

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 28 April 2024

4th 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...

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

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 1B
Page 33 Common Prayer 2012
**RECORDED and available off the
website from 12 noon**

Welcome

Introduction

*Brief introduction to the Bible
teaching*

Song – By Faith

Congregation greeting time

Bible reading

Acts 2:1-21 – page 1091

The Nicene Creed

Bible Teaching

*Pentecost – The Ministry of Jesus
continues - Acts 2*

Song – Holy Spirit

Praying for God's World

The Lord's Supper

Announcements

Song – By Faith

Going out to Serve

Private prayer

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

Prayers

A prayer of confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you made all things, and you call everyone to account. With shame we confess the sins we have committed against you, in thought, word and deed. We rightly deserve your condemnation. We turn from our sins and are truly sorry for them; they are a burden we cannot bear. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past. Enable us to serve and please you in newness of life, to your honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A set prayer for the day

God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your Children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. 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.** *4th 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

Chiswick Manor service - Trevor will conduct a service at Chiswick Manor this coming Thursday at 11am. He will lead a Bible study there on Thursday 16 May at 11am. Please let Trevor know if you wish to join him.

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.

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. The next Parish Council meeting is to be held after church on Sunday 19 May.

Do you desire Confirmation?

Later in the year, on Sunday 8 December, Lord willing, we will be holding a Confirmation Service. In the same service there will be an opportunity for those who may desire to be formally received into the Anglican Church of Australia, if not already. Please give this prayerful thought over the coming months and if you have any questions speak with Trevor. When Trevor returns from long service leave in August he will spend some time with those so moved by God to do so.

Regular giving towards ministry

Thank you for giving regularly towards ministry. The Scriptures remind us to do so not under any pressure, but with a thankful and willing heart (2 Corinthians 9:6,7). A box for offertory and mission focus envelopes is at the back of the church. **Directions for direct debiting are overleaf.**

Cold and Flu safety rules over winter

Thank you for continuing to respect and care for one other by using hand sanitiser and maintaining appropriate social distance and, if unwell, remaining at home and listening in to the Service online.

Bible Teaching next Sunday, 5 May

"What must I do to be saved?" – Luke 18 verses 15 to 33