

He Chose the Nails

The same hand that stilled the seas stills your guilt.
The same hand that cleansed the Temple cleanses your heart.
The hand is the hand of God.
The nail is the nail of God.
And as the hands of Jesus opened for the nail,
the doors of heaven opened for you.

Max Lucado
www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/273545-he-chose-the-nails

Avondale Memorial Chorale

When COVID-19 struck in early 2020 choirs around the world were quickly silenced as assembly of singing groups was immediately outlawed. But choir members love to sing and the members of the Avondale Memorial Chorale, like their global colleagues, began to explore possibilities such as singing in a virtual choir.

Now, as the pandemic recedes and restrictions regarding choral singing in churches ease, we can begin to re-introduce more choir members. Today government choral distancing regulations allow us to physically accommodate roughly half the choir. The full choir has been recorded in practice sessions for this service. Thus, you will be hearing the full choir, but only seeing half!

We particularly express gratitude to Director Graham Wilson, and musicians David Clark and Lyndell Dale for their commitment and leadership to achieve an outstanding choral result to the glory of God.

Easter Service

3 April 2021



He is not here; for He is risen!

Matthew 28:6 (NKJV)

SABBATH, 3 APRIL 2021

Sabbath School—9.30 am

LEADER		Pr John Kosmeier
SONG SERVICE	152— <i>Tell Me the Story of Jesus</i> (seated) 140— <i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i> (vv 1,4,5) (seated)	Praise Team
WELCOME		Pr John Kosmeier
PRAYER		Beth Kosmeier
MISSION NEWS		Pr John Kosmeier
OFFERING		Pr John Kosmeier
SPECIAL ITEM	<i>I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked</i>	Stephen Aveling-Rowe (cello) Merylyn Aveling-Rowe (piano)
LESSON STUDY	WHAT HAPPENED?	Pr Steven Magaitis
BENEDICTION		Pr Steven Magaitis
POSTLUDE	<i>Concerto in G</i> , 1 st Mvt, J S Bach	Stephen Aveling-Rowe

SABBATH, 3 APRIL 2021

Easter Service—11.00 am

Enter to Worship . . . Depart to Serve

WELCOME		Pr Lionel Smith
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>Man of Sorrows</i> (Peterson) with <i>There is a Redeemer</i>	Chorale
INVOCATION	<i>By His Stripes</i> , Fettke	Chorale
MINISTRY FOCUS		Pr Nimrod Maua/Pr Steven Magaitis
PRAISE AND WORSHIP	<i>And Can It Be?</i> arr Dustin (stand)	Chorale
PRAYER OFFERING	LOCAL CHURCH	Pr Don Hosken
SPECIAL ITEM	<i>What Love is This?</i>	Chantelle Green
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> , arr Hanson	Chorale
SERMON	OUR HOPE IN THE EMPTY TOMB	Pr Nimrod Maua
PRAISE AND WORSHIP	<i>Thine is the Glory</i> , arr Dustin (stand)	Chorale
BENEDICTION		Pr Nimrod Maua
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Surely, Surely</i> , Wright	Chorale
POSTLUDE	<i>Concerto in G</i> , 3rd Mvt, J S Bach	Stephen Aveling-Rowe

ORGANISTS—David Clark, Stephen Aveling-Rowe
 PRAISE TEAM—John Chermiside, Pr Ray Coombe, Allan Richardson, Dr Don Roy
 and Lyndon Taylor
 WORSHIP COORDINATOR—Lyndon Taylor

CHORALE DIRECTOR—Graham Wilson
 ORGANISTS—David Clark, Stephen Aveling-Rowe; PIANIST—Lyndell Dale
 AUDIOVISUAL—Alfred Findlay, Wayne Thomson
 PLATFORM DECORATION—Allan and Narelle Richardson, Lyndon Taylor
 POWERPOINT—Lola Wilkinson and Margaret Major
 RECORDING ENGINEER—Graham Wilson
 WORSHIP COORDINATOR—Lyndon Taylor

Also streamed each week on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

General Information

SUNSET TIMES

Tonight 6.46 pm
Next Friday 5.38 pm

ANONYMOUS RECEIPTS

Week ending 27 March 2021

ADRA	\$
Adventist World Radio	\$
Careflight	\$
Education	\$
Evangelism	\$
Evangelism—Mongolia	\$
Local Church	\$
Thirteenth Sabbath	\$
Tithe	\$
Youth	\$

IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates are important—please include them in your diary:

- Ride4Rescue—17 days from 29 March
- Church Office re-opens 9.00 am on 6 April
- 14–17 April—Big Little Camp
- 23–25 April—Surf Camp
- 7–15 May—Grey Nomads Camp

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH POSITIONS

- *Primary Sabbath School Leader*
Liana Iorgulescu
- *Teen Sabbath School Leader*
Hope Duncan
- *Elder*—David Lamplough (Plus One)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests on the Prayer List in the church foyer or you may text or call Natalee McLean on 0402 826 042 or Nina on 4977 1251 (between 9.00 am and 12 noon) Monday to Friday. Please indicate if you wish your name to be kept confidential.

