

Mission Focus for May
Ministry to refugees
Anglican Police Chaplaincy
Courts and Judges

Heavenly Father, we remember before you this month the many refugees throughout the world, without statehood, homes and hope. We bring before you especially those individuals and families who have found refuge in Sydney, and come under the pastoral care of the Blair family. Grant to Cameron and Lara and their family, the resources and opportunities they need to reach out especially to refugee youth and their families, and to care for 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 28 May 2023

Pentecost

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...

When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:3,4

Today's Sermon

Jesus cared – when caring doesn't seem worthwhile

Matthew 25:31-46

YOU ARE WELCOME to log in via the church's Wi-Fi address as follows:

Abbotsford Guest - password **urwelcome20**

TODAY

The Lord's Supper Form 2
Page 33 Common Prayer 2012
**RECORDED and available
off the website after 12 noon**

Welcome

Introduction

*Brief introduction to the Bible
teaching*

Song – Only a Holy God

Congregation greeting time

Gathering in God's name

Hearing God's Word

Matthew 25:31-46 – pg 994

Affirming our faith

Bible Teaching

*Jesus cared – when caring
doesn't seem worthwhile*

Song – Holy Spirit

Praying for God's world

Holy Communion

Going out to serve

Announcements

Song – May the Mind of Christ
My Saviour

Private prayer

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

Prayers

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation. Father, forgive us. Help us to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A set prayer for the day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people Lord, that, bringing forth the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Page 76 Common Prayer*

Prayer of preparation

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your boundless goodness and mercy. We are not even worthy to eat the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, always rich in mercy. Enable us by faith to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and forever dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

May mission focus

- Ministry to refugees, in particular the Blair family in western Sydney
- Anglicare Police Chaplaincy
- Courts and judges

Notices & Diary Dates

Chiswick Manor and Bayswater Gardens services

Trevor will lead a service at Bayswater Gardens at 10am this Thursday, 1 June, and also at Chiswick Manor at 3pm next Sunday, 4 June.

Next Parish Council Meeting – after church next Sunday, 4 June.

Parish Prayer Meeting - Join Trevor and others on Monday, 5 June, 7pm to 8pm in the church foyer to pray for the month ahead.

Save the dates Men! Sign up!

Next Saturday 3 June – Breakfast, Bible Study and Prayer: 8:30am to 10am. Church foyer.

Saturday 1 July – Fun day Lawn Bowls Concord 10am to 12 noon. Cost \$12.

Equip conference for women 'at home'

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord.

Join us at church on Saturday, 17 June for this year's live streamed Equip conference, to hear God's Word to us from the book of Haggai. Please tell Rosemary if you wish to come. Cost is \$22 for registration.

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 next Sunday, June 4

Jesus Cared – when religion says you shouldn't care – Luke 10:25-37
Sermon Series – when caring seems wrong