

## Prayer for Community

Lord God Almighty, Heavenly Father, King of glory and love eternal, worthy are you at all times to receive adoration, praise and thanksgiving; but especially at this time with Christmas drawing near and soon to be upon us do we praise you for the sending of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts do wait, and to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, one God be honour and glory, now and forever. Move in the minds and hearts of our local community that they may turn to you this Christmas and join with us in our celebration. Amen.

***Please remember to pray also for those in our church family who we know are ill, recovering from illness or in need of God's comfort at this time.***

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Wangal people of the Eora nation, and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and pray that God will unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, in whom all things were created.

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## Giving

**Thank you** for giving towards the ministry of Abbotsford Anglican church in 2024. A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit. Thank you.

**BSB ::** 082-278

**Account Number ::** 509328287

## Sunday

**9:30am** All age service

**4pm Church 4 Families**

(preschoolers & infants)

3rd Sunday of the month

## Thursday

**11am** Chiswick Manor

1st Thursday of the month

**11am** Bayswater Gardens

2nd Thursday of the month



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*A fresh start with God*

**Sunday 1 December 2024**

**1st Sunday in Advent**

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## Welcome!

Welcome to Church! A very special welcome to visitors and to those listening in online. Thank you for joining in to this week's service and Bible Teaching.

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

***"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."***

*Psalm 139:23,24*

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

**Abbotsford Guest** - password **urwelcome20**

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## TODAY

All Age Service  
**Service of Word & Prayer 1B**  
Page 10 Common Prayer 2012  
**RECORDED and available  
off the website after 12 noon**

### Welcome

### Introduction

*Brief introduction to Bible teaching*

**Song** – Praise My Soul the  
King of Heaven

### Drawing near to God

### Little peoples Bible story time and song

*Congregation greeting time*

### Hearing God's Word

Revelation 2:12-17 - pg 1237

### Bible Teaching

*Compromise or not to  
compromise?*

### Psalm 119:153-160

**Song** – I Will Sing the  
Wondrous Story

### Statement of Belief

### Praying for God's world

### Announcements

**Song** – My Heart Delights

### Going out to serve

*Private prayer - If you would like  
prayer after the service, Brian  
and Barbara will be at the front  
of the church to pray with you.*

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## Prayers

### A prayer of 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 repent, 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.**

### A set prayer for the day

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.** *Set Prayer for the 1st Sunday in Advent*

### 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.**

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### December mission focus

Anglicare exists to serve people in need in our community. Toys 'n' Tucker provides a way for community groups to share the joy of Christmas and demonstrate God's love by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without. Thank you for giving.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### Next Parish Prayer evening

Tomorrow night Monday, 2 December 7pm to 7:30pm in the church foyer.

### Baptism and Confirmation Service

Next Sunday we will hold a special service with Bishop Michael present. We will be baptising Simon Ip and Erwin Ip and Yongjuan Chen, and then confirming with them Naomi Loudon, Charlie Loudon, Tania Alexander and Minette Swales. Please pray for these our brothers and sisters in Christ as they profess Faith in Christ publicly, and plan to attend on 8 December.

*There will be a rehearsal after church today, 1 December.*

### Christmas Events/Services Abbotsford Anglican

**Thursday 5** at 10am - Christmas Service for Residents of Chiswick Manor congregation here at St Andrews

**Thursday 12** at 10am - Christmas Service for Residents of Bayswater Gardens congregation here at St Andrews

**Sunday 15** at 4pm – Church 4 Families, Carols in the Playground

**Wednesday 18** at 9:30am - Playgroup Christmas Party/Presentation

**Sunday 22** at 9:30am - Family Christmas Celebration. This is a service for all, when we will celebrate the wonderful story of Christmas with carols, Bible readings and prayer! Join us for lunch after the service.

Sign up on the back table if planning to come to lunch.

**Wednesday 25** at the earlier time of **9:00am** - Holy Communion.

### Sharing in Ministry 2025

Everyone is called to be involved in the life and ministry of their local church. Thank you for volunteering in 2024. Today you have received a **Sharing in Ministry Pamphlet for 2025**. Please give it prayerful thought, volunteer and return to the box on the back table by the end of December.

### Gingerbread house afternoon – Saturday, 14 December, 2-5pm

Special guest Karen Braga. Return your completed booking form to Rosemary or Janice by next Sunday, or text or phone Rosemary on 0422 337 789. Payment can be made on the day by cash or card.

**Thank you for regular giving towards ministry** - A box for offertory and mission focus envelopes is at the back of the church. We also have a POS device, if you wish to give by phone or card today. See overleaf for direct debit details.