

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



Winter 2024

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:

BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:

Thanks – for the recent holiday and the opportunity to spend time with Julie’s family in Canada; for the joy of serving and partnering with the staff teams across the Region; for wisdom in responding to various pressing matters that seem large.

Pray – the glorious news of Jesus remains fresh, and Julie and I remain attentive; members of our family know and love Jesus; through the ministry of the churches, many would be saved and live passionately as his disciples.

ARCHDEACON Anthony & Jude Douglas:

Give thanks for God's ongoing provision for our family, and pray for our continued growth in faith, especially for those who struggle through different circumstances. Pray for my growing responsibilities in diocesan work, and that I would balance these well with work for the region, along with opportunities to serve in different parishes from time to time.

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 these gifts to the cause of the kingdom.

DAY 2:

MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven

MISSION LEADER: Rev Marty Davis:

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

Give thanks for the combined youth nights (1/term) for the Shoalhaven, and the encouragement it is for smaller groups such as ours to have the fellowship together with other youth. Pray that all the youth they would be encouraged to keep the faith, and be willing to be witnesses for Jesus. Pray that our CMS deputation would refresh and spur us on in our support of mission, both locally and with our link missionaries.

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

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail:

Please pray for Paul undergoing a leadership development program. Please pray for our church as we plan to have a church consult. Pray that we will graciously receive feedback, humbly trust Jesus through change, and give thanks to God in all things. Pray for our church and community as we prepare for a Meet Jesus mission in Spring.

DAY 3:

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

Please pray with thanks for those who serve as Growth Group Leaders, and give thanks for the recent training afternoon. Pray that we will

help our groups grow in Jesus. Pray for God's provision of new leaders and new groups, and that God will grow the number of members in groups.

Give thanks for those who have recently started as SRE helpers, or commenced training. Pray that God would grow in our hearts deep love for the lost.

Please continue to pray for our church building project. Give thanks for a good working relationship with our builders and project manager. Pray for wisdom, especially as we face up to costing issues in the next few weeks, and as we shape our fundraising campaign. Pray that God would generously provide!

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

**NOWRA: Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson, Rev Rusdyan Cocks (AM), Rev Ray & Sue Beckman (OH), Hannah Shadlow (CM), Sandy Wade-Ferrell (Community Care/HopeCentre), Rev Gilbert & Ruth Page, Linda Staples (MCP), Narelle Stanbury (EFL), Vacant (A):
Community Care/HopeCentre:**

Please pray: for team unity & more volunteers who fit this ministry well; for more leaders for Open House: needs to be people who fit in with the Effective Faith Communities way of doing this ministry. Pray: for someone to pick up and take home Open House community who can't drive; for a male to teach our "Sorted" course for men; to see clients/people from court/Open House community make good choices and take advantage of opportunities being offered to them: including the opportunity to know and love Jesus of course!

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):

Ask that God would guide and bless our new chaplain, Cameron Watt, and grant him wisdom, compassion, and strength to serve our community with faith and love. May he bring comfort, hope, and inspiration to all he encounters.

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

We are trying to keep warm and dry in this change of weather and seasons and trusting the Lord for his provisions and protection. Our little church continues to grow and we find Sunday are a great time to catch up and spend time together.

We pray that you will please pray with us;

Give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his protection and provisions in all things;

For our elderly church members in the colder months for warmth and to keep sickness at bay;

For my studies at Moore college for time management and motivation;

For a church bus and property;

For the search for our church manse and property;

For our children to grow in the knowledge and admiration of the Lord.

**SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rt Rev Gary & Christine Nelson (AR),
Amanda & Jonathon Stavert (Y&CM), Lyn Elsholz (Adm&SenM):**

Give thanks for an encouraging church family and their strong commitment to hearing and obeying God's word. Please pray for the next Acting Rector, Tony Galea, who begins in August; for patience for the congregation as they await news of a new Rector; for Gary Nelson's mission trip to Africa - for safety and clear teaching.

DAY 5:

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis:

Give thanks for a big increase in families attending Playtime this year. Pray for the coordinator Bronwyn, and for connections to church from this group. Give thanks for groups of both men and women exploring the Christian faith. Pray for appropriate next steps. Give thanks for many families opting in to Kindy SRE. Pray for our SRE teachers, and that we might build further connections with families through SRE. Pray that we would have the leaders necessary to recommence our youth group, YUC.

