

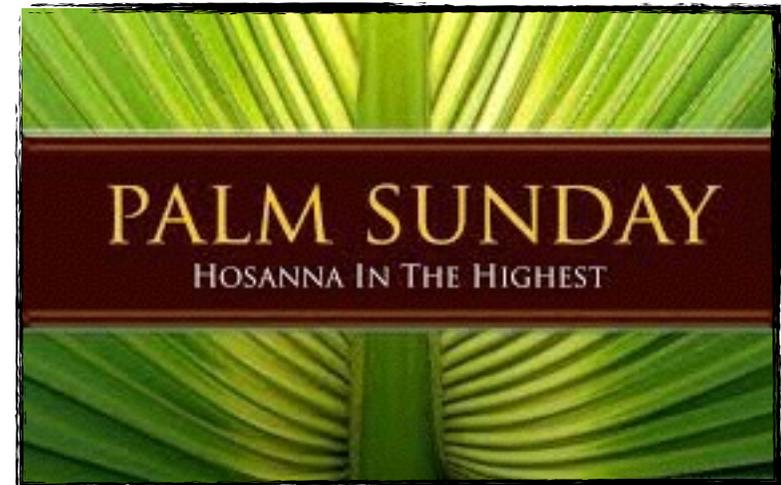
ECB NOTICE BOARD

25th March	10:30am	Informal Worship - Palm Sunday How we change: Transformation through practice 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Nigel Crook
	7pm	Evening (Café open from 6:30) Being Content/Being Creative Matthew 25:14-30 Leader: Jo Withers Preacher: Ian Biscoe
26th March	3:10pm	After School Club
27th March	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages
	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Prison Fellowship
28th March	10am	*Oasis not meeting*
30th March	2-4pm	Good Friday Prayer Stations (again from 7-9pm)
31st March	4pm	Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt!
1st April	10:30am	Informal Communion/Easter Service! Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus Leader: Dorothy Williams & Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson
	7pm	Healing Service Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe

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25th March, 2018





PALM SUNDAY

I love to worship! This is not a surprising statement if you think about it as God created us to worship Him. I have recently re-read a book by Darlene Zcheche entitled 'Extravagant Worship' She says that 'Our worship pleases the Lord.

There is a real strength when believers bring a corporate offering of praise to God in our church'. Corporate worship can be so powerful! When the body of Christ comes together to worship we can enjoy being in His presence as well as being expectant that God will meet us, speak to us, transform us and even heal us as we worship.

We must remember, however, that there is no substitute for worshipping God in the secret place. Jesus reminds of this in the story of Mary and Martha.

There is also more to worship than music and song.

As we meet together we worship God in Spirit and in Truth - through prayers, intercessions and the reading and exposition of God's Word. In fact, Romans 12 tells us that worship is a lifestyle.

'Take your everyday, ordinary life —your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life —and place it before God as an offering.' (The Message)

At ECB in recent weeks, we have witnessed a growing sense of God moving more powerfully, of Him wanting to bring us to our knees in repentance as we examine ourselves and see the things in our lives that He wants to change and refine. God is calling us to a deeper and greater knowledge of Himself.

I am so excited about what God is doing in our church right now! And, as worship leaders, we realise that we need to step out in faith and listen to what God is saying as we are leading. This can be scary and takes us out of our comfort zones. We may get it wrong sometimes, but we are trying to walk in step with what God is doing as I believe that God is calling us into a deeper intimacy with Him in both our corporate worship and our private worship and prayer life.

I love this quote from Darlene Zcheche.

'Learn to seek God's face without worrying about saving yours. Know how to get on your knees. Don't worry if you don't look cool in worship. If your heart is full of radical praise, then be truthful in your expression of love toward Him; release your extravagant worship.'

As we remember Jesus on the road to Jerusalem this Palm Sunday, let us worship Him in reverence and awe as we become extravagant worshippers!

*Blessings,
Rose*