

For our prayers

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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- **pray** today for an end to the devastating effects of COVID-19, for those Doctors, nurses and carers on the front line of care for protection.

- **pray** for people to know they can call upon the Lord in our time of need and he will deliver.

- **pray** for those seeking refuge and asylum in Australia - Lord, no one is a stranger to you or ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over those separated from their loved ones, lost and exiled from their homes. Bring them safety, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers in need.

- **continue to pray** for those in our church family who are in need of God's comfort at this time, for the frail and sick. And for those with special needs; Kay, Joan, Ruth, Tony & Barbara, Minette & her mum, Brian Langworthy and Jean Steele. And for those no longer able to attend: Norma Henry, Connie Sinclair and Gwvnn O'Brien.

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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Sunday, 22 March 2020

Welcome!

CHURCH NOT MEETING SUNDAYS

at 9.30am

due to duty of care for all COVID-19

Please go to our church website
www.abbotsfordanglican.org
for further details.

Welcome!

We welcome you to church today! If you are new or visiting, we hope and pray that you will be blessed as you gather with us.

Trevor Young – Rector

Sermon series

Guidance for church fitness

Today's sermon

Walk, properly don't run! – 3 John

Coming up

Walk by the Spirit - Galatians 5:13-26

What's happening?

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well”

3 John 2

Thank you for your patience. I guess you have been wondering what's happening now that we are not meeting of a Sunday as we have in the past. We deal with each day as it comes and are guided by the Archbishop and WHO directives. Even though our numbers are less than 100 the Archbishop has asked all churches out of duty of care for all, especially the frail and elderly to not meet as we usually do. However, that doesn't mean we can't keep in contact and pastorally care and encourage one another as we should and be creative. I called a special meeting of the Parish Council last week to come up with some initial plans that best suits our church and community. Here is the way forward for the time being.

Church of a Sunday

- A few of us will meet and read through the order of service, Bible, sing, pray and preach and it will be recorded and accessible off the website. Trevor will contact those available. (If you need help to know how to do this let Trevor, David B or Janice know and we will arrange to show you how)
- Karen is to keep in contact with families and children via creative ways during the week. Parents take this time to spend reading the Bible and praying with your children. Playgroup and SRE have ceased until further notice.
- The Bulletin will be placed up on the website with sermon outline and Bible Study questions.
- The bell will ring morning and evening to remind people God is near and to call people to prayer in their homes. (Also during the week)
- Please use direct debit for giving or arrange for your envelopes to be collected by the wardens (Call Diane 0421 270 or Steve 9712 2461)

During the week

- All small group meetings in homes or enclosed spaces of more than 4 are to cease until further notice. Observe 4m² rule!
- Members are to keep in contact by phone with others in the church. Use your Parish Directory. Those with special needs let Janice or Trevor know.
- Trevor will txt and call you also over the week on various days to encourage you and you he.
- The Bulletin will be dropped into member's letter boxes and a copy of the sermon and Bible Study notes for those who don't have access to a computer or smart phone. Call Trevor to arrange.

During the week (Continued)

- If you have a green prayer book can I encourage you to use it each day. You will find a short service for each morning and evening. Very useful. If you have not got one ask Janice or Trevor for one to be given to you.
- Please continue to care for your immediate community and family. Ask how they are going, if they need anything and tell them you are praying for them.
- Please feel free to call Trevor or Karen if you need encouragement or would like to encourage them. However, please respect Trevor and Rosemary's day of Rest **Fridays**.

Easter Arrangements

- It has been suggested that we gain permission to meet outside (weather permitting) or inside in small groups over the day at various times for folk to choose to attend and remember our Lord and give thanks. Trevor will look into that and keep you informed.

March Mission Focus

This month's mission focus is on ministry to refugees, in particular supporting the work of the Blair family and the Retondano family. Thank you.

Heavenly Father, we remember before you this month the many refugees throughout the world, without statehood, homes and hope. We bring before you especially those individuals and families who have found refuge in Sydney, and come under the pastoral care of the Blair family and the Retondano family. Grant to Cameron and Lara, and Ricardo and Fiona, the resources and opportunities they need to care for them. Hear our prayer, O Lord, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

News - Annual General Meeting results

Our AGM was held last Sunday after our morning service. We give thanks to God for those appointed as Office Bearers for 2020.

Parish Council for 2020

Diane Bastable and Steve Smith (Wardens)

David Braga, Jennifer O'Neill, Janice Stewart-Moore, Linda Vergison and Stewart Swales.

Synod Rep for 2020-22

Linda Vergison

Administration of Safe Ministry

Janice Stewart-Moore

Men's Conference and Parish lunch (Both cancelled)