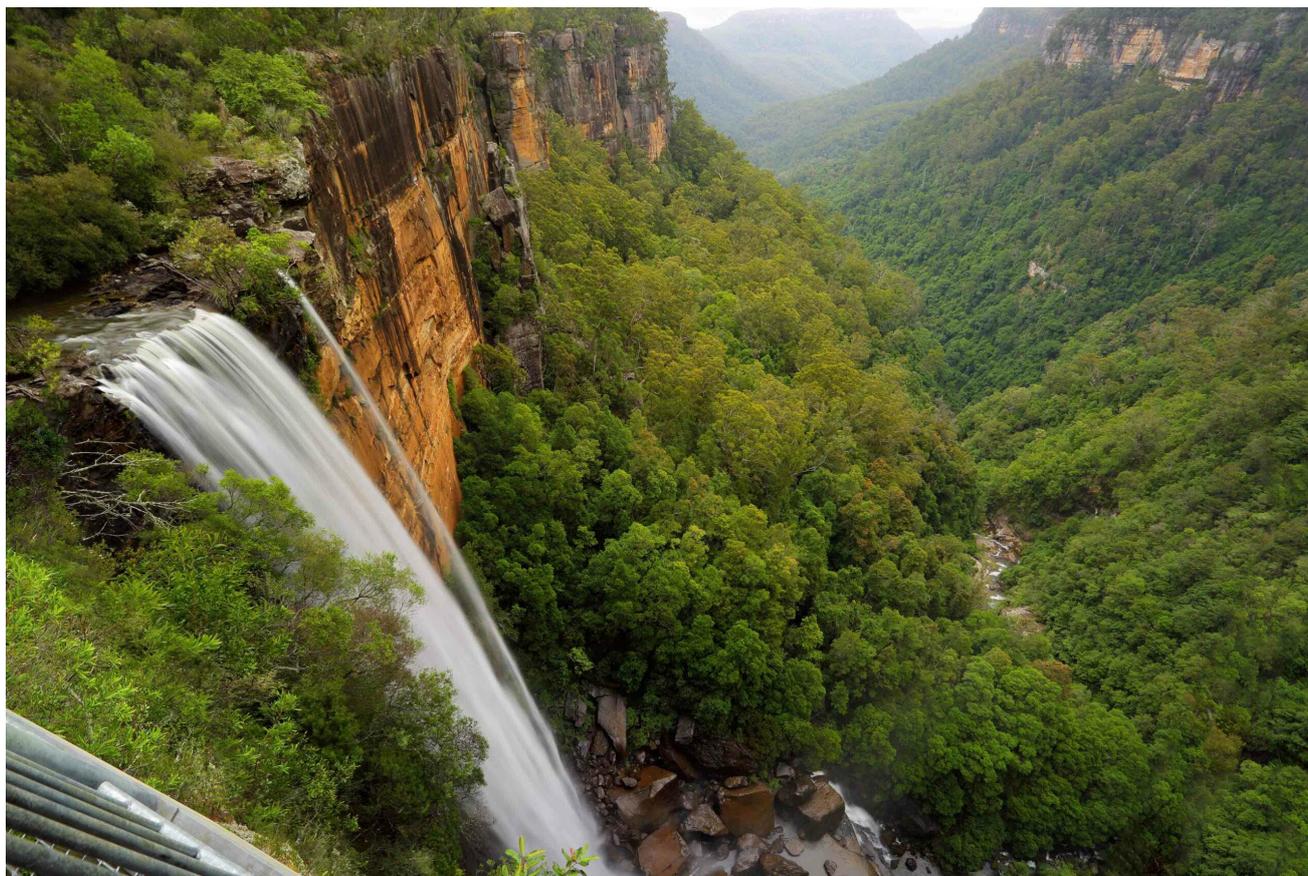


WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



Spring 2024

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:

BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:

Give thanks: that the unfailing love of the Lord gives hope in all circumstances; that God's continued stance to us as forgiven sinners is merciful and gracious; for the recent opportunity for the family to gather and rejoice in God's provision; for the encouragement and joy of partnering with the churches and ministries across the Region.

Pray: that Julie and I would be continually transformed by the Spirit of God in our thinking by the living, active word of God; that with all the complexities of life, we would constantly have the perspective that they are "light and momentary"; for my responsibilities as Chair of the "Hope for the Illawarra" outreach with Leading the Way over the next nine months, and that many would be "appointed to eternal life."

ARCHDEACON Anthony & Jude Douglas:

Give thanks for the joy of serving different churches in recent months, and seeing God at work in various ways. Pray for profitable outcomes in the different areas that I work that will grow the ministry of our churches and bring glory to God. Praise God for the faith and fellowship that Jude and I are able to be blessed by in those that we serve with.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Give thanks for those who serve on Regional Council, for their godliness, wisdom, and commitment to the wider work of the gospel. Pray that God would guide the Council as it seeks to apply those gifts to the cause of his kingdom.

DAY 2:

MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven

MISSION LEADER: Rev Marty Davis:

BERRY: Rev Simon & Amy Chaplin, Cecilie Lewis (A):

Please pray for the possibility of starting a new playgroup at our church, and the opportunity to reach out to those with young children in Berry. Pray for our lay preachers, who will be speaking on Galatians later this term. Give thanks for the gifts God has given them and pray that they will speak faithfully from his word.

BOMADERRY: Rev Toby & Carolyn Campbell, Lyndal Estherby (HonCM):

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail:

Please pray and give thanks for opportunities to proclaim Christ through September with our Meet Jesus Mission. Pray for our follow up beyond this that people will be truly welcomed and build up in Christ. Pray for our parish and the Op Shop and we continue to seek God's wisdom and the right person for Community Chaplain. Give thanks with us for God's good grace for us in Jesus!

DAY 3:

JERVIS BAY & ST GEORGES BASIN: Rev Campbell & Mel Mackay, Debra Evelyn (ptPC):

Pray with thanks for our connections in the wider community. Pray that our love for God and one another would overflow in love for the

community. Pray for planning for local mission in 2025, for wisdom (especially in a busy year with the building project), and courage to share Jesus. Please continue to pray for our church building project. Give thanks for the positive response to the new plans. An amended DA should be lodged in the next few weeks. Please give thanks! And please pray for a good (and speedy) outcome at Council. As we continue our preaching series in 1 Peter, give thanks to God for his building project amongst us: “you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5. Pray that we might declare his praises!

KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Andrew & Bron Heron, Anthony & Susanna Dumbrell (Interim ptCM):

Give thanks for the continued growth in children’s ministry and for the wider impact this ministry is having with families in Kangaroo Valley. Pray for our upcoming Gospel Service at the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival. Pray for the church as it seeks to address the needs of people in Kangaroo Valley. Pray especially that we would be generous and loving neighbours.

NOWRA: Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson, Rev Rusdyan Cocks (AM), Rev Ian Stenhouse (ptAM), Hannah Shadlow (CM), Sandy Wade-Ferrell (Community Care/HopeCentre), Emma Skinner (A):

Give thanks for Kids Holiday Connect event and pray for the mum who came back to church the following week and went on to do the 3-2-1 Course. Give thanks for ShACC’s 15 year anniversary combined service with All Saints (big church). Pray for our team after a challenging 18 months. Pray for us as we explore new ministry ideas and initiatives.

Community Care/HopeCentre:

DAY 4:

SCHOOLS:

Nowra Anglican College: Lorrae Sampson (Principal), Brendan Gorman (Dep. Principal), Ben Bridges (Dep. Principal), Nathan Bell (Head SS), Rachel Watt (Head JS), Rev Cameron Watt (CH):

For our Higher School Certificate (HSC) students, as they face their Trial HSC and final few weeks of school, here are some focused prayer points:

We pray for clarity and concentration, so students can effectively

absorb and retain information, and remain focused during their studies and exams. During their exams and in their preparation, we pray for peace and calmness to overcome anxiety and stress, helping students to remain relaxed and confident before and during their exams.

We pray for their sustained motivation and diligence in their study routines, encouraging a strong work ethic and perseverance through challenges. Along with this we also pray for God's guidance in developing effective study habits and time management skills, balancing their study load with rest and other responsibilities.

We pray for strong support from family, friends, and teachers, that they may provide encouragement, assistance, and a positive environment for the students. And we pray for guidance and clarity about their future paths, whether it's further education, career choices, or other life decisions, helping them to make informed and confident decisions.

Finally, we pray in the final few weeks at our school they may be encouraged to take on board for themselves the promises of God in Jesus. For those Christian students to take great comfort and joy in God as they face these exams, and for those who don't yet know God, for there to be opportunity for gospel conversations with them over their remaining time here, or ongoing conversations with Christian's post school.

**SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH (ShACC):
Brendon Garlett (Pastor):**

Please pray with us to thank our Lord for the 15 years of Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Church. We celebrate this coming Sunday (25th August) and wanted to give thanks for the Lord's faithfulness and pray that we continue to be faithful to His calling and share His word in the community. Pray for a permanent church building for our congregation. Pray for Taylah Garlett, as she completes her trials and finishes year 12. Please pray for Pastor Brendon as he completes His studies at Moore College and The Well training. Thank God for the opportunity for our church members to share at the NAIDOC assemblies at Both Nowra Christian School and Nowra Anglican College.

SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Tony Galea (AR), Amanda & Jonathan Stavert (Y&CM), Lyn Elsholz (Adm&SenM):

Give thanks for the coming of Craig & Corinne Langstaff to the church family of St Peter's in mid-October. Pray for the grief that West Wollongong may experience & pray for the Spirit moving in the hearts of Shoalhaven Heads accepting Craig as their leader as they work together in making Christ known. Please also pray for the preparations

needed for the service of Commencement of Ministry & for Craig's Ordination.

DAY 5:

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis:

MILTON & ULLADULLA: Rev Aiden & Jess Sibrava, Dave & Jane Saunders (ptSLW):

Give thanks for: our current bible teaching in 1 & 2 Kings on the life of Elijah and the impact it's making in people's conversations and lives; for recent new converts and changes in their lives; and for the changes for the better in Mission & Ministry from the Reach Australia consult. Pray for: 'Christianity Explored, 'Hope Explored' and 'Discipleship Explored' courses happening or coming up in the rest of the year; for energy and wisdom for Aiden & Dave as they lead, teach and pastor.

DAY 6:

MISSION AREA: Southern Highlands

MISSION LEADER: Rev Dean Reilly:

BOWRAL: Rev Gavin & Amy Perkins, Rev Graham & Naomi Schultz (AM), Rev Matt & Keren Jacobs (YM), Jaryd Hoffman (CM), Glenys Howarth, Kate Pearse & Sarah Bull (SLW), Allan Beavis (M), Ash McAulay & Catherine Nelson (A):

Give thanks: For the success of our Children's Big Day In on July 8. We had a record attendance, and this event reaches families who do not attend church. Give thanks for the army of volunteers who make it all happen. For a profitable and well attended day of teaching for our women with Doctor Nicole Starling on 'Hope in an Anxious Age'. That the restoration and development of the organ is finally complete. For a wonderful catchup with our link missionary, Jack Harradine. For the life and example of some of our older saints who have gone to be with the Lord.

Pray: For our people to be challenged to read and study God's word as an opportunity to grow in their understanding and be trained in righteousness. For the next stage of restoration of the traditional church, that it will go smoothly. For our hard-working staff, that they will be sustained by God in all that they do, and have time for rest, family, and preparation for their tasks. That our people will consider their giving as far as they are able to help us reach budget this year.

MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly:

Give thanks to God for the men and women of our church family who organised and ran the Southern Highlands Men's and Women's conferences. Praise God for our different church gatherings and for the encouragement of our shared faith in Jesus. Pray that God will give patience and peace to the older members of our church family who are facing various health challenges.

DAY 7:

MITTAGONG: Rev Rob & Cass Sharp, Rochelle & Matt Fussell (CM), Josh Reilly (YM), Kathy Crawshaw (A):

Praise God for the many non-Church kids that attended our 3 day Holiday Fun program in July and for the on going connections. Give thanks to God for the building progress on the extension at MAC. Pray for God's guidance as we recruit an Assistant Minister for 2025 and for God to provide the increased funding needed. Pray for the Mobile Community Pantry team who are wonderful at connecting with the community and ask God to open the door for gospel conversations.

