

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 and distribution 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 the Thomas family serving in Thailand, as well as those who work in Police Chaplaincy. Pray that God would supply their needs as they serve him.

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

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit. Thank you.

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15th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** Thank you for gathering in your homes and listening in to this week's service and Bible Teaching. 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.

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

***'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens:
... a time to weep and a time to laugh'***

Ecclesiastes 3: 1,4

Trevor Young – Senior Minister

Today's Sermon

Does God laugh?

Psalm 2

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 2
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**RECORDED and available
off the website**

Welcome

Praising God

Kid's Spot & Kid's Song

Hearing God's Word

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14
Luke 6:20-23

Bible Teaching

Does God laugh? – Psalm 2

Song

Amazing Grace

Praying to God

Announcements

What we believe

Going out to serve

**Join together on Sunday
night to catch up with
others by Zoom**

anytime between 5pm to 6pm
– join in via the link sent with
Friday's email, or call or email
Trevor beforehand, and he
will send you the link. All
welcome to drop in
and say "Hi"

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

Almighty God, our creator and guide, may we serve you with all our heart, and know your forgiveness in our lives. 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.** *AAPB page 253*

September mission focus

This month's mission focus is on Ministry with Interserve (the Thomas family in Chiang Mai, Thailand), as well as Anglican Police Force Chaplaincy.

Notices

Kid's Church Update

We have all been enjoying Kid's Church online this term and as Term 3 comes to a close we will be taking a short break for the school holidays. We will not meet on Sundays 26 September and 3 October. Term 4 will resume with the Big Kids program on 10 October.

Please give thanks for the faithful service of our Kids Church leaders, Emily, Anthony and Vity, and pray for rest and refreshment for our church families during this break.

Bible Teaching coming up!

Over the 'home' school holidays coming up, I'd like us to think about questions we may not think to ask God. Starting today with, "Does God laugh"? Next week, "Does God ever feel sad"? And the week after, "Does God sleep"?

But I am leaving the last week for you to come up with a question. So let me know what you'd like answered for the first Sunday in October. I will choose the best question. I have had two questions sent in already! Church online over these weeks will be kid and family friendly.

Celebrate Messiah

Unfortunately, because of lockdown we couldn't have Paul Cohen from Celebrate Messiah come and speak to us at the end of our Old Testament sermon series. Go to their website. There are some interesting talks to listen into. <https://www.celebratemessiah.com.au/>

COVID 19 restrictions continue - but hopeful of some restrictions lifting soon

No meetings in the church building. The service is recorded on Saturday afternoon and available on the website from Sunday morning. Join in with all at 9:30am. If entering the building for recording purposes, or anytime, use hand sanitiser and sign in with the QR code. Please sign out on exit.

Sermon next Sunday, 19 September

Does God ever feel sad?

Sermon series: *Questions we may not think to ask God.*