

**Mission Focus for April**  
**Ministry to refugees**  
**Anglican Defence Chaplaincy**  
**Federal Government**

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

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**Sunday 14 April 2024**

**2nd Sunday after Easter**

**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...

***Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord.  
Teach me knowledge and good judgment,  
for I trust your commands.***

Psalm 119:65-66

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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 and Prayer 2B**  
Common Prayer 2012

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

### Welcome

### Introduction

*Brief introduction to the Bible  
teaching*

**Song** – Rejoice, the Lord is  
King

### Praising God

### Kids Spot and Song

*Congregation greeting time*

### Hearing God's Word

Acts 1:1-12- page 1090

### Bible Teaching

*Really Alive, Really Returning*

### A Psalm

**Song** – We Declare

### What we believe

### Praying for God's World

### Announcements

**Song** – See Him Coming

### Private prayer

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

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## Prayers

### Praising God

You are worthy our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being. You are worthy, Lamb of God, for you were slain, and with your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, forever and ever. **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

God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. 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 2nd Sunday after Easter*

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### April mission focus

Ministry to refugees, Anglicare Defence Chaplaincy, Federal government – see back page for prayer.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### Events at Chiswick Manor

Trevor will lead a Bible study this Thursday 18 April at 11am. Please let him know if you wish to join him.

### Attention men! Men's Breakfast

8:00am, Saturday 27 April in the church foyer. Please place your name on the list on the table at the back of the church if you are attending.

### Mother's Day High Tea

Ladies, come and celebrate Mother's Day together on Saturday, 11 May at 2.30pm. Bring your mother, grandmother, daughter or invite a friend. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Rosemary on 0422337789 or place your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

### Sunday service rosters – May to July

Please let us know by next Sunday, 21 April any dates when you will be unavailable for roster duty from May to July. You can record your dates on the sheet on the back table or email Janice (details overleaf).

### Equip conference for women 2024

Hope for the Weary - Join via live stream on Saturday, 22 June to hear God's Word from Revelation 1-5. Cost is \$22. For registration and full details see [www.equip.org.au](http://www.equip.org.au)

### 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 one other by using hand sanitiser and maintaining appropriate social distance.

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### Bible Teaching next Sunday, 21 April

"Waiting and Praying" – Acts 1:12-14