PICTON-WILTON: Rev Ben & Kate Boardman, Rev Scott & Britt Williams (AM), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon), Jake & Ineke Pearse (MTS):

Pray for the faithful teaching of God's Word, and for the work of his Spirit to transform the lives of his people and grow them more in the likeness of Christ. Pray for a big picture review of our Parish strategy. Praise God for new members and new Christians and pray for evangelistic zeal among our members.

DAY 8:

ROBERTSON: Rev Dan & Jo Bidwell, Bek Glasson (ptY&CM), Madeline Batty (ptA):

Pray for Taste and See, four meals that explain the heart of the Christian message. We have almost 50 people registered including several guests. Pray that they might taste and see that the Lord is good! Starting 20th August. Praise God for the faith stories that congregation members have shared as part of our 'I Found...' series. Pray for church members to be able to articulate the difference that Jesus makes. Thank God for many people in Growth Groups, and pray that we can grow the number of leaders to provide more opportunities for discipleship.

SCHOOLS:

Tudor House: Adam Larby (HS), Richard Deck (Deputy Head):

Wollondilly Anglican College: Trevor Norman (HS), Paul Burns (Deputy HS):

Praise God for recent appointments of Christian staff. Ask God to continue to send faithful Christian people to WAC. Pray that Year 12 students might respond to the Gospel in this final term of their school education. Pray that God would uphold and protect Christian Schools as employment discrimination laws are being considered in Parliament.

DAY 9:

SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Rev David Milne (ptAM), Danielle Tonks (A):

Thank God for well attended and active Bible Study groups. Thanks for the brilliant, and well attended, Southern Highlands Men's Conference. Pray for follow-up after a number of recent funerals where bereaved family members have expressed interest in returning to church. Pray for Parish Council as they continue to grapple with our mission focus and how to best use our buildings to conduct that mission.

WOLLONDILLY: Rev Stephen & Karen Swanepoel, Eileen Bicknell (SRE):

DAY 10:

MISSION AREA: Sutherland

MISSION LEADER: Rev James Warren:

ANGLICARE RETIREMENT LIVING:

Donald Robinson Village, Kirrawee: Jen Lewis (Mgr), Janine Cummings (Coord), Rev John Reed & Faye Hillier (CH):

Praise God that His faithful love endures forever, and for answering prayer in providing Sara Mccamley as a 'Wellness Coordinator'. Pray for the upcoming food drive and Harvest Festival; Living Treasures morning tea to celebrate our nonagenarians; opportunities to support Angela Michael whilst in Australia from Pakistan; for good connection with new residents. Ask the LORD to make a way for the Good News to take root in people's hearts.

Woolooware Shores: Liza Fox (Mgr), Tyfenn Le Guennec (Ops Mgr),

**Casey Schaumkel (Care Mgr), Emily Williams (Business Mgr);
Chaplaincy Team: Rev Garry & Jeanette Dawes (CH), Rev Mike &
Fiona Hanbury (AsstCH), Rhonda Montgomery (PC), Rosie Archer
(PC), Margaret Spring (Hon ptPLW):**

Praise God for the new opportunities the Christian Community has to show and share Jesus love with the new residents and team members joining the village. Pray that as folk join the village they will experience authentic community and care, and that God will open their hearts to the message of the gospel. Pray too for our Teaching Weekend 20-21 September Living by Faith – Finishing Well with Rev Stephen Gibson. Thank God for Stephen's availability. Pray God will grant an encouraging time of fellowship and teaching.

**Goodhew Gardens & Bay Breeze Care Team; Peter Jessing (Mgr),
Quang Le (Ops Mgr), Sabitri Sapkota (Care Manager Bay Breeze),
Laxmi Giri (Care Manager level 1 Goodhew), Preeti Upadhyay (Care
Manager level 2 Goodhew), Vacant (Admin Assistant), Sharmila
Neupane (Care Coordinator Goodhew), Will O'Reilly (Lifestyle Team
Leader), Chaplaincy Team: Chris Conyers (Lead Chaplain), Jeff Cover
(Chaplain), Julienne Rowe, Kate Bainbridge (Pastoral Carers):**

DAY 11:

**CARINGBAH: Rev Eric & Vivian Cheung, Rev Peter & Steph Tuck
(AM), Elise Paton (SLW), Rev Graham Crew (ptAM), Rev Kevin Engel
(HonAM), Robyn Heeley, Janelle Ward, & Tracey Watson (ptA):**

**CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Greg & Michelle Ball, Paul &
Mikaela Bedwell (ptYW), Vacant (A):**

Give thanks for the addition of Paul (PJ) Bedwell to staff team. Pray for PJ working with youth in local high schools. Give thanks for the growth in Playgroup and for Divorcecare ministry and for the new people who have recently joined our congregations. Pray for Father's Day outreach that Dads and local youth will come along.

DAY 12:

**ENGADINE-HEATHCOTE: Rev James & Di Warren, Rev Michael &
Christina Dodd (AM), Rev Dan & Shannon Bishop (AM), Rev Brodie
& Sharon Cutmore (AM), Rev John & Carolyn Lee (AM), Jackie
Coffey (Adm), Eliza McLaughlin (SRE), Brendan & Glory Nelson
(SM), Sophia Begg & Sarah Rathsam (MTS):**

In 2024 we are teaching through: Term 1: Luke; Term 2: Zechariah; Term 3: 10 Commandments; & next term: 1 Peter. Our Growth Groups follow our sermon series. 10 Commandments has surprised people at just how surprised we are at how wonderful God's provision is - revealing what he's on about & how Christ is needed to fulfil them & transform us via his Spirit to want to maximise their blessing to us and others. Our two MTS women are now half a year in and they are brilliant in loving bringing God's Word to people. This year we've had a women's & a guys' Explore groups and in there women & men are wrestling with God's Word like never before. Please pray for our 10 Commandments series this term, our Growth Groups, our MTS women & our Explore groups. Praise God for God's gathered people at Engadine & Heathcote!

