

**Mission Focus for February  
Special Religious Education  
Anglican School Chaplaincy  
and Local Government**

Almighty God, who commanded us to love you with all our mind; look with your gracious favour, we pray, on the teaching of Special Religious Education in our two local schools, Russell Lea and Abbotsford, on those who teach Scripture, and upon all those who are Anglican School Chaplains in Anglican Schools. May the children hear your Word, enjoy their lessons and grow in their relationship with you. **Amen.**

Please pray for the Mayor & Deputy Mayor of Canada Bay Council, Michael Megna and Joseph Cordaro, and all Council members.

***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 2024. A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit. Thank you.

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**Sunday 4 February 2024**  
5th Sunday after Epiphany  
**Welcome**



**abbotsfordanglicanchurch**  
*A fresh start with God*

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**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...

***"The Lord is good and his love endures forever."***  
*Psalm 100:5*

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**YOU ARE WELCOME** to log in via the church's Wi-Fi address as follows:  
**Abbotsford Guest** - password **urwelcome20**

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## TODAY

**Service of Word & Prayer 1A**  
Page 10 Common Prayer 2012  
**RECORDED and available  
off the website after 12 noon**

### Welcome

### Introduction

*Brief introduction to Bible teaching*

**Song** – Worthy of All Praise

*Congregation greeting time*

**Drawing near to God**

**Kid's Spot and Song**

**Hearing God's Word**

Romans 8:18-39 - *page 1133*

**Bible Teaching**

God is ALL GOOD and LOVING:  
'Omnibenevolent'

**A Psalm**

**Song** – Your Grace is Strong  
Enough

**Statement of Belief**

**Praying for God's world**

**Announcements**

**Song** – My Heart is Filled with  
Thankfulness

**Going out to serve**

### *Private prayer*

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

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## 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**

Father, you call your children to walk in the light of Christ. Free us from darkness and keep us in the radiance of your truth. 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.**

*Set Prayer for the 4th Sunday after Epiphany*

### **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.**

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## **February mission focus**

- see back page.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### **Mother's Union Seminar – Friday, 23 February**

Join us for this livestreamed event to be held in the Church foyer from 10am to 1.15pm. Lunch provided – cost is free! See Rosemary if you would like to come along or sign up at back of the church  
Theme: It takes a village – Stronger together in the family of God.

**Parish Council meeting** – after the service today.

### **Monthly Parish Prayer Day - Monday , 5 February**

Join Trevor at 7pm in the foyer or take some time during your day to pray for God's work amongst us during February.

**Playgroup** - Playgroup starts back for the year on Wednesday. Please pray for the safety and health of all children and their families, and that meaningful relationships would be formed.

**St Andrew's Kindergarten Bible Story times** - Recommences on a fortnightly basis from this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Bayswater Gardens service** - Trevor will conduct a service at Bayswater Gardens this coming Thursday at 11am. Please let him know if you wish to join him.

**Latest updates from our link missionaries** - Updates from the Blair and Thomas families were circulated by email last week. Be sure to read them, to catch up on their news and prayer points.

**Offertory** - A box for offertories is at the back of the church. Monthly mission focus donation envelopes are at the end of each pew when applicable, for placing in the offertory box. Offertory also by direct debit – **see back page.**  
**COVID 19 safety rules** - Thank you for continuing to respect and care for each other by using hand sanitiser and maintaining appropriate social distance.

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### **Service next Sunday, February 11** – What is this book the Bible?

The Bible - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
*Sermon series – Back to Basics*