

SUNDAY, 5 APRIL 2020

# ON THIS ROCK

HE WILL BUILD

## ***A Response To An Anxious World ... Jesus Is Still The Rock***

I cannot remember the number of times I have read the Apostle Paul's words below and found myself being strengthened by them. However, when I have read them in the past, I was not going through anything like we are going through now. Yet, reading them again the other day, we all need them more than ever before.

*"... Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

There they are ... words that should stir the hearts and minds of every believer, "***I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong***". When I am weak, then I am strong! These words go against everything we know and feel. These words turn everything upside down and yet truly capture the journey of us all and certainly the path that Jesus himself trod.

Therefore, as our world itself is being turned upside down and people start to confront their own reality that they do not control their own worlds anymore, there is a choice, as there always has been. We can either live a life of fear or place our hope in Christ. Being a Christian does not mean that we are somehow immune from the present or any future crisis. The only question is what we do with how we feel.

Billy Graham helps us put our own lives into perspective when he says, "*The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'*" I am sure we can all say Amen to that.

**On a more personal note**, last Sunday, I shared, that considering the current COVID 19 reality, Rhonda and I have postponed our planned retirement to a future date yet to be fixed. We will not re-visit this question until things, in some way shape and form, are back to normal. So, brothers and sisters, we stand with you during this time and we too are trusting in the Lord for our own future plans.

Finally, I agree with some recent thoughts from Franklin Graham about our current situation when he said, "*During this time with the coronavirus, fear is gripping the hearts of people around the world. There is a mountain of anxiety and alarm, and it is still building. It is as real as the virus itself—but it is treatable. There are people in need that we can reach out to help. Like a fireman runs to the fire, the church needs to respond to crises around us. We who are the church need to stand up and be the hands and feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

***Yours not helplessly hoping, but hopefully hoping***



**Ian Barnett**  
Senior Minister

# WELCOME

We'd love to get to know you and help you connect into the life of our church family.

- **Visit our website** [figtree.church](http://figtree.church) for latest news.
- **Email** [info@myfac.org.au](mailto:info@myfac.org.au)
- The church office is still open to the public  
Monday—Friday  
9am—5pm

## Contact Details:

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## Regular Giving:

WESTPAC—Figtree Anglican Church  
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## Regular Services:

In the interest of public safety, our 8am, 10am & 6pm services traditionally held onsite have been ceased for the time being in accordance with a directive from Archbishop Glenn Davies, however we are live-streaming the 10am Sunday service each week, which can be accessed at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/figtreeTVstream/live>

*If you are unable to access the live stream and would like a DVD or CD copy of any of the Sunday services, please contact the office on 4272 1322 to arrange.*

## Sermon Podcasts:

Current and past sermon series podcasts are available on our website: [figtree.church](http://figtree.church)

## Soldiers' & Miners' Memorial Church Mt Kembla

Services have ceased until further notice

# WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

## Strength as we navigate COVID-19 and all the changes it has caused in our lives

**Continued Prayer** for church members as we move towards greater isolation. Pray we are able to support each other as restrictions are increased.

**Pray** for the new COVID-19 teams as they plan and prepare for their first meetings. Give them wisdom and direction as they update procedures, communications and pastoral care responses from the rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Praise** God for technology and the ability to use it to continue to meet as a church. Help leaders to use this technology well in the lead up to Easter. Pray for leaders as they prepare for Easter services.

## In Sympathy

*Our condolences go to*

**Michael Potter (10am)** and his family  
*on the recent passing of Michael's father.*

*Our prayers are with them at this time.*



## Church Life

- **Jesus Is \_\_\_ T-shirts** are available from the office for \$14 during business hours.
- For **Pastoral Assistance** call the church office on 4272 1322 or email [info@myfac.org.au](mailto:info@myfac.org.au)
- **Offertory** can be direct deposited to:  
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or brought into the office during regular business hours.  
Alternatively you can call the office on 4272 1322 to give via EFTPOS over the phone.

## Church Updates

*In addition to Sunday Online services, updates will continue to be provided on Tuesdays & Thursdays via Figtree Anglican Church Facebook and Instagram pages.*

## FaithfulDailyRead.

Use the SOAP method!

### SCRIPTURE

Read the passage.

### OBSERVATION

Write down things that stand out for you.

### APPLICATION

How will my life be changed by God's Word today.

### PRAY

Write a prayer around what you have learned today.

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## April



### VOX FM

Each Friday at 10am, members of Figtree Anglican Church provide a ministry through a radio program on VOX FM.

The radio program called "It is well with my Soul", provides music and encouragement from scripture for those living in the Illawarra and beyond. You can listen by tuning your radio to 106.9 or via digital broadcast on-line.



## Livestream Sunday Services

10am & 3pm | Sunday 29th March

**YouTube | Figtree TV**

[www.youtube.com/c/figtreeTVstream/live](http://www.youtube.com/c/figtreeTVstream/live)



### Online Fridays — 4-5pm

Keep in touch via Facebook

Go to Figtree Kids page for information about some cool activities you will be able to join with from a distance.



figtreekids

**Little Saints & Kids Church Online**

Go to Figtree TV

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DndVTmCxXMSd6ZJMjS4Q>

Open the clips labelled Little Saints, or Figtree Kids and click play to view.

There will be a link at the bottom of the clip that will have activity sheets to do and some devotional material.

### God Times

These are some great devotion materials for Primary school aged kids from our curriculum. There are three different levels for the younger, middle and older aged groups.

Maybe give them a try this week!!



figtreeyouth

### Youth Group LIVE Fridays @ 6:30pm

Youth Group LIVE is happening again this week on our Figtree Youth YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJDcQV3LDNw92sQGQqstm5A>

## EASTER 2020 | LIVE STREAMED SERVICES



## FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH

### A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN JUST THREE DAYS

It has been said that just about everything can change in just three days. This is true of life and it is especially true for what happened at that first Easter. The most important and often misunderstood event that changed the world happened in just three days. Why not join us online this Easter and find out why.

#### **Figtree Anglican Church Easter Services**

Live streamed via Figtree TV on YouTube  
Good Friday | 10am · Easter Sunday | 10am  
Visit [figtree.church/events](https://figtree.church/events) for details.

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