

## Mission Focus/Prayer for March

### Bathurst Diocese (Anglican)

Almighty God, we thank you for the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst, for Bishop Mark Calder and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who belong to the 28 Parishes making up a Diocese that covers almost two thirds of NSW. We thank you for their opportunity to 'Share Jesus for Life' in their communities, may they see growth for their hard labour. Lord, provide for the churches that do not have clergy. Strengthen the Lay Ministers that lead congregations and see people through tough times of drought and isolation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Anglicare Hospital Chaplaincy

Rev David Anthonisz (Concord Hospital)

### NSW State Government

Premier: Chris Minns

Leader of the Opposition: Kellie Sloane

### 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

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

**BSB :: 082-278**

**Account Number :: 509328287**

Please consider St Andrews in your will.

## Church Meets

### Sunday

**9:30am** All age service

**4pm Church 4 Families**

3rd Sunday of the month

### Thursday

**11am** Chiswick Manor

1st Thursday of the month

**11am** Bayswater Gardens

2nd Thursday of the month



**abbotsfordanglicanchurch**

*A fresh start with God*

## News and Notes

Sunday 1 March 2026

## 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 of Bible Readings, Carols and Prayer.

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

***Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.***

*Proverbs 3:3,4*

The service will be RECORDED  
and available off the website after 12 noon.

You are welcome to log in via the church's Wi-Fi address as follows:

**Abbotsford Guest - password urwelcome20**

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## Today in church

An all age service  
Service of Prayer and Hearing  
of God's Word - Page 39 AAPB

Welcome

Mission and Bible teaching  
focus for the day

Gathering in God's name

Sentence of Scripture

Song – Sovereign Over Us

Little people's Bible story time  
and Song

Greeting time

Hearing God's word  
Joshua 9:1-27 – page 220

Bible Teaching  
*A mistake God chose to turn into a  
blessing*

Song – Sovereign Over Us

A Psalm

Confession/Forgiveness

Praying for God's world

Announcements

Song – Great Is Your  
Faithfulness

Encouragement as we leave  
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Private prayer after the service

If you would like prayer after  
the service, please come to the  
front of the church where two  
people will be waiting to pray  
with you.

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## A prayer of confession

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we  
need your help. We confess that we have  
wandered from your way: we have done  
wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us. Have mercy on us:  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive  
others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we  
ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

## A set prayer for the day

God our Father, help us to hear your Son.  
Enlighten us with your word, that we may find  
the way to your glory. 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.**

*Set prayer for the 2nd Sunday in Lent*

## 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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## March mission/prayer focus

Supporting the growth of Anglican Ministry in  
the Bathurst Diocese.

(See over for prayer and the latest news from  
the Diocese in today's News and Notes)

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## Notices

### Emergency evacuation drill – after church today

### Parish Prayer Meeting tonight

On the first Sunday of each month at 6pm, Trevor invites anyone to join  
him in the foyer for half an hour to pray for God's work amongst us.

### World Day of Prayer for Nigeria – this Friday 6 March at 10am

We are hosting this year's World Day of Prayer here for local churches.  
Please come and join Trevor and other church members in prayer.

### Annual General Meeting – March 15

Our AGM will be held on Sunday, March 15 following our morning service,  
when we will elect two Wardens and at least three Parish Councillors for  
the following 12 months. **Information about what these roles involve, and  
nomination forms, are available on the back table.** Reports will be  
available to read from next Sunday in advance of the meeting.

### Next Parish Review Follow Up Morning – Saturday March 28

We continue to plan for the future of ministry here at Abbotsford Anglican,  
and how we do things. We want to honour God by giving him our best  
practice. Your input is needed. So we ask church members to attend on  
Saturday morning, March 28 in the foyer to have your say. We meet at 9am  
and go through to 11am. The last two meetings have been very productive.

**Thank you for regular giving towards ministry** - Ministry continues  
through your prayer, participation and regular giving. A box for offertory &  
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. Please give it thought and prayer, and let's look afresh at our  
plan for giving accordingly for 2026. **Thank you.**

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### Next Sunday's Bible Teaching

Sermon series through the Old Testament book of Joshua:  
the story of entering and receiving the Promised Land.

Chapters 10:1-10; 11:16-23; 21:43-45

*"Helping out a brother and God keeping his promise"*