

The **Op Shop** will be closed on Good Friday 30 March 2018

Our normal opening hours are 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday.

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50% off total purchase

60 Caernarvon Drive, Flaxmere

Coupon valid from 23 March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### ***Easter Is The Gift...***

*Easter is the gift of HOPE  
Easter is the gift of PEACE  
Easter is the gift of LOVE  
Let us rejoice in Him,  
Who gives them all.*

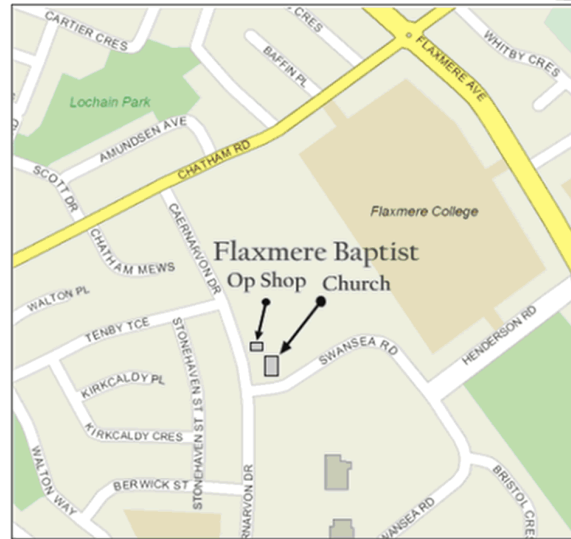
*May God bless you at Easter,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and wisdom always help,  
To guide you on your way.  
May His light shine down upon you now,  
To bless your Easter Day.*

## **Flaxmere Baptist Church**

60 Caernarvon Drive  
Tel 879 8108  
[www.flaxmere.org.nz](http://www.flaxmere.org.nz)  
Pastor Andrew Reyngoud

Our Sunday services start at 10:00 am with morning tea. The service itself starts at 10:30 and includes a story time and activity for children.

**Everyone Welcome**



### **Free Creative Cooking Course**

Finding it hard to keep your food costs down?

Would you like to create easy inexpensive meals for your family that are tasty and nutritious?

To join a free 6-week creative cooking course, register your interest at the Op Shop or leave contact details on the church answer phone (879 8108).

Numbers are limited to six people per course. The next course starts in May 2018.



Celebrating  
Easter  
2018



### **Easter Services**

GOOD FRIDAY 30 March 2018 at  
9.30 a.m.

A quieter, reflective service followed by morning tea and hot cross buns.

EASTER SUNDAY 1 April 2018  
Morning tea at 10.00a.m.  
Followed by the service at 10:30 am

**Everyone welcome**

## From the Pastor...

This year, Easter Sunday falls on the 1st of April a day also known as April Fools Day. This does not happen very often, the last time was in 1956. So how do we know if we are a fool or not? How do we know that God is real?

One of the Narnia stories that C.S. Lewis wrote is called "The Silver Chair". In the story the characters are trapped underground by a witch who tries to convince them that the only things that are real are underground. Her words seem convincing - it is difficult to explain what the sun is like when you are in a cave.

Eventually, one of the characters, Puddleglum, breaks the witch's spell saying "...Suppose we have only dreamed, or made up, all those things - trees and grass and sun and moon and stars and Aslan himself. Suppose we have. Then all I can say is that, in that case, the made-up things seem a good deal more important than the real ones. Suppose this black pit of a kingdom of yours is the only real world. Well, it strikes me as a pretty poor one."

A world without God is a poor world, a black pit of a kingdom. Jesus came and died for us so that we could have life and light.

You are welcome to come and join with us at Easter or on any Sunday. On Good Friday we will be having a shorter, reflective service where we remember Jesus' sacrifice. On Easter Sunday our service will be one of celebrating and rejoicing.



## Pasta Salad

250 grams pasta spirals or similar (cooked)  
2 tbsps cider or white vinegar  
2 tsps crushed garlic  
4 tbsps olive oil (or salad oil)  
Juice of ½ lemon  
Pepper and salt to taste.

Cook pasta spirals (covered with water) in microwave until tender but not overcooked (approx 15 mins in microwave on HIGH). Allow to cool. Mix up rest of ingredients to create a dressing and coat pasta.

Add any combination of the following, cut, grated or chopped –  
Chives, parsley, capsicums (peppers), tomato, cheese, mixed veges, canned tuna or salmon, apple, grated carrot, onion chopped finely, spring onion, sesame seeds, avocado, celery, cucumber, cooked peas, cooked corn, bacon, ham, salami type products, cold leftover mince, cold shredded chicken.

Basically you can add any combination of ingredients to create a tasty salad every time



## Chocolate Clusters

Chocolate Melts – either milk or dark chocolate  
Your choice of any nuts, coconut flakes, ginger, marshmallows or dried fruit  
Mini patty cases

Gently and slowly melt the chocolate on LOW in the microwave in short bursts of 1 min at a time.

When melted, add your choice of fruit or nuts and stir to cover well with the chocolate. Don't put so many in that the mixture becomes too dry.

Spoon into pretty mini patty cases and put in the fridge to set. Store in airtight container in the fridge.

## Homemade Maple Syrup for Pancakes

100 grams brown sugar  
2 tsps vanilla essence  
¾ cup water

Place all ingredients into a pot and bring to boil.  
Reduce and simmer 7-8 mins until mixture has reduced and thickened like maple syrup.  
Pour into jug and cool.