



## TRUE PROTECTION

The big news at present is the vaccine roll-out across Australia. Ideally the vaccine will protect you from getting COVID-19 or if you do get it, reducing the severity of symptoms and the possibility of passing it on to someone else.

Either way, the key point is protection. None of us wants to be exposed to the possibility of becoming seriously ill...and we do want life to go back to normal!

However, while the vaccine may well provide protection from COVID-19, that is all it can do.

A number of the Psalms speak of God as a protector. From what does God protect us?

*“The Lord will; protect you from all evil, He will keep your soul” (Psalm 121:7)*

Jesus likened Himself to a mother hen seeking to shelter her chicks (Jerusalem) under her wings. (Matthew 23:37)

In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter says that we have an imperishable, heavenly inheritance reserved for us....

*“...who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”. (1 Peter 1:5)*

This is the protection we really need! You may catch COVID-19, even with the 'protection' of the vaccine, but only your body will be affected, as uncomfortable as that might be.

However, the temptations of the world, sin and the devil are more serious threats to our eternal soul than a virus to our mortal body. Trusting in the power of King of kings is a much safer option than AstraZeneca!

**- PHIL PRATT**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021**

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Geoff Kyngdon, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

### SRE teachers and students

Praise God for providing us with enough teachers to cover all our classes.  
Pray for Geoff Kyngdon, Harley Mills, Valerie O'Regan, Sam Pursell, plus Narelle Funcik as they teach at Oak Flats Public and Balarang Public on Thursdays.  
Pray for Harley Mills at Flinders and Glenda Taylor at Mt Warrigal.  
Pray for Phil Pratt as he leads the High School SRE team.

### Upcoming AGM

Pray that our Annual General Meeting will serve well to share the church vision and to recruit the right men and women to serve in elected positions.

### The Persecuted Church

Pray for our brothers and sisters overseas that are persecuted for their faith in Jesus, particularly in the Middle East, Algeria, China and Eritrea.  
See [www.vom.com.au](http://www.vom.com.au) for more info.

### COVID-19

Pray that people will be sensible especially with restrictions changing.  
Give thanks that cases are decreasing not just in NSW, but also Australia wide.  
Pray that the vaccine will be able to be distributed easily and made available for all.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

### Government:

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

### World Focus:

North and South America.

The persecuted church.

### Mission Partners:

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

### Organisations We Support:

Anglicare Chaplains working in Anglicare Villages, Hospitals and Prisons.

Mission to Seafarers.

### Word Ministry Training:

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

### Diocesan Leadership:

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

### Children's and Youth Ministry:

Refuge, our youth group.

### Adult Ministries:

Bible Study groups.

### Local Evangelism:

Outreach to people in young families in our suburb.

### Special Needs:

Those suffering with mental illness and dementia.

### Mobile Community Pantry:

Give thanks for the volunteers and the community impact of this ministry.

# Gospel of John: The world changing Spirit John 16:4-15 Sam Pursell • 28th February 2021

1. It is for our good that Jesus has gone (4-7)
2. The Holy Spirit convicts people that they need Jesus (8-11)
3. The Holy Spirit guides people into the truth about Jesus (12-15)

## ***This Sunday...***

'Gospel of John' sermon series • John 16:16-33 • Sam Pursell

## **THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US**

9.30am Service

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Kids' Program:**

**Morning Tea:**

**Meal Clean Up:**

**COVID Cleaning:**

**28th February**

B Hadley

V O'Regan

J Mills

P & G Taylor

M Klasson/A Hadley

C Bonnici

P & G Taylor

**7th March**

V O'Regan

D Young

G Kyngdon

D & J Orange

B Mayhew/C Pratt

P Pratt

D & J Orange

5pm Service

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Afternoon Tea:**

**Meal Clean Up:**

**COVID Cleaning:**

**28th February**

A Peters

V O'Regan

D Orange

G Taylor

P Taylor

A & M Peters

**7th March**

G Taylor

J Hoffer

V O'Regan

M Peters

A Peters

J Hoffer/D Rainey

**Cleaning Saturday:**

J & M Klasson/B Clark

**Mowing Saturday:**

N/A

# Church News

## BRING A MASK!

Under the latest Public Health Order, we will be allowed to sing only if all members are wearing a mask.

So please make sure you **bring a mask** this Sunday and we can all join in singing.

## AFTERNOON SERVICE TIME CHANGE

A reminder that from this **Sunday 28th of February** we will begin meeting at **5pm**.

## LADIES' CRAFT AFTERNOON

The ladies are coming together for a fun afternoon at the church next **Saturday 6th March** from **2pm to 4pm**.

Bring along any craft or knitting that you might be working on. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please register with the office.

## BCA BOXES DUE

If you've been collecting coins for **Bush Church Aid (BCA)** please return them for counting as March is the collection month.

## OUR BIRTHDAYS

6th Bronwyn Clark  
Hazel Hall  
7th Peter Taylor

## PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Coming up on **Monday, 8th March**, 11.45am for a **12 noon start** with a 2 course meal plus a talk between courses, finishing at 2pm. Cost is \$10 and is located at the church. Ideal for our seniors and your friends and family.

## AGM 14TH MARCH

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on **Sunday 14th March** after the morning service, at **11.30am** in the church.

We will be electing representatives for Wardens, Parish Council and Parish Nominators. Please pick up a nomination form at the front desk.

## COVID SAFETY PRACTICES

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 120 people in the whole church building premises, but only 90 adults in main hall.
- Children and youth under 18 do not need to physically distance.
- Hand sanitiser must be used.
- Your name and number will be recorded as per Health NSW regulations.

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