

What is Good Friday?

On Good Friday, we remember the day when Jesus was crucified on a cross.

When is Good Friday?

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day, we eat 'hot cross buns'.

Why do we eat hot cross buns?

The cross on top of the buns reminds Christians of the cross that Jesus was crucified on.

**What is Easter Sunday?**

Easter Sunday is the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When is Easter Sunday?

It is the Sunday straight after Good Friday

Why do we eat Easter eggs?

An Egg can mean new life, which is what we as Christians have as a result of what happened at Easter. A hollow Easter egg reminds that on Easter morning, Jesus' tomb was empty because He had risen from the dead.

So, is Easter time, really about Easter eggs?

No, they might be tasty but in the end all they are is a hollow shell of chocolate. There are two important things that we need to remember at Easter time - the first one is that just as the egg was empty so was Jesus tomb because Jesus rose again. The second thing we need to remember is that because Jesus rose again we have the promise of a new life forever with Him only if we believe.

**As followers of Jesus, what is our purpose?**

To love and serve God so we can give Him joy. God rejoices and experiences joy as we respond to Him in repentance, love and good works that brings Him glory...give Jesus the gift of joy for He is looking forward to it!

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

To God be the glory and may He watch over us all as the Sunday School break up soon for the Easter break until we come together again end of April.

Mandy Maiava

Superintendent

PAST EVENTS ..

So what has happened since the Sunday School's 50th Jubilee celebrations?

January 2009 – the Sunday School Teachers held a food stall at the Pasifika Festival at Waitangi Park and raised over \$1,000.00. The day was filled with lots of fun, plenty of sun, wonderful displays of pacific culture – by dance, music and cultural arts and crafts.

February 2009 – this year's Annual Regional Sunday School Teachers Seminar was hosted by the Cook Island Presbyterian Church in Newlands, of which Joy Tereora is now Superintendent. This day was a wonderful opportunity to meet the new Sunday School Union General Secretary - Granden Te Ariki Boynton, as well as gain insight from Eddie Pilisi regarding this year's Scripture Examination lessons.

March 2009 – Way2Go Training. A majority of the Sunday School Teachers attended this annual training session organised by Scripture Union, held at St. John's Church in Wellington. This training has in the past proved very helpful to one and all. At this training, people are challenged to think outside the square, gain new skills and understanding as to how to better themselves in teaching and responding to their students but most of all, fellowship with other teachers and helpers from all over the Wellington region.

**WANTED!
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS!**

The Sunday School would love for you to come on board and help teach the *WORD OF GOD* through your talents.

If you are interested or you would like more information please see Mandy Maiava.

**SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE
EXAMINATIONS****DID YOU KNOW...**

Copies of this year's Scripture Examination notes can be found on our Church website?

Go to:

http://www.pipcnewtown.wellington.net.nz/sunday_school.html

How can YOU prepare well for the Scripture Examinations?

- Pray to God for help
- Read your lessons
- Learn your Memory Verses and write them down
- Summarise the stories in your own words – but don't forget the FACTS
- Ask your family to help you with your lessons and verses