

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Please give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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Sunday 26th April 2020
2nd Sunday after Easter
Welcome!



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** I hope the joy of Easter is continuing for you. 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.

"Though you have not seen him you love him; and even though you do not see him now you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible glorious joy"

1 Peter 1:8

Trevor Young – Rector

Sermon series

"Easter Comfort"

Sermon

"Do not give up" – John 21:1-25 & 1 Peter 1-9

TODAY

Involved in recording

Teena, David, Rosemary, Sam,
Diane Young-Lan and Trevor.
*(Social distancing is being
practiced)*

Welcome

Sentence of Scripture

Song

Worthy of All Praise

Drawing near to God

Hearing God's Word

John 21:1-25
1 Peter 1:1-9

Affirming what we believe

Praying for God's world

Song

Be Still My Soul

Teaching the Faith

"Do not give up"

Offertory Song

Never Alone

Announcements

Going out to serve

Prayers

The Prayer for the Day

God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.** *2nd Sunday after Easter page 212 AAPB*

Lest We Forget

Almighty God, we give you thanks for your sovereign protection of this land and its people Australia. We remember today those who have fought to protect that for us. Lest we forget.

Kid's Church Update

As we continue to navigate our way through this time of physical dislocation from our church community, it has been our prayer that we will continue to feel the bonds of our spiritual and personal relationships with one another. This is true also for the children of our church family. As you would expect, there has been an initial period of readjustment and we have been keeping in touch with the families of Kid's Church and encouraging them to connect with some excellent online resources each week for "home church". This Sunday begins a trial period of Kid's Church on Zoom at 9.30am. We have divided the group in two: Group 1- Big Kid's Church - school age; Group 2- Little Kid's Church - 0-6 yrs (including Kindy). We will alternate weekly which age group will meet, and this is planned for the next 6 weeks when we will evaluate and consider any changes in our public health requirements. Please pray for our children and leaders at this time and we especially encourage our Prayer Families to stay connected and prayerful for each other. We look forward to seeing all the Kid's church children soon.

News and Pastoral Care

We give thanks to God for a reduction in COVID-19 in Australia. We are thankful for those making wise decisions and for those on the front line. We continue to be mindful of those who have lost loved ones and remain in prayer for those we know affected by its impact. We give thanks to God for the many acts of care we see being done for one another and pray for ongoing patience and vigilance and practicing of the fruit of the Spirit amongst us.

Bible Study by "zooming"

Next Sunday night 3rd May from 5pm to 6pm you're invited to join Trevor for Bible Study by "zoom". The Bible Studies will be on the sermon series in the morning using the Bible Study questions that come with it. If you'd like to join Trevor and Rosemary give Trevor a call 0417 863 037 and he will send you the joining instructions by email.

Monthly Prayer Meeting by "zoom"

Likewise, on Monday 4th May from 7pm to 730pm if you would like to join Trevor for prayer, call Trevor and he will send you the joining instructions by email with this month's points for prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting is convening by zoom on Sunday 3 May at 11am

Church at 9:30am Sunday – "Tune in, listen" and "ring up"

Thank you for continuing to listen in on a Sunday or whenever you choose to do so. It's encouraging to know we are still in a way meeting regularly together and keeping in contact. Praise God.

What do I do with my offertory envelopes and giving?

Thank you for still giving. It's very likely that we will be not meeting in the church until October. Those of you who give by offertory envelopes, we're happy to collect them from you and bank. Please call Janice, Steve or Diane to let us know a good time and we will arrange to pick them up. Or alternatively set aside the offertory each week as recommended in 1 Corinthians 16:2, to be collected at a later date. Maybe this might be a good time to start giving by direct debit. However, thank you for ongoing generosity.

Next Sermon Series

"What makes people tick"? - A look at the Bible's reasoning and answers to people's pressing needs and wants.