 10am

### NEXT WEEK

**SUN 14** **Epping Easter RSVP's Due for**  
**Maundy Thursday service and**  
**Easter Sunday Breakfast**

The Maundy Thursday service at Epping this year will include a meal (different from last year) and for this reason will begin earlier than normal, at 7pm. If you are planning to attend, we ask that you please RSVP for catering purposes via the flyer or LifeWay app.

The Dawn service will be held at Epping only. Between the two services there will be a pancake breakfast available - RSVP's required. Please pick up a flyer (which includes the order form) from the foyer.



**RSVP BY PALM SUNDAY 14 APRIL**

## NEW BISHOP FOR LCA NSW DISTRICT

Recently, the NSW District elected a new Bishop and Assistant Bishop to the roles. We congratulate.

Pastor Robert Bartholomaeus from Woden who was elected Bishop unopposed, and Pastor Richard Schwedes from St. Paul's Sydney who was elected Assistant Bishop. Please keep these two men in your prayers as they lead our Church in the State.



BEGINS SUNDAY 28 APRIL

**Join us on Sunday 28th April as we launch our new 11.30am service at Epping - The Gathering.**

This service will have a distinctive flavour that makes it more accessible to all nationalities, and will always be followed by a delicious lunch! We are also looking for some volunteers - if you are interested in helping with this service, please see Mark Schultz for more details.



## Can't come to Cambodia?

You can still support the team of 9 heading over to Cambodia in July. We need to raise \$5000 towards the projects that we will be undertaking which includes building a house for a needy family and extending the kids learning area so the rain doesn't get them wet. If you can help, please put your donation in an envelope in the offering plate marked Cambodia or do an NPP payment to [finance@lifeway.net.au](mailto:finance@lifeway.net.au) and mark Cambodia in the reference field.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father, you are such an awesome God, a God who throws the best parties ever. Thank you that you never give up on us, even when we turn our backs on you. Thank you for your grace which is always waiting for us - to hug us, to welcome us back, to celebrate and rejoice over us. Thank you for loving us so much and inviting us to party with you forever. Fill us with joy as we gather at the table today and celebrate what you have done for us. For you are good and your love is eternal. Amen.

## WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that every day may be a party because we know we belong to Jesus.
- With thanks to God that there is always room for another to come and join in the party that never ends in his kingdom.
- For the Church that it may be so alive with joy that others are attracted to the noise and laughter and want to join in the celebration.
- For all Christians that we may welcome and invite people to come home to the Father's place where there is more than enough love for everyone.
- For those who are lost on the path of life and for those who are wandering down dangerous pathways that they may stop, turn and discover a loving heavenly Father who is running to meet them to lead them home.
- For the sick and those in need of healing that they may know fullness of life in Jesus especially Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Gordon Mangelsdorf, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.



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**THIS WEEK'S**

*At the*  
**TABLE** *Challenge*

Invite someone to our Easter services. Take a flyer from the foyer and give it to your Life Challenge Person, neighbour or work colleague. Arrange to meet them at one of the services over Easter.

**NEXT WEEK  
PALM SUNDAY  
14 APRIL**



**Epping 9.30am  
with Holy Communion**

**Newcastle 9.30am  
with Holy Communion**

**SERVING...**

**We are still in the process of transferring rosters to a new system on My LifeWay. If you have been rostered on at Epping for Palm Sunday (see below) but are unable to be there please arrange a swap with someone and let Mark or Josi know. Thank you.**

**EPHING**

<b>Reading</b>	David Hazell
<b>Prayers</b>	Pastor
<b>HC</b>	Charles Bertelsmeier, Deb Dietz
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Kathy Ironside
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Em & Ed Burke, Elysia McEwen
<b>Flowers</b>	Elysia McEwen
<b>Data</b>	Dianne Bergen
<b>Music</b>	Band 2
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Simpfordorfer

**NEWCASTLE**

<b>Reading</b>	Vanessa Brown
<b>HC</b>	Sabina Pichler
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Pichler
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Abbie Bagnall & Sabina Pichler
<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth MacConnachie
<b>Data</b>	Lutzia Scherrer