

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 21 April 2024

3rd Sunday after Easter

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...

***Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.***

Proverbs 19:21

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

Abbotsford Guest - password urwelcome20

TODAY

Service of Word & Prayer 3B

from 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

Drawing near to God

Kid's Spot and Song

Congregation greeting time

Hearing God's Word

Acts 1:12-26 - page 1090

Bible Teaching

Waiting, Praying, Choosing

A Psalm

Song – Hear Our Prayer

Praying to God

Announcements

Song – I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say

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.*

Prayers

A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A set prayer for the day

Almighty and ever-living God, you give us new strength from the courage of Christ our shepherd. May he lead us to join the saints in heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Set Prayer for the 3rd Sunday after Easter.*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

April mission focus

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Notices & Diary Dates

Events at Bayswater Gardens

Trevor will lead an Anzac Day service this Thursday 25 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 today 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).

Parish Council meeting minutes

In future the draft minutes of the most recent Parish Council meeting will be available on the noticeboard in the foyer for your information. Available today are minutes from the March 17 AGM and the April 7 meeting.

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.

Bible Teaching next Sunday, 28 April – the Lord's Supper

"Pentecost – the ministry of Jesus continues" – Acts 2