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

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):

MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly:

Give thanks to God for our gatherings at Moss Vale (8am & 10am), Bong Bong (9am), High Range (fortnightly 10am), and Berrima (fortnightly 10am & 5:30pm). Praise God for the men, women, and children who serve in various roles throughout our churches. Pray for those who are unwell at the moment as we have several of our church family in hospital, recovering, or grieving.

DAY 7:

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

Praise God for the youth and leaders who went to KYCK from MAC, for the unity of the group and the servant hearts of the cooks. Pray for the kids Holiday Fun program in July as they train up the teams, work on the program and for the gospel talks to be faithful and fruitful. Pray for the recruitment of an Assistant Minister for MAC in 2025 as we advertise and interview, that God would lead at every step. Give thanks to God for answering our prayer for our local SRE classes. We have had to deal with two significant barriers, but God has overcome them, through the tireless work of our own Parish Coordinator and the great support from our local Youthworks Regional Coordinator.

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

Give thanks for the successful launch of the Picton Community Pantry (with Anglicare and Rotary) and pray for good connections and gospel opportunities to arise. Pray for the upcoming Kids School Holiday Lego Day that the gospel will be clearly proclaimed. Pray for our first winter as three congregations – for energy and perseverance when everyone feels stretched.

DAY 8:

ROBERTSON: Rev Dan & Jo Bidwell, Bek Glasson (Y&CM), Kirrilee Bracht (A):

Give thanks for a ministry week with Capernwray Bible College at the end of May. It was a joy to engage with young adults thinking through their faith and future directions, as well as benefiting from the extra volunteer capabilities.

Praise God for a worship and prayer night at Burrawang as we ask God's help to reach the seemingly unreachable residents of that town. Pray for us to reestablish a ministry in Burrawang that takes root and bears fruit in season.

Thank God for a movie afternoon for teenagers with a disability. It was beautiful to see connections between school, church, teens and their parents/carers. Praise God for the chance to show love to many kids who had never received an invitation to a party. Pray for ongoing ways to share Jesus to those with disabilities.

Pray for our Term 3 Teaching Program aimed at articulating the difference Jesus makes in our lives. Pray as we gather and record testimonies, and as we build a team to run Taste and See, an evangelistic course run alongside four meals. Pray that this approach might find appeal in the Highlands' paddock to plate foodie culture. Pray for boldness as we ask our church members to pray for and invite non-believing friends and neighbours.

SCHOOLS:

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

Please pray for: continued strengthening of Christian community at Tudor House; for the health of staff as we move into winter; that our students will continue to engage positively in Biblical Studies lessons as they learn more about God's incredible plan of salvation; parents – for harmony, patience and energy as they care for their families.

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

Ask God to provide Christian teachers to fill current vacancies. Ask God to open the hearts and minds of students as they hear the Gospel.

DAY 9:

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

Thank God for excellent gospel opportunities over Easter and on ANZAC Day. Thanks for recent Sydney Regency Weekend service at Exeter and for ongoing links. Thanks for the amazing amount of work done on the Exeter residence. Pray for planning to make our buildings more flexible internally and, ultimately, for a new hall at Bundanoon.

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):

**Woolooware Shores: Liz Fox (Mgr), Karen French (Ops Mgr);
Chaplaincy Team: Rev Garry & Jeanette Dawes, Rev Bronwyn Kyngdon (AsstCH), Rhonda Montgomery (PC), Margaret Spring (Hon ptPLW):**

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), Julianne 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, Dayna Flavin (A):

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):

2024 has started so well. Staff are wonderfully settled, congregations are growing and after Easter we had a "Meet Jesus" month. Now we have men's & women's EXPLORE Christianity Groups. There are many genuine open questions of people exploring their faith. Please pray for these explorations to keep going. Our two MTS women are just brilliant, and our two student minister likewise. Please pray for our winter enthusiasm to keep sharing the great news of Jesus as we look at Zechariah over term 2. Pray for the 29,960 people living in our postcode 2233. God has been so faithful to us, please praise God and for us all to mature all the more in knowing and living Christ.