GYMEA: Rev David & Crystal Fell, Rev Craig & Kristy Stalder (AM), Rev Olivia & Matt Robson (CM), Rev Gordon & Jean Robinson (HonSnrM), Kim Cooper & Stephen Leitch (A):

HELENSBURGH & STANWELL PARK: Rev Michael & Alison Blake (AR), Matt Leach (AM), Ella Leach (ptWM), Rod Jefferson (ptMusic), Rebecca Wagstaff (ptA):

As the Parish is between ministers please pray for the Nominators as they diligently explore who God is leading them to as the next Rector of the Parish. As it's been 6 months now since the last Rector left, the Parish is 'feeling' the frustration, and this is reflected in attendance and giving. Pray for a confident trust in God's goodness and provision and for patience and prayerfulness on the part of the congregation. Give thanks for the strong ministry of our Assistant Minister who is utilising new opportunities for evangelism. Thank God for our Wardens and Parish Council as they implement the Ordinance to sell the Stanwell Park site. Give thanks for our ministries to children (incl SRE), Bible study groups, Men's Fire event (Encouragement event), Women's Day Away (Teaching event).

DAY 13:

MENAI: Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Rev Andrew Hartman (AM), Rev Stefan & Helen Bull (AM), Margaret Icke (LM), Dave Jensen (LM), Connor Davaram (YM), Lauren Couri (ptCM), Sarah Willets, Mitch Dunne, Bill Walton (SM), Denise Gellett (ptA), Nola Betts (ptA), Melanie Lucas (ptA), Elise Cook (ptA):

JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Ross & Kristie Collins (AM), Rev James & Amy Sneddon (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Lorraine Hiller (PW), Rebekah Lee (PW), Carolyn Woods (PW), Jeanette Donnan (AdM), Oli Mullins (SM), Tiarne Scott (MA):

Give thanks for our current Life series, and pray that 3 unbelievers attending will turn to Christ. Give thanks that we have appointed a new Children's Ministry Director, to start in January 2025, and pray for the leadership teams to persevere through the rest of 2024. Pray that a weekend away and day away for our two family congregations in October will bear much spiritual fruit. Pray that many men will be drawn to follow Jesus at a men's evangelistic breakfast on 21 September. Finally ask God to raise up more and more workers for his harvest fields from his church at Jannali.

MIRANDA: Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton, Rev Jennifer & Don Everist (AM), Rev Samuel & Jess Morton (YM), Jess & Luke Moran (CM), Rev Russell Denten (AM), Luke Murray (AM), Amie Lichi (ptCM), Jake Pettit-Young (MTS), Colin Contessa (Adm), Lisa Byrnes & Theny Johnston (A):

Give thanks and pray for Julie Gray as she prepares to join our Ministry Team as Assistant Youth and Young Adults Minister. Give thanks that Westfield agreed to fence their car park allowing us free use of our property again. Give thanks for the great reception of our new 'Explore Life' evangelistic course and pray the momentum remains when it runs again in term 4.

DAY 14:

SOUL REVIVAL CHURCH: Rev Stuart & Louise Crawshaw, Rev Jai & Christine McMordie (AM), Paul & Lyndal Tait (ptM), Joey & Mary Cheng (LM), Brayden & Bek Wall (CA), Ethan & Katie Crawshaw (YM), Tim & Ros Beilharz (ptCM), Joel & Karen McMaster (COM):

Dear Lord, we lift up Soul Revival and Miranda's Congregational Church, thanking You for their unity and collaboration. Bless the development of their new ministry structure, that it may strengthen their work together. We express gratitude for the partnerships with evangelical pastors in northwest New South Wales and ask for Your guidance and blessing over the planning for the River Convention in Maribra, North Queensland. We pray for new staff members, Brayden Wall, the music pastor, and Tim Beilharz, the kids pastor, that they may serve faithfully. Bless Stu as he writes his PhD research. May Your wisdom and love guide them all. Amen.

SUTHERLAND: Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves, Rev John & Janene Reed (Chaplain DRV), Faye & Steve Hillier (Chaplain DRV), Tim & Liv Griffiths, James & Ally Russell (SM), Sarah & Daniel Glynn (WM trainee), Robyn Field & Carly Nancarrow (A):

Praise God for the recent celebrations of 130 years of ministry at St John's and 20 years of ministry at Donald Robinson Village, and the chance to reconnect with those with a past link who returned. Give thanks for the increased opportunity to have SRE running in 5 local primary schools this year, with the addition of classes at Bundeena. Please continue to pray for the provision of an Assistant Minister for 2025.

SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Rev Chim Ho (AM), Stephen Strongman (SM), Vacant (A):

Give thanks for: Our series on the Book of Revelation. Pray for: Ongoing zeal in promoting and presenting the gospel and a focus in mid-late 2024 on training persons for ministry.

DAY 15:

YOUTHWORKS CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Chris Deacon (Head), Sam Hudson (Operations Manager):

YOUTHWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRES: Darren Robertson (Head), Norm Black (Shoalhaven Centre Manager):

YOUTHWORKS COLLEGE: Rev Mike Dicker (Principal), Rev Dr Andrew Spalding (Lecturer, Academic Dean), Dr Ruth Lukabyo (Lecturer & Dean of Women), Viv Cheung (Lecturer), Suzanne Bacon (Registrar), Mamie McLean (A):

YEAR 13 YOUTHWORKS GAP YEAR: Rev Steve Carlisle (Director), Jo Booker (Asst Director), Kiara Meres (Program Coordinator), Fiona Fenwick (ptCH), Brad Vidilini (ptCH), Jaedon Scott (ptCH):

Give thanks to God for the appointment of recent staff, Rebecca Wagstaff and Elissa Kerr. Give thanks to God for a fruitful mission to Fiji in July. Pray that the students continue to grow in Jesus and their love for him. Pray for the ministry to grow and continue to be a servant of the church.

