**SUNDAY 10TH APRIL – 9.30AM**

**Vestry Elder:** G Kerr **Flowers:** E. Dinning **Door/Offering:**  K & L Craig **Bible Reader:** F. Smith **Morning Tea:** H & T Wickham **5pm Service** F Doig

Result of Wangaratta congregation service time vote – **9.30am** to continue.

Carl Clayden came home from hospital on 29th March, 2 weeks earlier
than expected. He is delighted to be home, not up to visitors as yet. Myra.

**Wanted**: Six readers to participate in a read litany, in the Palm Sunday worship service at 9.30am, 10 April. Script provided. If you would like to share in this, see John van Riet.

VALE JOAN BILLINGTON 04/11/1928 - 12/03/2022

Joan was the devoted wife of Rev. John Billington [dec’d].  John was the first Presbytery Minister called to the [then] Presbytery of Goulburn Murray.  The Billingtons lived in the Rowan Street Manse in Wangaratta from 1978 to 1984. Joan was active in the life of the Wangaratta Parish, particularly the UCAF.    Joan was also a leader in the Wangaratta Girl Guides.

**God of surprising grace, embolden us in ministries that convey care and connection, whether such ministry engages us in actions of long-standing tradition or risk-taking newness, for in gracious ministry with those around us – like Mary, like Martha – we minister to you. Amen.**

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 ***SUNDAY APRIL 3RD  2022***

**A warm welcome to everyone to worship today.**

*Welcome to our service today.  We want you to feel welcome and to join us for morning tea in the hall following the service.* **“We are God’s people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling we seek to reflect that love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do.”**

**GRACIOUS MINISTRIES Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4–14 John 12:1–8**

**THE WASHING OF JESUS FEET**

The fact that this account appears in all four gospels tells us that the early church considered this to be a significant event. It’s interesting that all the gospel writers place the event in different contexts and some have Jesus’ head anointed. I think that John’s placement of the story shortly before the crucifixion is deliberate. His readers would have immediately made the link with his death. Jewish burial customs required the body to be washed and for sweet oils and perfumes to be applied prior to entombment. The other important aspect of this event is that the perfume was applied by a woman! In Jesus time this would have been viewed as scandalous. Because we (mostly) live in a society that accepts men and women as equals we forget that wasn’t the case in Jesus’ time. For Jesus to allow a woman to anoint Jesus’ feet was a powerful message about the inclusiveness of the realm of God. Ian

 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **TODAY** Sunday 3 April, 11.15am (after morning tea): **Worship Planning Group** meets to plan cluster worship services May-July.

**APRIL 22**

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| Wangaratta 9.30am **HC** Ian Firth11.15am Worship Planning Meeting 5pm W WilkieEldorado – C. Thomson | MAINLY MUSIC 10-11.30 |  | PALS 2PM |  |  |  |
| **Palm Sunday 10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **MaundyThursday14**  | **Good Friday 15** | **Easter Saturday 16** |
| Wangaratta 9.30amJohn Van Riet5pm H. McKean RSL DinnerGreta/Moyhu J.Hooper,  |  | Property & Finance Mtg 5pm | Rangeview 11am | St John’s 11am7.30pm Service HCWendie Wilkie  | 9.30am Service Heather McKean |  |
| **Easter Sunday 17** | **Easter Monday 18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** |
| Dawn service- G Miles Wangaratta 9.30am –C Thomson- BAPTISMNo 5PM Service |  | CHURCH COUNCIL **5.30PM** | Social Justice Group Meeting 4pm | Illoura Service11am |  | Safe Church Training 9.30am |
| **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** |
| Wangaratta 9.30amH. V Riet & J Ambrosio Wang. Cluster Annual Reports 2021/2022 Greta/Moyhu 10am– R. Steele5pm Service W. Wilkie | **ANZAC DAY** | UCAF **2PM** |  |  |  | Knitting Group 9-12noon |