

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you know all things and through all circumstances of life you accompany your people. Prosper the work of those who are seeking 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.**

The following people have asked for prayer:

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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Sunday 23rd August 2020

21st Ordinary Sunday

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...

"God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness."

Romans 3:25

Trevor Young – Senior Minister

Today's Sermon

"I am a good person. Are you really?" – Romans 3:1-31

Sermon Series:

"Righteousness Revealed"

from the New Testament book of Romans

TODAY

Service of Word and Prayer
Form 2

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RECORDED and available off the website from 12noon Sunday

Welcome

Sentence of Scripture and Opening Prayers

Hearing God's Word

Romans 3:1-31

Bible Teaching

'I am a good person. Are you really?'

Song on Screen (*Listen in*)

Confession

Praying for God's world

Announcements

What we believe

Going out to serve

*A time to meet and greet.
Please remain in the seated areas or move outside to the playground, and comply with social distancing.*

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

Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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August mission focus

Please remember to pray this month for the Retondano family and the Blair family and their ministry to refugees.

Notices

Sunday night Bible study with Trevor

Sunday nights, from 5pm to 6pm in the back of the church. Come, think about, ask questions and share together what we learn of God from Romans. No need to let Trevor know you are coming - just turn up.

A men's get together

At 5pm, Saturday 29th August via zoom. A time to go around the screen, catch up, encourage and pray. Trevor will send men a link via email – if unsure about what to do, just click on the link and follow the instructions.

New Anglicare Chaplain for Concord Hospital

We look forward to welcoming Rev Emily Carpenter to church on Sunday 30 August. Emily is the new Anglicare Chaplain to Concord Hospital.

Jean Steele

Jean celebrated her 102nd birthday last Tuesday at Newmarch House. Channel 9 was there and filmed a piece about Jean for their nightly news. If you'd like to take a look, you can see it at the link below.
<https://www.facebook.com/9NewsSydney/videos/newmarchs-jean-steele-turns-102-after-beating-covid19/881843645558077/>

Audrey Southwell

Audrey says she has settled into her unit and is loving it. She is missing everyone at St Andrews and extends an invitation to come to Castle Hill and have a cuppa with her sometime – 'everyone is welcome'. Her new address is 14/16 Broughton Avenue, Mowll Village, Castle Hill NSW, 2154. Phone: 9894 5445. Email: asouthwell106@gmail.com

Sermon Series over August, September, October

"Righteousness Revealed" from the New Testament book of Romans. Next week's sermon: "But I am a good person. Are you really?"
Romans 3:1-31