DAY 16:

MISSION AREA: Wollongong (North & South)

MISSION LEADERS: Rev Roger Fitzhardinge & Rev Jodie McNeill

ANGLICARE SENIORS LIVING:

St Luke's Village, Dapto: Martin Silver (Mgr), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH):

Again, Please pray for the completion and opening of our new facilities (Oct/Nov?) and for the gospel and ministry opportunities which this will allow, including Village Church, various gathering events (such as Taste & See) and Intergenerational activities with Calderwood Christian School. Pray that I'd be able to gather a team of keen Christians to be the core of this new Village Church and that the church would become the spiritual home for many residents who come to faith in Jesus. And again, please pray that the transition of many residents to new accommodation (very unsettling for many) would be managed with appropriate wisdom and care.

ALBION PARK: Rev Robin & Cathy Vonk, Steve & Lauren Inman (ptYC), Natasha Hansen (ptPC), Val O'Regan (ptA):

Give thanks for our recent Meet Jesus mission. Pray that newcomers and seekers would be followed up well. Give special thanks for our church members who shared their testimonies in church recently. It is a blessing to hear of God's work in the lives of our church family. Pray for continued wisdom over property issues and stewardship, and especially for good relationships with different stakeholders as we make plans together.

PARK RAIL ANGLICAN CHURCH (including Lake Illawarra Community Church): Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott:

That God would pour out His Spirit of wisdom and revelation upon the people of Albion Park Rail and enlighten their hearts to know the glorious riches of His inheritance in the saints. He would equip and protect the PTC Team heading overseas in the next month to teach God's word faithfully to pastors. God would give the leadership of the church wisdom with following up and integrating a number of newcomers.

DAY 17:

LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev John & Kate Delezio:

AUSTINMER/THIRROUL: Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (ptSAM), James & Erin Massey (CM), Liz McCoy (ptLM), Joshua Fullerton-Harvey (SM), Megan Whittington (A):

Please thank God for the current staff team and especially with the appointment of Rev Jon Clare who is serving as the minister overseeing the congregation of St David's Thirroul, replacing Rev John Reid who is now retired. Please thank God also for our current Ministry Apprentice, Josh Fullerton-Harvey, and his ministry for the past two years- please pray for him as he concludes his apprenticeship with us, that he finishes well and please pray for a suitable replacement apprentice to be found in the new year. Please also pray for our upcoming Summer and Easter 2025 Mission campaign being planned and that there would be fruit in the harvest. Please pray for Playtime and For Love Of where there has been some fruit of community engagement and please pray for continued connection into the life of the family of God in Austi. Thank God also for Melinda's continued good health throughout 2024.

BERKELEY LIFE CENTRE: Rev Wayne Pickford, Glenn Prentice (SM), Sam Trotter (CM):

BULLI: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Kat & Steve Harris (0-20), Elliot Boswell (ptYW), Jonny & Jo Hann (ptSM), Izzy McPhail (ptCMI), Chris & Laura Baldwin (ptA), Kathy Nethercott (ptCRO):

Praise God for the excellent engagement at our Term 3 Camps, Kids Holiday Club and beginnings of our T3 & T4 series in Hebrews. Term 4 is the transition term for kids and youth across the church so prayer for diligent leaders and confidence in parents and kids as change happens around them. Pray for our Parish Council as they look to plan and budget for local mission and ministry in 2025 and supply wisdom, discernment, and patience as we await the outcome of our site development submissions with SAP (Sydney Anglican Properties). Pray for excellent early prep for Kathy Nethercott and her event team alongside a UOW NTE team for December outreach and community engagement. And that in all things, we will overflow the grace and love of Jesus to one-another, the Northern Illawarra and beyond.

DAY 18:

DAPTO: Rev Ian & Rhonda Barnett (AR), Rev Craig & Sam McCorkingdale (SAM), Rev Matt & Lisa Goodman (AM), Sarah Doughton (CM&YM), Linda Thomson (PC), Mel Lieschke (ptM), Christine Lane (A), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH), Amy David (A):

As we move forward with our mission-focused goals for Next Steps, we ask for prayer to strengthen our church's engagement in global missions in the coming year. We are excited to begin this journey with a morning tea event, hosting the Bishops of Tarime as we fundraise for our sister preschool in Tarime, Tanzania. We also lift up our upcoming Confirmation services, praying for a deepened sense of church membership, the joyous nature of baptism, and wisdom and encouragement for all involved. With leadership changes, we pray for smooth transitions as Ian Barnett takes on the role of acting rector and Craig McCorkindale as our Senior Assistant Minister. We ask for prayer over team dynamics as we adjust to new routines and await further changes while the Nominators continue their search for a new senior minister. We uphold our Nominators, asking for God's wisdom, energy, and perseverance as they navigate the challenging task of finding the right person to lead our church. As Christmas approaches, we pray for our staff to be well-prepared and find joy in the planning and preparations for this significant season in our church calendar.

FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Roger & Leah Fitzhardinge, Rev Rob & Vicki Mayhew (AM), Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell (ptSAM), Nathanael & Chloe-Jane Muscat (SM), Jenny & Stephen Bell (ptA), Jimmy & Marlee Knight (SM), Sarah & Tim Norris (ptComms):

Praise God for new people coming to church via midweek craft group & monthly markets. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a rector in possession of good student ministers must be in want of new ones when they move on next year - please pray for wisdom in planning staffing for 2025. Pray that planning for Christmas outreach bears gospel fruit.

DAY 19:

FIGTREE: Rev Robin & Sarah Kinstead, Rev Shane (MatMin) & Rachel Dirks, Mary Pickford (CM), Scott Simpson (EM), Greg Bell (CA), Langdon Stewart (E&M), Ruth Barnes & Peter Lenehan (YM), Jo Brain (Conn&WM), Rev Ron & Alison Watts (HonAM—Mount Kembla), Adele Peteranec (Admin/Events), Carolyn Bengel (Accounts/ Compliance), Elise Cork (COM), Fay Brampton (ptPW):

Praise God for a fruitful Fiji Mission Trip in July and for the many youth and young adults from the church who participated. Give thanks for FAC's recent World Missions Conference, for all those who served, and for the generous response both prayerfully and financially. Pray for preparations for our annual Figtree Community Carols – for patience,

perseverance and God's provision for an event that regularly attracts up to 8,000 people from the local community.

