

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease.

Please give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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Sunday, 5th April 2020

The Sunday before easter - Palm Sunday

Welcome!



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** I hope and pray that you will be blessed as we gather in our homes listening in. Though apart, we are one family in Christ no matter where we are. If you are listening in and have not met with us before, welcome. Please let us know so that we may keep in contact over this time.

***"This is the day that the Lord has made!
We will rejoice and be glad in it"***

Psalm 118:24

Trevor Young – Rector

Sermon series

Easter Comfort

Today's sermon

Do not be afraid – John 12:12-16

Today

Present at recording

Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen
and Linda

Use order of service emailed

Welcome

Karen

Song

Lift Up Your Heads

Drawing near to God

Karen

Bible Readings

David

Zechariah 9:9 -10

John 12:12-16

Bible Teaching

Trevor Young

Song

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

What we believe

Karen

Prayers

Rosemary

Announcements

Trevor

Offertory Song

What Love My God

Going out to serve

Karen

Prayers

Confession

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are repentant, according to the promises declared to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

April mission focus

The Thomas' with Interserve

Please read their latest emailed newsletter for news and prayer points. They send us their greetings and look forward to meeting with us later in the year.

April Anglicare focus

Anglican Defence Force Chaplaincy

Please pray for our connection with the ADF through Trevor. In particular, pray for healing for two adult officers of the Australian Army Cadets known to Trevor that are in hospital with COVID-19.

Easter Services

Go on to the website and listen in...

9:30am 10 April - A Good Friday Service of Bible Readings, Prayer and Song

9:30am 12 April, Easter Sunday - *Do not hold on* - John 20:1-18

9:30am 19 April, 1st Sunday after Easter - *Do not doubt* - John 20:24-31

9:30am 26 April, 2nd Sunday after Easter - *Do not give up* - John 21:1-25

News and Pastoral Care

We live each day as it comes and adjust and comply as required trusting in God.

During the week

The church bells ring out

Each morning and at the close of the day the church bell continues to ring for 1 minute to remind locals that God is near, and to call us to prayer. I have used this time to pray the Litany on page 98 in the Green Prayer book that covers all needs. I encourage you to pray yourselves each day in your homes or at work, either at this time or at another time of your choice. If you would like a prayer book let me know and we will get one to you.

People are phoning each other

Thank you for keeping in contact with each other during the week. If anyone needs items to be picked up or bought, please let Janice or me know and we will arrange for them to be collected for you.

Church at 9:30am Sunday – ‘Tune in, listen’ and ‘ring up’

Each week the services will be prepared and recorded and put up on the church website by Saturday evenings, along with the Service sheet, Bulletin, Sermon outline and Bible Study notes. We'd prefer for you to just listen without the distraction of watching us. For those without internet access, we can arrange for copies to be dropped in your letter box on the Saturday. Listen into the service together from our homes at 9:30am on Sunday. It will give us a sense of still meeting as we did. Afterwards make yourself morning tea and ring someone from church to chat.

What do I do with my offertory envelopes and giving?

Please listen into the video on from Bishop Michael Steed emailed to you. Thank you. Those of you who give by offertory envelopes, we are happy to collect them from you for banking. Please call Janice or myself to let us know a good time and we will arrange to pick them up. Or alternatively set aside the offertory each week as recommended in 1 Corinthians 16:2 to be collected at a later date.

Comply

Please continue to comply with all Government directives. If you get sick and need to self-isolate - do so. Let myself, Karen or Janice know. **Trevor**