

**Mission Focus for April
Ministry through Interserve
Anglican Defence Chaplains
Federal government**

Interserve works alongside the people of Asia, using skills to serve and train others. In existing businesses, community organisations or social enterprises, they prioritise locally led projects, meeting needs and building capacity among the most marginalised people. They believe that local Christians who put their faith into action can make the greatest change in their communities. They partner with them to tackle the challenges they face, regardless of race, gender or faith. Pray for the work Interserve, and for Jessica and Shine Thomas (and their sons Oswin and Tamim) who minister through them.

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 2023. A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit. Thank you.

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Sunday 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday

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.

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

***Jesus prayed,
'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am,
and to see my glory, the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the creation of the world.'***

John 17:24

Today's Sermon

Jesus Prays

John 17:1-26

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 1

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**RECORDED and available
off the website after 12 noon**

Welcome

Introduction

*Brief introduction to the Bible
teaching*

Song – Lift up your Heads

*Kids go off to Kid's Church
Congregation greeting time*

Drawing near to God

Hearing God's Word

John 17:1-26 – *page 1083*

Bible Teaching

Jesus Prays

Song – Oh the Deep, Deep

Love of Jesus

Statement of Belief

Praying for God's world

Announcements

Song – I Stand Amazed

Going out to serve

Private prayer

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

Prayers

A prayer for forgiveness

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 are repentant, 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

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering, and make us worthy to share his resurrection. 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.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

April mission focus

Ministry through Interserve, in particular the Thomas family in Chiang Mai; Anglicare Defence Chaplaincy; federal government, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Opposition Leader Peter Dutton.

Notices & Diary Dates

Today - Easter Service at Chiswick Manor at 3pm

Monday - Parish Prayer Meeting

Join Trevor and others tomorrow night, 7pm to 8pm in the church foyer to pray for the month and year ahead.

Wednesday - Passover Meal

Celebrate with us! Join us for a Passover meal on Wednesday, 5 April from 6:30 to 8:30pm in our upper hall. RSVP by placing your name on the signup sheet on the back table, or speak with Rosemary (0422 337 789) TODAY.

Easter Service with residents of Bayswater Gardens

10am Thursday, 6 April here at St Andrews followed, by morning tea and visit and chat with the children at St Andrews Preschool.

Easter Services at St Andrews

Good Friday April 7 - Good Friday Service of Bible reading, prayer and song. Followed by hot cross buns and morning tea in the Rectory gardens.

Easter Sunday April 9 - Easter Sunday Holy Communion service.

Men's Dinner - Saturday 29 April at 6:30pm. A mystery guest speaker!!

Sunday service rosters – May to July

We are thankful for all those who voluntarily contribute to our services on Sunday. Please let us know by Sunday, April 23 any dates when you will be unavailable from May to July. You can record your dates on the sheet on the back table or email Janice (stewartmoore@optusnet.com.au).

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 and at morning tea, moving out to the playground, weather permitting.***

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

Service on Good Friday, April 7 - Jesus dies – from John 18 and 19

Service next Sunday, April 9 - Jesus lives – John 20:1-23

Sermon series: God is our Creator who loves and saves his people