GERRINGONG: Rev Steven & Lorna Layson, Rev Dane Courtney (HonAM), Lilly Gutterson (CM&YI), Michelle Young (ptA):

Give thanks: For new members who have joined us recently. Pray that they integrate well into the life of the church and find a "spiritual home" here. For the number of people involved in different ministries across the church. For the encouragements and challenges we continually receive as we study God's Word together.

Please pray: For the celebration of our 150th Anniversary in September, that it would be an encouragement to our church and a witness to the community of the love of Jesus. For the search for a full-time Children & Youth Worker for 2025, that God would lead us to someone who can support and encourage these ministries to flourish. For follow-up from our recent "Effective Ministries" survey about our Children & Youth ministries. Pray that we can implement the lessons we learn across the whole church.

JAMBEROO: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill, Brad & Liz Vidilini (YM), Rachel Bemmer (CM), Sandee & Michael Batelic (Hon PC), Rev Steve & Fiona Bligh (Hon SAM):

DAY 20:

KEIRAVILLE INTERNATIONAL: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Jason & Paula McPhail (AM), Kathy Watson (ptPC), Alex Ngo (ptLM), Megan Whittington (ptA):

We are very excited to welcome lots of visitors and a good number of new members - praise point! Please pray for upcoming events: mission dinner 21/9, weekend away 15-17/11. Our church has officially rebranded to Keiraville International Church (or KI Church). Pray for this adjustment and that we'll be faithful in gospel ministry amidst the international families and students who make up a large part of the University and wider community in Keiraville and Gwynneville.

KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Steve & Nicki Stanis, Cameron & Helen Webber (AM), Lilyan Kearney (A):

We continue to be blessed by families with children seeking to make and build a growing community at Kiama. May our gracious God provide a willing worker. We are holding a prayer training day in early Spring. May many attend to grow in the confidence and assurance of the spirit guiding our prayers. We are preparing for our next BCA

mission partnership at West Wyalong in October. May God's wisdom and guidance build our unity in loving and serving Jesus together.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Rev Rob Meischke, Louise Del Rio (Office Mgr), Volunteers:

For a video clip of the work of Missions around the World see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5N-qwjqByHA>

DAY 21:

OAK FLATS: Rev Sam & Susan Pursell, Valerie O'Regan (PA):

Ask the Lord to grow us in love for Christ, one another, and for our community. Pray that a door would be opened so that many would believe the good news about Christ and have eternal life. Pray for blessing as we have consolidated to one Sunday service, and wisdom in how best to evangelise and equip people.

PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Michael & Vanessa Turner, Andrew & Courtney Russell (LSW), Jake & Clare Ashley (SM):

We give thanks for the recent growth and the great problems (too many kids). Pray our kids' programmes would not just be programmes, but discipleship pathways for our young kids. Pray for faithfulness & creativity with our kids' leaders, and the room to house kids in separate areas. Pray we would raise the profile of the church at the upcoming Council Elections with our hall rented as a voting site; pray for wisdom in best courses of action in this space.

SCHOOLS:

TIGS: Dr Julie Greenhalgh (HS), Rev James Rogers (DepHS), Rev Dave Binggeli (SC):

Thank God for the recent provision of Christian staff at TIGs. Ask that suitable staff may be found to facilitate the growing demand for student small groups. Pray for God to work powerfully in the lives of students so that we may have the joy of hearing stories of lives transformed by the gospel.

Shellharbour Anglican College: Megan Hastie (HS):

DAY 22:

SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Jon & Sarah Thorpe, Peter & Beth Stacey (AM), Murray Border (YM/YAM), Amanda Grace (CM), Tanya MacKay (A):

We are just finishing our Meet Jesus Mission. We've had lots of visitors to our services but also a focus on equipping our church to speak the good news in our sphere of relationships. Pray those good things continue to bear fruit. Pray our church weekend away might focus our hearts and minds on what it means to be God's church.

ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Vacant (A):

Pray that the Lord would grow and build us as we hear the gospel from the Meet Jesus outreach series this term. Give thanks for members who are praying for and actively seeking friends and neighbours to invite to church to meet Jesus - and we praise God that we have had new people come along. Pray that more would respond to these invitations.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob & Jo Copland (CH), Jon & Morwenna Baird (ACH/IS), Marlee Knight (WM), Deb Earnshaw (WM), Matthew & Evelyn Meek (IS), Irwan & Catherine Lee (IS), Luke & Briana Williamson, Ryan Gregory, Ethan Cosier, Luke & Caitlin Blanch, James Crosbie, Michelle Newby, Samantha Webb, James & Brigitte Squire (MTS):

DAY 23:

WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Alex & Liz Zunica, Rev Craig & Corinne Langstaff (AM), Kaitlyn Dixon (ptCM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (HonptSenM), James & Jessica Ulrich (Y&YAM), Adam & Sarah Baverstock (MTS), Liz Stark & Janet Hunt (A):

Please give thanks for the ministry of Craig Langstaff. After many years of faithful and fruitful ministry, Craig will be leaving to be rector at Shoalhaven Heads. Please pray for Craig as he prepares for this new season of ministry, and for St Mark's as we plan our staffing and ministry in 2025. Please also pray couples will be encouraged through our Building Marriage course, and that men, women and children will come to faith through our outreach events in September.

WOLLONGONG WITH CORRIMAL: Rev Mark & Anna Smith, Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (SAM), Stacey Chapman (ptAM), Rev Matt & Ali Shannon (YM), Meaghan Gates (CM), Mitch Walker (ptLM), Justin Blanch (MTS), Hosea Luy (AM) & Jess Luy (SM), Catriona Williams (ptAdM), Lauren Russell (ptCOM), Jodie Madry, Nicole Jameson & Morwenna Baird (ptA):

OTHER REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 24:

ANGLICARE CHAPLAINS & CHAPLAINCY TEAMS:

Rev Stephen Gibson (Health & Justice Chaplaincy); Rev Sarah Kinstead (Illawarra & Shoalhaven Hospitals); Lisa Russell (Sutherland Hospital), Geoff Boye and Jake de Salis (South Coast Correctional Centre):

Hospitals Illawarra and Shoalhaven:

Praise God for new volunteer Chaplains coming forward across the District and especially those bringing their language and culture to the wards ... please pray for Millie our Macedonian Chaplain, Ruth our Aboriginal Chaplain as she starts up, and to find an appropriate Arabic speaking Chaplain.