LIBRARY HOURS DURING EASTER

The library will be **closed today** (3 April) because of the special Easter program.

General Information

EVANGELISM MONGOLIA

UPDATE—YOUR HELP NEEDED

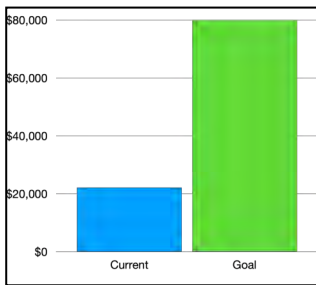


Last year 2020 Uvs Church in Mongolia was voted on by the Mongolian Mission Field as the Church of the year. This included their involvement in the community and how the church was running as a

whole. This was very unexpected news for Pr Darkha and his wife Solongo who are serving there as missionaries. We praise God for this success.

At the end of January 2021 we found out the building they have been renting two rooms in for the church group is now for sale. The Mongolian Mission Field wants to do everything they can to help support and grow the church in the area. Pr Kim (current Mongolian President) and Pr Nyamdavaa (Mongolian General Secretary) are both in agreement and would like to purchase this place somehow in the next week or two.

Your prayers for their plans are needed. If you or someone you know may be able to help out financially then please get in touch with the



church office to make a donation. You can also donate via e-giving and select Evangelism International (this is for Mongolia). All money raised at this time is specifically for

the purchase of the building.

The building has 3 rooms downstairs and rooms upstairs for the Missionary family to live in with an open lounge room for small group meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to secure a building for the Uvs Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mongolia and will significantly reduce the ongoing expense they currently have for renting.

Please give generously as all money collected will be used towards the purchase of the building. We are needing to raise \$80,000 AUD for the building. If you have any questions feel free to contact us on 0473 560 222.

Ashton and Bolormaa Cherry

AN EASTER MESSAGE

Easter is upon us again, and what does it mean to us? Have we ever stopped to contemplate the scene in Heaven when God and Jesus farewelled each other as Jesus prepared to leave the safety of the Heavenly courts to become the product of two tiny cells. He began a new life as a helpless infant in order to undergo an unthinkable life of hardship, sorrow, torture and finally death to secure the redemption of the human race. I can imagine that many tears were shed at that moment as they embraced and parted. How the universe must have marvelled at such a moment.

Thank God that the awful risk resulted in our salvation. We cannot begin to understand the consequences should Christ have failed in his mission. Satan threw everything he could at Jesus throughout his life on Earth, in order to retain his self-styled title of the master of this earth and the human race.

I wonder how the Father and Son view our celebration of Easter today, with the emphasis largely on pagan-inspired chocolate-coated eggs and rabbit fertility symbols? Satan, in his cunning way, does his utmost to distract the world from the stupendous sacrifice and unfathomable love that underpins our enjoyment of Easter.

Thank you Jesus, for your sinless life, propitiating death and the empty tomb.

Dr John Hammond

AND CAN IT BE?

Words & Music by Charles Wesley and Thomas Campbell
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Stand to sing

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Ladies only

**He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;**

Men only

**Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;**

All sing

'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst, die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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General Information

ELDERS' MEETING

The next Elders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 April at 7.00 pm in the Function Centre.

3ABN AUSTRALIA INTERVIEWS

3ABN Australia's one-hour interview program, 3ABN Now, can be viewed every week on Sunday at 7.00 pm, repeated on Tuesday at 7.00 pm and Wednesday at 9.00 am. (*Note the Daylight Saving Time changes.*) This Sunday's guest is Dr Sven Östring (*Who is the Rock?*). Next Sunday is our Music Special #3. You can also watch online at www.3abnaustralia.org.au, or on the free phone app.

LAVENDER CAFÉ

Lavender Café is open four days a week from Tuesday–Friday from 11.00 am–2.00 pm. Delicious, affordable vegetarian meals and snacks available. You can dine in or take away. Bulk orders are also available.

