

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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Sunday 21 March 2021

5th 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

'Persist with patience' – 2 Peter 3:1-18

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

Service of Word and Prayer 3
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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

Beautiful Saviour

Drawing near to God

Hearing God's Word

2 Peter 3:1-18

Affirming our faith

Bible Teaching

'Persist with patience'

Song

All that we need

Theme song - based on 2 Peter 3:18

Praying for God's world

Announcements

Song

Live for the Kingdom

Going out to serve

Prayers

A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The 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.**

A set prayer for the day

Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example, 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

Welcome

Today we welcome Lara and Cameron Blair and family, to share with us about their ministry with refugees in western Sydney.

Defibrillator instruction video

The instruction video of the Lifepak CR2 Defibrillator can be found online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-uHeD4lcq0&t=9s

What's coming up in March

Parenting course - *Families Equip*

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

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.

Easter Services

April 2 - Good Friday Service - readings from Matthew 26 & 27. Guest preacher Rev Jacinth Myles.

April 4 - Easter Sunday – *Christ is risen* – Matthew 28:1-20

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

Next week: Mission focus, Hospital Chaplaincy – Psalm 145