

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you know all things and through all circumstances of life you accompany your people. Prosper the work of those providing 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.**

Pray for those who minister to refugees in Australia, and also for the chaplains who work in our hospitals. Pray that God would supply their needs as they service him.

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

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome



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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...

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"

2 Peter 3:18

Trevor Young – Senior Minister

Today's Sermon

'Progress in truth' – 2 Peter 1:1-21

Sermon Series:

'Grow in grace and knowledge' from the book of 2 Peter

YOU ARE WELCOME to log in via the church's Wi-Fi address as follows:
Abbotsford Guest - password **urwelcome20**

TODAY

The Lord's Supper 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. Please remain in your seats or move outside to the playground to do so, and comply with social distancing.

Welcome

Song

Come people of the risen king

Confession

Hearing God's Word

2 Peter 1:1-21

Statement of Belief

Nicene Creed

Bible Teaching

'Progress in truth'

Song

All that we need
Theme song - based on 2 Peter 3:18

Praying for God's World

Holy Communion

Announcements

Song

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Going out to serve

Prayers

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation. Father, forgive us. Help us to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your boundless goodness and mercy. We are not even worthy to eat the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, always rich in mercy. Enable us by faith to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and forever dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

A set prayer for the day

Father, you have taught us to express our love for you by prayer, denial of self, and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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March mission focus

This month's mission focus is on Ministry with refugees (The Blairs), as well as Hospital Chaplaincy.

Notices

Practice emergency evacuation drill - today after church. Be aware of how to use church defibrillator in an emergency at www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-uHeD4lcq0&t=9s

Chiswick Manor Church Service starts back today at 3pm.

What's coming up in March

Parenting course - *Families Equip*

Tuesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 7-9pm - Cost \$10 per person/per session. For more information, please see Karen.

Mar 13 – Wedding at 1 pm - Christina Tramonte and John Scibilia

Mar 14 - Annual General Meeting of parishioners after our morning service to elect Wardens and Parish Councillors for the next 12 months. Information on these roles are on the noticeboard. If you are interested in joining Parish Council, please see Trevor. Please read the reports that have been emailed to you. If you want a printed copy, let Janice know.

Mar 21 – visitors, Lara and Cameron Blair, serving in western Sydney

Mar 27 - Men Meeting the Challenge Conference. Annandale Anglican 9am to 5pm. See Trevor if interested in going.

Mar 28 - guest preacher Rev Emily Carpenter, Concord Hospital Chaplain

Bible Study with Trevor, Sundays and Thursdays - at church. Sundays 4:45pm to 6pm, and Thursdays 7:15pm to 8:30pm.

Please remember COVID 19 restrictions

- We must maintain 1.5m social distancing. Be mindful of this especially regarding where you are directed to sit. Please adhere to our Covid marshals' directions.
- We must use hand sanitiser, record attendances, and clean the church.
- The congregation can't sing but we can have singers up the front.

Sermon Series during March

'Grow in grace and knowledge' from the book of 2 Peter.

Next week: 'Persevere through peril' – 2 Peter 2:1-22