Enjoy a quiet corner or a social opportunity at Lavender Café, Level 2, Avondale House. External entry; Covid-safe registry at the door.

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral of Dr Robert ("Bob") Roy late of Nunawading, Victoria will take place at the Avondale SDA Cemetery this Tuesday, 6 April at 2.00 pm.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR EASTER

The church office will be closed at 12.00 noon on Thursday 1 April for the Easter public holidays. It will re-open at 9.00 am on Tuesday 6 April.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Daylight Saving ends at 3.00 am tomorrow (Sunday 4 April). Turn your clocks **back** one hour.



General Information

WORKING WITH CHILDREN and SAFE CHURCHES REQUIREMENTS

All those working with children under the age of 18, Elders and Church Board members need:

- a valid *Working With Children* number
- *Safer Churches Awareness Training*
- The *Code of Conduct* released in 2019

All other church positions require the *Code of Conduct*, as requested by our pastoral team. To attend the *Code of Conduct* and *Safer Churches Awareness Training*, please go to elearning.adsafe.org.au

To apply for a *Working With Children* number please access www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

Please contact Margaret Ward by email margaret.ward6@bigpond.com or phone 0488 340 777 or for all your enquiries, offers or suggestions regarding Small Groups. Make your voice heard. This program is for you

FROM THE NNSW CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

As you are aware, the COVID situation in Brisbane and Byron Bay is unfolding and changing rapidly. The good news is that at this stage, the NSW Government has indicated that they will not be tightening restrictions before the Easter long weekend meaning that Easter worship services will be unaffected. However, the NSW Chief Medical Officer Dr Kerry Chang, has written to all religious organisations asking that the following additional steps be implemented to protect your members and visitors on Sabbath:

- Ensure that anyone who has been in the Greater Brisbane hot spot areas since 20 March (Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane Council areas, and I would include the Byron Bay venues listed on the NSW Government website, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>) NOT attend religious services this weekend but rather stay at home and
- **It is recommended that attendees wear masks when singing indoors.**

Worship Services

MAIN CHURCH

3 April—Pr Nimrod Maua (*Easter*)
10 April—Pr Stephen Duncan
17 April—Pr Geoff Youlden
24 April—Pr Stephen Duncan

PLUS ONE

3 April—Pr Stephen Duncan (*Easter*)
10 April—Pr Steven Magaitis
17 April—Pr Nimrod Maua
24 April—Dr Adele Faulk

BIBLE STUDY

3 April—Pr Steven Magaitis
What Happened?

OFFERINGS

3 April—Local Church
10 April—HopeChannel
17 April—Little Big Camp Appeal
24 April—Local Church

Prayer Meetings

Monday—5 April

- Alton Villa 14 at 9.30 am—in recess
- Kressville Activities Centre in Room 3 at 10.00 am

Tuesday—6 April

- DeCaf at 7.00 pm

Wednesday—7 April

- Function Centre at 7.00 pm

Coronavirus

As a result of the Coronavirus (*Covid-19*) capacity in the Memorial Church is now limited to **386** persons. Registration is still required at the door for contact tracing.

General Information

FELLOWSHIP SABBATH SCHOOL

No God—No Peace
Know God—Know Peace

Come to our special Easter program. Dr Murray House will present this week's lesson: *What Happened?*

YOUTUBE LIVESTREAMING

This Sabbath our worship services will be livestreamed from YouTube. Go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/3cuVNOB> or go to YouTube and type in Avondale Memorial Church.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Opening/Closing Sabbath—2, 3 April

Opening Sabbath—2 April
Join Zoom Meeting—6.30 pm

Meeting ID
Passcode:

Closing Sabbath—3 April
Join Zoom Meeting—6.30 pm

Meeting ID
Passcode:

AVONDALE MEMORIAL CHURCH IS NEARING 50 YEARS

Do you have photos or stories of our current church under construction in 1970s or photos just before or after? I am looking at adding some details on the construction, stories, and photos of our current church onto our website.

Please contact Gary Cooper on 0408 131 398 if you can help.

PR NIMROD MAUA

Pastor Nimrod Maua will be attending and leading a family member's baby dedication at the Fox Valley SDA Church in Wairoa on 10 April.

THINE IS THE GLORY

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Verse 1

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Verse 2

Lo! Jesus meets us.
Risen from the tomb,
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Verse 3

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Choral ending

Amen, Amen, Amen!