Easter in the Park (Burwood Park) on Saturday March 21

Covenant is partnering with other local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community in Burwood @ the Council's Easter at the Park event. If you are free on March 21, pray, bring a friend and be part of the day. If you would like to help out please reach out to Kiu Fei (0402877018).

1. 🎬 **What's the context behind Easter in the Park?**

   Burwood Council has recently approached the churches in Burwood and invited us to celebrate Easter with the community. Before COVID, the council gave churches generous freedom to do this, but nothing happened for a number of years. Last Christmas was our first step back in with a 10-minute evangelistic message by Sam Chan. This Easter, we've been given up to 2 hours on the main stage to share and celebrate the Easter message.

2. 🎯 **What's the purpose?**

   We want to bless the community with a clear and faithful message of Easter and we can use this opportunity to raise awareness and presence of Bible-believing churches in the community.

3. 👀 **When and where is it happening?**

   Saturday March 21, the same day Cambridge Markets is running a market day at Burwood Park.

4. 🤔 **Who are the Cambridge Markets?**

   They are a non-denominational, non-religious, for-profit market organiser.

   Entry is free and there will be over 120 stalls for shopping, homemade fashion, homewares, artisan products, fresh produce, local artists, live music and family fun.

   We're simply making the most of the foot traffic that will already be there.

5. 🤷 **What will happen?**

   Combined churches stall: 10am-4pm
   Main stage program: 11am-12:10pm
   There will already be many local families in the park because of the markets.

6. ⛪ **Which churches are involved?**

    Covenant Presbyterian Church
    Baptist Community Church Burwood
    Burwood Presbyterian Church
    Croydon Park @ 10
    C3 Church Burwood
    St James Anglican Croydon
    St Luke's Anglican Concord Burwood
    St Thomas Anglican Church Strathfield & Enfield
    Trinity Evangelical Church
    EFC Burwood
    The Chapel Burwood
    The Salvation Army Burwood

    All churches will share one combined stall, likely on a roster system (30-minute slots per church).

7. 💲 **Funding?**

    Burwood Council is covering park hire and the mayor is contributing $1000 toward a petting zoo (or other activities that we choose). Each church may be asked to contribute up to $250, similar to last Christmas when we purchased bottled waters with QR code to church websites to give out to the community.

8. 🎞️ **What's the plan for the main stage?**

    Program outline:
    - Call to worship + songs
    - Kids drama about Easter
    - 1 testimony / interview
    - 2x Bible readings
    - 2x short messages (the death and resurrection of Jesus)
    - Closing songs

    Each church is contributing to different parts of the program.

    Covenant's role:
    - 2x Bible readings
    - Bible Study Group at the stall

9. 🪑 **What will happen at the stall?**

Being available for gospel conversations
Gospel tracts will be made available
Information about local churches

A team of us will run a Bible Study Group at/near the stall using oral Bible stories in evangelism and exploring Christianity with whoever the Lord prepares and sends our way. Training will be provided (see Question 11).

10. 🌭 Will we be doing any sausage sizzle, kids activities or face painting?

No. As Cambridge Markets is running the market day with paid vendors, it wouldn't be appropriate for us to compete with or interfere with their businesses.

Our focus will be on what we're therefore - sharing the message of Easter, being available for conversations, and opening the Bible with those who are interested.

11. 🙋 How can I get involved?

☐ 🙏 Pray. "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
For boldness and obedience
For unity among the churches
For the speakers and clarity and faithfulness
For those who will hear
For a ripe harvest

☐ 💪 Serve on the day.
Join the roster at the stall
Help with setup/pack down
Be present and prayerful

☐ 📖 **Join the Bible Study Group team.**
Learn to craft and use oral Bible stories in evangelism and exploring Christianity groups
Training will run over two Sundays: **March 1** and **March 15**
(1 hour after church at Christ College, we can do over BYO lunch)
We're looking for at least 3 people, but there's no limit.

12. 👨‍👩‍👧 Can my children be involved?

Yes, it's a family-friendly event. They can attend, help, or even be interviewed on stage about what Easter means to them (we can help prepare, please speak to Kiu Fei).

13. 💬 Who can I talk more info and to sign up to help? Kiu Fei 0402877018