

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. We think especially of Max, Brian and Jean.

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.

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Sunday 11 December 2022

3rd Sunday in Advent

Welcome



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A fresh start with God

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.

Rev Trevor Young – Senior Minister

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

Let love and faithfulness never leave you.

Proverbs 3:3a

Today's Sermon

The Faithful Servant in the Lord

Ephesians 6:21-24 and Proverbs 3:1-6

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 after 12 noon**

Welcome

Song – What Love My God

Introduction

*Brief introduction to the Bible
Teaching. Children leave for Kid's
Church. Greeting time.*

Praising God

Hearing God's Word

Ephesians 6:21-24 – *pg 1177*

Proverbs 3:1-6 – *pg 630*

Bible Teaching

The Faithful Servant in the Lord

Psalm 105:1-4

Song – Live for the Kingdom

Praying for God's World

Announcements

What we believe

Song – Servants of the Gospel

Going out to serve

Private prayer

*If you would like prayer after
the service, Dick and Fiona will
be at the front of the church
to pray with you.*

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, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate the feast with love and thanksgiving. 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 183*

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.

Notices

Farewelling the Bragas

Today we farewell Karen and David, after seven years of faithful ministry amongst us. Please stay for a special morning tea after the service.

Christmas at Abbotsford Anglican

Next Sunday, 18 December - Please come along to our Family Christmas Celebration at 9.30am next Sunday. This is a service for all, when we will celebrate the wonderful story of Christmas with carols and readings! Join us for lunch in the hall after the service. Sign up on the back table.

Christmas Day - Earlier time of 9:00am, with Holy Communion.

Anglicare Christmas Toys 'n' Tucker appeal

Thank you for contributing to the Toys 'n' Tucker appeal this year. Your donations will be collected by Anglicare tomorrow for distribution before Christmas.

Share in Ministry in 2023

Please be sure to complete and return a Sharing in Ministry 2023 leaflet, as distributed. Even if it's just to say I will be attending church in 2023. If you've yet to receive one they are available on the back table to be returned via the red box at the rear of the church. Thank you.

COVID 19 safety rules - In line with NSW Govt advice, mask wearing is optional but recommended. ***Please show respect and care for each other by using hand sanitiser and maintaining social distance, especially when choosing your seat in church.*** After church please collect your tea/coffee in the foyer and move out to the church playground.

Offertory - A box for your offertory is at the back of the church. Monthly mission focus donation envelopes are at the end of each pew, for placing in the offertory box. Offertory also by direct debit – **details on the back page.**

Service next Sunday, December 18

Carols and readings celebrating the story of Christmas – lunch in the hall afterwards.