Give thanks for all the volunteer chaplains and the invaluable work they do and to have the chance to celebrate this across the hospitals during international pastoral /spiritual care week (October 20-26). Please ask for God's blessing on our chosen ways of celebration in each hospital that this will not only lift the profile of chaplaincy and bring glory to God but also be seen as a provision for staff!

Sutherland Hospital:

Please give thanks to God for his kindness and goodness is calling people to himself, revealing himself in new ways and providing his loving comfort to patients, especially those who are deeply grieving, in the process of reframing their future or approaching their own death. Please pray for Chaplains as they minister in this space.

Justice - SCCC—Geoff Boye & Jake De Salis:

Pray that the chaplaincy team seeks to show and tell the Gospel of Jesus to those who are in prison. Pray that the chaplains may be keen eyed and eared to the needs of inmates. Pray for the inmates, their families, and their future reintegration back into society. Pray for the deepest wounds of those who feel lost, lonely, and unwanted by the world. Pray for those who are thinking and speaking about their life choices with the chaplaincy team as they consider God's forgiveness of them in Jesus and what this could mean for their future. Pray that God changes the hearts of these men.

DAY 25:

ANGLICARE at HOME (AAH)

ANGLICARE COMMUNITY SERVICES (CS): Family and Life Skills Educators (FLSE): Rev Steve Dinning, Jessica Deans, Trinette Stanley, Tilda Aquilina:

Southern Highlands:

Anglicare is looking for ways to support and encourage the communities, through the local church. The region has significant needs, and we pray that we can work collaboratively, to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those we serve.

ANGLICARE COUNSELLING, MEDIATION & YOUTH (CM&Y): Maria Orr, Carolyn Bateman (Snr Program Mgrs C&M), Erin Colacino (Snr PM, Youth), Mary-Anne Fleton (PM, Family Mental Health Support Service - FMHSS)

Mediation and Men's Behaviour Change:

Give thanks for the skilled, committed, compassionate and committed staff that walk alongside those who contact us at often the most challenging time of their lives. Pray for the families we engage with – that they will take up opportunities for change and seek to be the best parents they can for their children; that God will assist us to be agents of change in the places where we work so our Communities are safe and respectful; that God will grant us the privilege of seeing Him work through us to see positive and sustainable changes in the families who trust us to engage with them.

Counselling:

Praise God for the provision of government and donation funding which enables our services to be offered more broadly across communities. Pray that people experiencing distress in self or their relationships will reach out for assistance. Pray for positive outcomes particularly for the well-being of children and young people who will make an impact on their own families into the future.

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Give thanks that Renew- Australian Guide for Christian survivors of domestic abuse has been successfully reprinted- first 1000 copies having been sold or distributed. Please pray that survivors would continue to benefit from the support found in Renew.

DAY 26:

ANGLICARE METRO MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

Please pray that all those who visit the Mental Health Hub, will find support and encouragement, both to work through mental health issues, and to walk beside those who experience mental ill health.

FOOD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (FFA), including All Saints Community Care

Give thanks: for our faithful staff, who work tirelessly, that they can continue to provide a creative, warm and welcoming offer of Christian hospitality as a demonstration of Jesus' love; for the generous food and financial resources made possible by donors, churches, communities and government. These ensure Anglicare has access to high quality food and goods to provide to clients.

DAY 27:

ANGLICARE HOUSING:

Seniors at Risk of Homelessness

Give thanks for all the things that have taken place so far for Anglicare Housing and the residents (the boost in growth in this area), and for residents safety and sense of security/belonging.

Please pray: for peace for all residents and staff – in their minds, day to day living, and in their relationships with others and God; for peace in the buildings/units they live in; for godly wisdom for staff and management; that we may be able to provide the best service to residents and staff; for an increase sense of purpose and sense of social wellness and belonging for residents at each of the Housing sites; for better attendance, participation in and hosting of social groups.

Families Starting Over

Please pray: for those clients who have recently left domestic violence and are seeking support and guidance for their families to work towards a safe and independent future; for the Family Workers in SHIFT as they take on the delicate task of supporting and nurturing these vulnerable families.

People Living With Dementia

Social and Affordable Housing

Please pray for the opportunities to supply both social and affordable housing in the Illawarra. We give great thanks for the opening of the Steelworks Hotel in Port Kembla, and pray that initiatives by Port Kembla

and Warrawong Parishes, will seed the gospel message into that new community.

ANGLICARE CHRISTIAN CARE, MISSION & PARTNERSHIP:

Wendy Potts (Learning Consultant—Gospel Communications):

David Lawrence (Partnership Dev.):

This year, Anglicare would like to focus and resource the following initiatives. Please pray that our wonderful Heavenly Father will guide and direct our efforts.

They include: our continuing journey to reconciliation; people in hospital; people in Residential Care Homes; the Community Pantry; Hope amid Disaster; vital research; emotional wellbeing for older people; disadvantaged young people; our parish partnerships; foster care and adoption; Cross Cultural Services; retirement living residents; health through counselling and mediation; the Take Love youth initiative; people in prisons; Family Life Skills; refugees and asylum seekers; seniors in the community; Op Shops; seniors at risk of homelessness; vulnerable children; people seeking food and financial help; families starting over; responding to domestic violence; pastoral care courses; people living with dementia; volunteers; Anglicare At Home; the Gospel in the Workplace; Community Care programs.

DAY 28:

ANGLICARE OP SHOPS:

With the owner of the Crown St Mall site, pulling out, Anglicare is looking to find another suitable site. Ideally, this site will provide much more than just clothing.

It could be a ministry space for the local church, counselling space, and a large static food pantry.

Please pray that we can find a suitable site and engage the local community and local church in a powerful local mission opportunity.

