CONNECTING MEOTA March 27^{th} , 2024

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another through love.

Our next church service will be

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st 10:30 am at Christ Church St George's and St James



MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Special ZOOM - the last study for Lent is Wed Mar 27, 7pm

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 pm St. George's

Good Friday (Taizé) March 29, 7 pm St. George's

Easter Saturday March 30, 1-4 pm Special Easter Service including prayer for healing St. Peter's Calgary See the poster

Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am St. George's, Christ Church and St. James



COMING SOON – ANGLICAN PLUS to be led by Venerable Alan April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19, 26 What could this be???

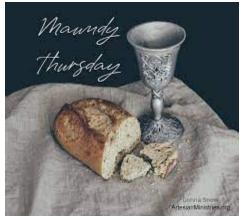
What is special about Maundy Thursday?

The history of Maundy Thursday dates back to the first century AD when Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples. The event is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and has been celebrated by Christians ever since. Over the centuries, various traditions have emerged, including the washing of feet, the stripping of altars, and the sharing of a special meal.

The word "Maundy" is originated from the Latin word called "mandatum," which means **"commandment**." This day is named after Jesus' commandment to his disciples to love one another. Maundy Thursday demonstrates the importance of humility and service by remembering Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Many Christian groups have imitated this action by holding a footwashing rite on this day.

Come and share in the tradition of the Last Supper this Thursday, March 28, 7 pm at St George's Diamond Valley.

Maundy Thursday is a solemn day, observed by Christians worldwide, which holds great significance in the Christian calendar, particularly during Holy Week. It is a day that commemorates Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples and reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others. The day holds a crucial place in Holy Week, which starts with Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday.



GOOD FRIDAY.



Good Friday is one of the most significant days in the Christian calendar. It is a holy day that resulted in the Resurrection of Jesus, his victory over sin and death, and the celebration of Easter, hence it is deemed to be "good." Of all Sacred Books, there are only two weeks where the events of each day of the week are narrated in detail. The first such week, recorded at the beginning of the Bible records how <u>God created everything</u>. The other week with <u>daily events recorded is Jesus' last week</u>. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. In the Christian faith, Holy Week, the week leading to Easter Sunday, is commemorated with notable importance, honoring the acts of Jesus Christ in the days before His crucifixion and resurrection.

From LinkedIn Bishop Lalachan Abraham

Come and worship with us on GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th, 7pm at St Georges Diamond Valley

At this service, we will be singing the music of Taizé. That means the songs are very quiet, very short and very reverent. We repeat the lines of the song several times. This allows us to "sink" into the meaning of the words and the beauty of the music. The intent is that the music will draw you into God's peace.



Saturday March 30, we will be joining the Diocese in a special service at St Peter's Calgary – 1-4 PM

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer for the Diocese of Calgary welcomes you to come for an afternoon of prayer and worship focused on wellness and wholeness.



Fighting for balance — you are not alone Jesus invites you to "find him in the river..."

Prayer is truly life in Christ. All can be laid before the throne of grace. We invite you to come; immerse yourself in praise, worship, and the ministry of healing prayer.

COME... IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HEALING WATERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Save the Upcoming Dates

MARCH 30 JUNE 15 SEPTEMBER 14 DECEMBER 21 St. Peter's, Calgary St. Augustine's, Lethbridge St. Luke's, Red Deer St. James, Calgary

Holy Saturday

Holy Cross Day Blue Christmas

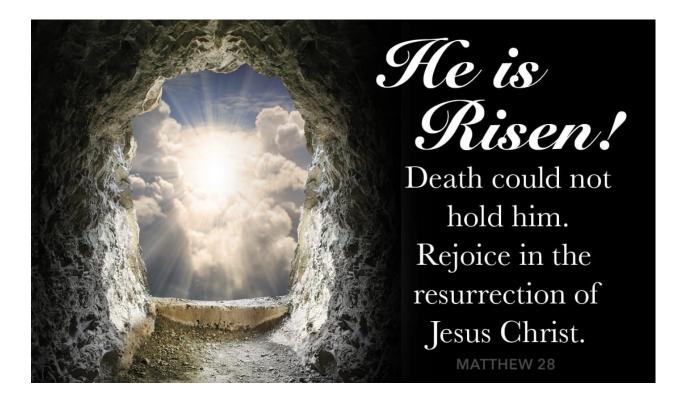
1:00 - 4:00 PM each event ending at The Lord's Table

More information to follow from AFP Committee. Questions please email: <u>afpfellowship@gmail.com</u>

A contemplative service with time at the end for anyone who would like the prayers for healing.

EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 10:30 AM

at CHRIST CHURCH ST GEORGE'S and ST JAMES



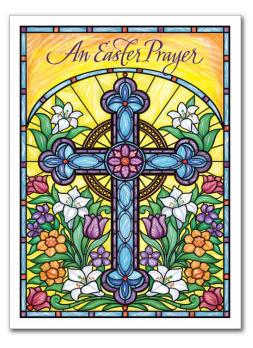
Jesus Christ is risen today Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss Alleluia!

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day !!!!!

Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my god and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. JOHN 20:1-18



Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen



"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: "Hell today is vanquished; heav'n is won today!" Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore! Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.

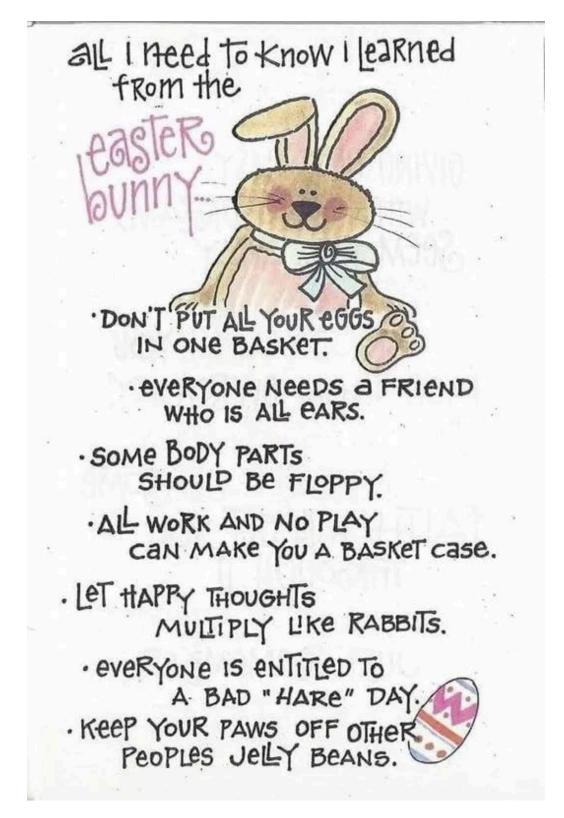
Refrain

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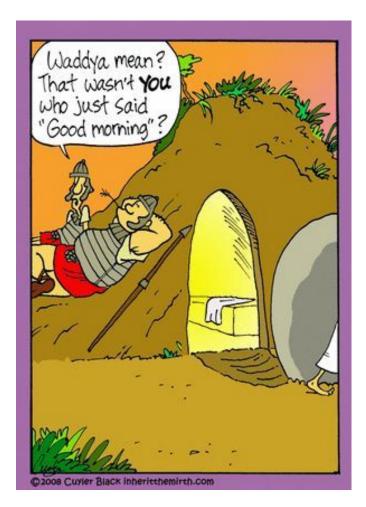




FUNNY BONES







GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

ALLELUIA!



AMEN