

## COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you know all things and through all circumstances of life you accompany your people. Prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus. Protect and strengthen those who are treating the sick. Comfort the sick and those who mourn the loss of loved ones or are living in fear of this disease.

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

**Give thanks for** God's provision of a new Director for St Andrew's Kindergarten.

**Pray for** Anthony's mission trip, that people would be open to talk, and for safety for the whole team.

**Pray for** Lynn Clarke, Jean Steele, Kay Woodcock, Max Schweizer.

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Sunday 10th January 2021

Epiphany

Welcome



**abbotsfordanglicanchurch**

*A fresh start with God*

## Welcome!

Welcome to Church! Welcome also to those listening in from home. Thank you for joining in to this week's service and Bible Teaching. If you are new, or visiting us today, a special welcome to you.

A sentence from the Bible to prepare us for hearing God's word...

***"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done the saving of many lives ... Many are the plans of a person's heart but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails"***

*Genesis 50:20; Proverbs 19:21*

*Trevor Young – Senior Minister*

## Today's Sermon

***'He was protected and saved, so to save us'*** Matthew 2:13-23

**Sermon Series:** 'That we may know the certainty of the things we have been taught' from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew

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## TODAY

### Service of Word and Prayer Form 2

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**RECORDED and available off the website from 12 noon Sunday**

*After the service, time is available to meet and greet. But please remain in your seats or move outside to the playground to do so, and comply with social distancing.*

### Welcome

### Song

You Never Change

### Hearing God's Word

Matthew 2:13-23

### Bible Teaching

*'He was protected and saved, so to save us'*

### Song

Grace

### Praying to God

### Announcements

### What we believe

### Song

Be Still My Soul

### Going out to serve

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## Prayers

### Praising God

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us, for life and health and safety, for power to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A prayer for forgiveness

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. **Amen.**

### A set prayer for the day

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, or ever and ever. **Amen.** *AAPB page 191*

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### January mission focus

All our link missionaries and Anglican Agencies of Care through Chaplaincy.

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## Notices

### Church building wi-fi connection

Some people are bringing their own Bibles with them to church to use during the service, and others are printing out a copy of the service sheet sent out on Fridays, and bringing that with them. Still others are using their mobile phone or iPad to follow the Bible reading. If you are using a device, you may now log in via the church's Wi-Fi address as follows:

**Abbotsford Guest** - Password is **urwelcome20**

### What do the latest COVID 19 changes mean for us?

- We return to the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule and all must wear masks in church and maintain 1.5m social distancing from each other.
- We must still use hand sanitiser coming in and leaving church, record attendances, and clean the church after use.
- We can have singers and musos up the front. At this stage up to 5 maintaining social distancing. Unfortunately, the congregation can't sing.

### January Sermon Series

The first three Sundays in January we continue our Bible readings and teaching from the first two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We're focussing on the early childhood of our Lord Jesus and asking the question "Why is this story in the Bible"?

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January (Australia Day long weekend) the sermon title is "Australians all let us rejoice". The disturbance of COVID 19 to our normal lifestyle routine can and has robbed us of joy. Despite whatever circumstances come our way, living in a fallen world, the Christian is to look beyond them to the source of joy in Christ that can never be taken away. A joy available to all Australians.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January we look for wisdom from the Book of Proverbs as we begin a new ministry year COVID normal.

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### Bible Teaching next Sunday January 17

'He knew from an early age who he was, and what he had come to do'

Luke 2:41-52

*Sermons series: That we may know the certainty of the things we have been taught.*