

Mission Focus for May
Reaching local community
Anglican Police Chaplaincy
Courts and Judges

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to connect with our community; through Playgroup, Preschool and Special Religious Education. Bless these ministries we pray. May we see parents and children wanting to know more about You and coming into a relationship with You through the Gospel. We also pray for the various opportunities we have to speak of our relationship with You with our friends, neighbours, shopkeepers and interest groups. Grant us the courage and confidence to give the reason for the hope we have in Christ. This we ask in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for whom we are forever grateful. Amen.

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 12 May 2024

Sunday after Ascension

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...

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 145:9

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

Abbotsford Guest - password **urwelcome20**

TODAY

Service of Word and Prayer 2A
Page 11 Common Prayer 2012
RECORDED and available
off the website after 12 noon

Welcome

Introduction

Brief introduction to the Bible teaching

Song – To God be the Glory

Praising God

Kids Spot and Song

Congregation greeting time

Hearing God's Word

Luke 7:11-17 – pg 1034

Bible Teaching

A Mother's Day Gift

A Psalm

Song – O the Deep, Deep Love

What we believe

Praying for God's World

Announcements

Song – By Faith

Private prayer

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

Prayers

Praising God

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us, for life and health and safety, for power to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ our Saviour lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. 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.**

Prayer for the Sunday after Ascension.

May mission focus

Reaching local community, Anglican Police Chaplaincy, Courts and Judges – see back page for prayer.

Notices & Diary Dates

Chiswick Manor - Trevor will hold a church service at Chiswick Manor this Thursday at 11am. If you would like to join him please let Trevor know.

Parish Council

Meets after Church **next** Sunday.

Trevor and Rosemary on Long Service Leave

Just a reminder that Trevor and Rosemary will be away on long service leave from Monday 20 May to Sunday 11 August, returning to parish ministry on Monday 12 August. The Rev Michael Robinson will be the Locum in Trevor's absence. Michael's first Sunday with us will be Sunday 26 May. Michael is married and his wife's name is Ann.

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 regular giving. The Scriptures remind us not to give under 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 in 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 to the Service online.

Bible Teaching next Sunday, 19 May – the Lord's Supper

"The Three Rs" - Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:4