ANGLICARE RESIDENTIAL CARE:

Eileen Armstrong House – Woonona, Jean Ross House – Nowra, Piper House – Dapto, Mildred Symons House – Jannali, Goodhew Gardens & Bay Breeze – Taren Point

Jannali - Mildred Symons House: Yvette McKenna (M), Carol Lynch (CH), Berlinda Steele (PC), Kathy Stirrup (PC):

Give thanks to God for the answers to prayer we are seeing in our home and for the beautiful Christian residents who have joined our home over the last 2-3 months. Give thanks for the faithful men and women in care who are partnering in prayer groups and seeing God's hand at work, building faith and boldness in their testimonies. Partner with us as we pray that God might strengthen our leadership team in unity and vision. Pray for refreshment over the staff who are weary. Pray for residents, staff, and families that as they move within the home that they may encounter the reality of who God is and his love for them.

DAY 29:

DISASTER RECOVERY: Magnus Linder (DR Mgr), Kevin Cassanego (Asst DR Mgr):

Prayer for: families impacted by flash flooding in Shoalhaven, Illawarra and Western Sydney; for our Disaster Recovery teams as they come together for Training and Fellowship; for recruitment of new volunteers across Sydney and NSW; for safety and good health.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

There is a great need to provide Foster Care services in the Illawarra. We pray that You will bless this initiative, and guide and lead those involved, and encourage churches to walk alongside and support Foster Families.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS Community Living Supports for Refugees

EVERYDAY ENGLISH: Susan Radkovic:

Give thanks for a recent Training Day at MBM, at which Clive Buultjens spoke. He reminded everyone to love like Jesus in relationships with the students. The volunteers are often the first 'Bible' read! Pray for new students who are coming to classes, that they may hear and know about God's amazing grace. Pray for those who leave to go back to their home countries – that they may be able to read God's word in their own language.

Classes are at Wollongong / West Wollongong / Warrawong / Nowra / Jannali / Gymea / Miranda.

DAY 30:

ANGLICAN DEACONESS MINISTRIES: Mary Un (CEO), Dr Laurel Moffatt (Principal Mary Andrews College), Rachel Ciano (Dean

Academic Development), Louisa Raggatt (Community & Engagement Manager):

Thank God for Semester Two at Mary Andrews College, and pray that new and returning students would not just gain knowledge, but also be shaped by the transforming gospel of Jesus as they study. Thank God for the Greenhouse Training Ground masterclasses that have already happened, and pray that many women would take up the opportunity for training in this safe, supportive and Christ-centred space. As the Fellowships' panel reviews full applications and considers who to interview, pray that God would be preparing the women and panel for the interviews, to take place in late September. World Suicide Prevention Day is 10 September. Pray that Institute events and resources would equip churches and Christian believers to prevent suicide and provide compassionate care. Pray that as applications open for the Women in Ministry Support Scheme next week, women in need of funding for their ministry would find out about the scheme and feel supported to apply.

MOTHERS' UNION: Simone Boswell (VP Wollongong Region):

EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAPLAINS: Police (Rev Geoff Webb): Pray for Geoff's ministry that he will be effective in supporting police in their highly stressful role in the community.

RFS - (Rev Aiden Sibrava):

YOUTHWORKS MINISTRY SUPPORT & SRE OFFICE: Andy Stevenson (Head MST), Vacant (Children's Ministry & Primary SRE Advisor), Rev Matt Bartlett (Youth Ministry & High School SRE Advisor), Rev Bec Baines (Youthworks Accessibility Ministry Advisor):

Thank God for Tim Beilharz's 12 years of service as Children's Ministry and Primary SRE advisor for the region and pray as he takes up the reigns as the full-time Kids minister at Soul Revival. Pray for Andy Stevenson, Matt Bartlett and the Youthworks Ministry Support Team as we begin the search to find a new advisor for the region.

DAY 31:

REGIONAL CHURCH FAMILY

Pray and give praise for our Regional Church family, in particular our church families in each parish. May we reflect God's light of love to all those who walk in the darkness around us. Also give thanks and pray for our Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, his Assistant Bishops, and other staff in "Head Office" as they lead and support the ministry of our Lord's gospel message throughout the Diocese.

ABBREVIATIONS:

A Administration; **AAM** Acting Assistant Minister, **AdM** Administration Manager; **AR** Acting Rector; **AM** Assistant Minister; **ACF** Assistant Children's & Families; **ACH** Assistant Chaplain, **ACM** Assistant Children's Minister; **AO** Accounts Officer, **CA** Creative Arts (& Worship), **CF** Children & Families, **CH** Chaplain, **CL** Cleaner, **CM** Children's Minister; **CMI** Children's Ministry Intern; **CPE** Clinical Pastoral Education, **COM** Communications, **CRO** Community Relations Officer; **E** Evangelist; **EM** Executive Manager; **FM** Family Minister; **GAI** Graphic Arts Intern; **HC** Head of Campus, **HCA** Healthcare Chaplains Association, **HJS** Head Junior School, **Hon** Honorary, **HR** Human Resources, **HS** Head of School, **IS** International Students, **KC** Kid's Church, **L** Locum; **LSL** Long Service Leave; **LM** Lay Minister; **M** Music; **MA** Ministry Apprentice; **MM** Mothers' Minister, **Mis** Lay Missionary; **MTS** Ministry Training Strategy; **pt** Part time; **PA** Personal Assistant; **PC** Pastoral Care, **PV** Pastoral Visitation, **PW** Pastoral Worker; **SAM** Senior Assistant Minister; **S** Scripture; **SC** School Chaplain; **Sch** School Ministry, **SGM** Small Groups Minister; **SenM** Senior's Ministry; **SG** Small Groups **SLW** Stipendiary Lay Worker; **SM** Student Minister; **SS** Site Supervisor; **T** Technology, **TSS** Technical & Site Supv, **WM** Women's Minister; **WPC** Women's Pastoral Care, **YAM** Young Adults Ministry; **YC** Youth Ministry Co-ordinator; **YI** Youth Intern; **YM** Youth Minister; **YT** or **Y13** Youthworks Trainee.