

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Colour White

Sunday 26th April 9.30am

Presider Rev Tony Duncan (retired minister)



Hope in a fractured world

If you're like me and follow the daily news, you could be forgiven for being overwhelmed by the evil that appears in our world today. So as an antidote here's a poem by **Eddie Askew**, that offers hope in our fractured world.

*Lord it's easy to be discouraged
by all the pain and evil
I see in the world.
Easy to grow hard and cynical.
Paranoid.
Scanning each friendly word
for hidden criticism.
Taking the outstretched hand
and wondering what the other hand holds.
Throwing away the message of love
while I look in the envelope for its letter bomb.*

So easy, Lord.
But in the quiet, with you, the thought comes-
if evil is so strong and wrong and powerful
why is there yet such goodness in the world?

There is one world, not two.
And the world that spins into darkness
is only half a turn from light.
And in the dark itself there are lights.
Flickering candles of hesitant flame,
persistent rhythmic neons of colour,
bright floodlights of electric intensity.
A white shining of hope.
And somehow
the darkness has no power to put it out.

***"The light shines in the dark,
and the darkness has never quenched it."***



Sunday's Readings

Acts 2: 42 – 47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19 - 25

John 10: 1 - 10 Focus Text



A Prayer for this week

May the Great Shepherd, who knows you by name, go before you this day. May you find rest beside the still waters and strength for the valleys. When the world is loud, may your heart be quiet enough to hear the one Voice that speaks only of peace, goodness, and mercy.

As you walk through the gate of this new day, may you find the abundant life that has been promised to you. **AMEN**

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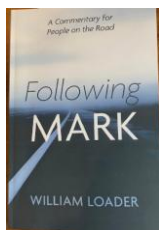
Baptism



Baptism It is with much joy that we celebrate the Baptism of Amelia Sue Fox this Sunday. We welcome her parents Maddi and Jackson, their extended family and friends.

Giving We appreciate your support and dedication to Cranbourne Uniting Church.

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



Study Group

Thursday 30th April 7.30pm at the church.
Theme – Following Mark
Led by Tony Duncam

Volunteers Needed

To pack up table and chairs at 7.00pm on Saturday nights

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. Open Wed, Thurs and Fri 9am – 3pm

Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 26 th April	Sunday 3 rd May
Liturgist	Robyn Tomkins	
Music	Sharon Start Trevor Anderson	Elizabeth Hunt
Readers	Julie Streckfuss Paul Martin	
Sunday School	Phill Start	
Door	Karen Anderson	
Steward	Phill Young	
Cleaners	Young / Taylor	Neil Walsh

