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Welcome to our ANZAC day service at
Ormiston Christian Faith Church!

- This morning we remember all those who serve or have served our nation in the armed services, and especially those who gave their lives to protect this nation and others during times of conflict and war. We take time to remember and honour—Lest We Forget.
- The Deep2 series commences next week, the first speaker being Pastor Peter Sutcliffe who, with Ann, are just back from their daughter's wedding in Israel. Don't miss this month of ministry on how to get beyond a surface relationship with God. Remember, over the five weeks there will be different speakers teaching on the same subject—this will be an awesome month in the Word and the Spirit!
- Mighty Kid's Church will be back on from next week. This morning Christy and the family are away attending the ANZAC day parade
- The Wednesday evening meetings will be alternating between two venues, one week in Alexandra Hills and the next in Birkdale. Please see Pastors Tony or Desley Ingram for more details.
- The fortnightly Tuesday evening meeting at Doug and Margaret Anderson's home in Thornlands continues from 7pm, the next meeting will be this Tuesday (the 27th) and all are welcome.
- A big thanks to Kevin and David for preparing the church grounds so magnificently this week! A wedding was held at the church yesterday and the property looked fantastic. Thanks to all those who assisted and continue to assist in keeping the church functioning.
- On Sunday 13th June we will be having a special presentation on the school chaplaincy program during the morning meeting. This will involve a slide show and discussion on how we can support the program with our prayers!

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Worship & Meeting: 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Mighty Kid's Church: Sunday morning 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Mid-week Bible Study / Fellowship Meetings:

Thornlands - fortnightly Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Alexandra Hills & Birkdale - weekly Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm

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Two Days of Remembrance

Just weeks after Good Friday, both Christians and non-Christians gather on Anzac Day in remembrance of the many Australians and New Zealanders who fought together and laid down their lives for their country.

Anzac Day is not a religious event, but its emphasis on sacrifice and bloodshed parallels that of Good Friday, as do the values of mateship and fellowship.

There are contrasts, of course. On Good Friday morning the streets are silent. No lawn mowers. No loud music or revving car engines. No newspaper deliveries. There's no doubt that many Aussies who don't attend church respect the fact that many do. So they sleep in, refrain from making unnecessary noise, and at breakfast read something other than the usual (but on this day unavailable) morning newspaper. In short, they show respect.

Anzac Day is quite different. Before dawn, newspapers thud on to front lawns. House lights blaze and car engines start as families head off to the local Dawn Service. Their numbers include many who a few weeks earlier had quietly attended Good Friday services.

My point is that Good Friday and Anzac Day have more similarities than differences. Both respect selfless sacrifice. Both recognize that it was necessary for one life (in Christ's case) and thousands of lives (in the case of our servicemen and women) to be laid down willingly: the one for the salvation of the world, and the many for the protection of our country. The sad fact that that we do not fully comprehend or appreciate the importance of either sacrifice diminishes neither day.

We should commemorate both days, not only for what they have in common but also because the more we respect and appreciate one the more we'll respect and appreciate the other. After all, the badge on the slouch hat worn by soldiers of the Australian Army incorporates a Rising Sun; and Christians rejoice in the Risen Son.

Christians are reminded that non-Christians also believe in selfless sacrifice, and non-Christians are reminded that whereas Good Friday was Christianity's Last



ANZAC soldiers have church on the battlefield.

Post, Resurrection Sunday is its rousing Reveille!
- Pastor Peter Barfoot



A Time to Remember

ANZAC Day this year marks the 95th anniversary of the landing on the beaches of Gallipoli by the soldiers from both Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. Since that time, the ANZAC legend has become part of the national ethos of Australia and New Zealand. The wars and conflicts that followed also provided many stories of acts of heroism and sacrifice that solidified the spirit of ANZAC in the hearts of most Australians when we remember the price that has been paid.

We see this spirit of unity, freedom, and enterprise still at work in the job that our armed forces continue to do around the world, and it continues to define our sense of national identity. In a similar way, these values identified on foreign battlefields are seen in many ways in the qualities of comradeship, self-sacrifice and good humour that we like to think defines us as a modern nation.

We all recognise that ANZAC Day is not a time for glorification but for sombre reflection. The sight of so many ANZAC graves in far-off places from Turkey, Africa and France to places closer to home like Papua New Guinea; reminds us of the terrible cost of war. And of course, the tragedy of so many young lives lost did not end there – the pain of their loss lived on in the hearts of all those who were robbed of a son, a husband, a father, a brother, a friend. While armed conflict is sadly sometimes unavoidable, ANZAC Day is a time for all of us to remind ourselves of how precious peace is, and how precious are those who serve to protect it.

Join with me in sending a message of encouragement and support to our troops abroad. Log-on to <http://anzacday.telstra.com/event> and send a free message to the troops so they will know that we are proud of them.

- Pastor Paul

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Not sure what it means to know God deeply and intimately?
Are you desperate to know God in a way that you never have before?

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16TH MAY - PETER BARFOOT / 23RD MAY- PAUL BARFOOT
30TH MAY - DEEP IMPACT MEETING!