

Cranbourne Uniting Church

"We are a multicultural church, called to provide Christ's living bread in physical and spiritual ways to the Cranbourne Region."

Matthew 25: 35 - 40

THE GOOD NEWS

Second Sunday of Easter

Colour *White*

Sunday 12th April 9.30am

Presider Marg Williams



In Defence of Doubt

On my bookshelf at home, I have a book called "In defence of Doubt", written by Uniting Church theologian, Val Webb. And this Sunday's gospel is about "doubtful" Thomas's encounter with Jesus a full week after the resurrection.

But I wonder if Thomas has been rather maligned because of his doubts. In her book, Val Webb claims that doubt is essential to ensure an encounter with Jesus. And indeed, that is why Thomas's example so crucial in understanding what following Jesus is all about. Thomas's doubts bring him closer to Jesus. He's not satisfied with his fellow disciples claims – second hand faith if you like. In touching Jesus' wounds, he has a first-hand faith. Similarly, we should not be happy with a second-hand faith. It's not dogma – what the church says, but rather a genuine connection with Jesus. Jesus touches our wounds, but only if we let him. This is done through prayer until we can say with Thomas, "***My Lord and my God***"



Sunday's Readings

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

John 20: 19 - 31 *Focus Text*



A Prayer for this week

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the tomb, victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over evil and corruption.

Lord Jesus, we praise you, risen from the tomb, proving that nothing, not even our own worst behaviour, can separate us from the love of God.

Gracious God, we praise you for showing us how far love will go in redeeming the world from its brokenness.

And we thank you for all that you have done for, to, with and through us in building your community and people of faith and making your love and truth known to the world.

In faith we praise you, in love we worship you and in hope we look to the great and glorious new world in your grace. **AMEN**

Paul Wolsky – Prayer Chain

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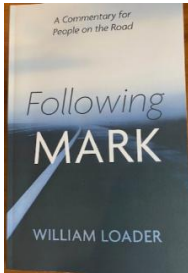
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In March 2026 our giving was \$7,541.35
 and our expenses were \$5,545.27
 Balance \$1,996.08

**Narre Warren North UCA
 Celebration Service
 Sunday 12th April, 2pm**



Study Group

Thursday 16th April 7.30pm at the church.
 Theme – Following Mark
 Led by Tony Duncam

April F.U.N.

Saturday 18th April, Cost \$7,
 doors open at 7pm



April Food Truck Wish List

In April we are collecting Corn Flakes,
 Noodles and Pasta Sauce

**Due to limited storage space the Food Truck can
 only take donations of Food.**

Can all other donations be given to Narre Warren Nth Op Shop. Thank you

Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 12 th April	Sunday 19 th April Communion
Liturgist	Jenny Duncan	Chris Compaan
Music	Sharon Start Trevor Anderson	Elizabeth Hunt
Readers	Chris Compaan Cath Taylor	Jenny Duncan Marg Williams
Sunday School	Phill Start	Paul Martin
Door	Chris Compaan	Marg Williams
Steward	Tony Duncan	Phill Start
Cleaners	Neil Walsh	Streckfuss Family