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):

Thank God for the faithfulness and diligence of the Staff Team and our unity together. Pray for wisdom that we may continue to lead and teach the Lord's people, preparing them for the next season of ministry here. Thank God for the faithfulness of the congregation in continuing many ministries and serving opportunities while we wait for the appointment of our next Senior Minister. Pray for wisdom, clarity and insight for the Nominators as they met with potential candidates for being appointed as Senior Minister. Thank God for the passage of a Sale Ordinance through Standing Committee, and pray for Parish Council and Wardens as we implement the Ordinance. As we wait for the next Senior Minister to be appointed, pray that we will continue to "make disciples for the Lord Jesus".

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 lay leaders who have stepped up in responsibility for children's ministry, while we search for a new Children's Ministry Director. Pray that lots of men will attend and benefit from our Men's Learning Day on 29 June. Pray that our ministry apprentice, Tiarne Scott, will be well equipped for a lifetime of gospel work. Pray that God would use our efforts to save many more people, and see them established in Christ.

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), Nicole Murray (ptYA), Amie Lichi (ptCM), Jake Pettit-Young (MTS), Colin Contessa (Adm), Lisa Byrnes & Theny Johnston (A):

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):
We seek your prayers for the combination of Soul Revival and Miranda Congregational Church so that together, they may achieve more for God's Kingdom. Pray for our friendships with Northwestern Aboriginal Christian communities. Thank God for the Easter River Convention, where six people became Christians, and another six were baptised. Pray for the upcoming Collarenebri River Convention in June, the Women's Conference in August, and the Soulies friendship visit to Doomadgee in September.

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):

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

Give thanks for: encouraging Easter services and for our series on the Book of Psalms. Pray for: Ongoing zeal in promoting and presenting the gospel, our upcoming series on the Book of Revelation, 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):

Please continue to pray for strong healthy churches in our diocese raising up much needed parish children's and youth ministers, and for a growing partnership with Christian Schools to raise up and equip more Christian teachers. Pray for Mike as he prepares his talks for GAFCON in Brisbane, July 1-4, 2024.

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):

Please pray that we would have a safe and successful mission trip to Fiji in July. Pray that we would go to Fiji with the posture of 'humble learners'. Give thanks for the growth in each student this year. Pray that Year 13 might continue to be, and find even better ways to be, a servant of the churches.

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):

Please pray for the completion and opening of our new facilities (now delayed another 2 months) and for the gospel and ministry opportunities which this will allow, including Village Church 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):

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

That we as a congregation would continue to live lives rooted, strengthened, built up in Jesus and overflowing with thankfulness. We would continue to seek opportunities to open the Bible 121 with non-believers. God raise up workers for the harvest field and he would give the leadership team wisdom as we train up the next generation of leadership. He would continue to provide guidance in the development of a discipleship tool for the indigenous people of the Illawarra and beyond.

DAY 17:

LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev John & Kate Delezio:

Praise God for the work God is doing in the hearts of people in Warilla North. Lake Illawarra Community Church which started last November and aims to be connected into the community has seen more people coming this term that are seeking to have a relationship with God.

Please pray that these not yet believers grow in love as they hear the word preached and as members of the church do 1:1 discipleship with them. Please also keep praying for John as he serves the community at the Baptist Care-run cheese toasty, at the op shop, at the food bank and lastly at Warilla north public school in SRE and at the Smith Family-run homework club. Pray that these opportunities to serve the community open up conversations about Jesus and that many people are challenged to consider Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

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 Rev John Reid and his recent retirement in term 1 of 2024. John and Jenny have finished up their time at St David's Thirroul and are now down at St Luke's Village in Dapto- we thank God for the time and ministry of John and Jenni whilst they were with us. Please also thank God for His provision and answered prayer in, and for, **Rev Jon Clare** who has taken on the role of the minister of the St David's Thirroul Church. Please also pray, giving thanks to God, for **Melinda** (wife of Senior Minister-**Nathan Sandon**) good health following on the year of treatment - pray that the cancer does not return and please join us in thanking God for a time of recent rest and recovery. Please join in giving thanks for the recent bunch of baptisms over term 1 and please pray that we would continue to seek to trust and serve Jesus in a tough season. Please pray also for our current Ministry Apprentice-**Josh Fullerton Harvey** and his wife **Grace** who are in their second year with us and doing an amazing job serving and ministering to our young adults. Please also pray for our outreach ministries- Tues Playtime and Friday night FLO (For Love Of) which is engaging many of our surrounding community.

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):

Thank God for the 5 who came forward for baptism at Pentecost, and pray for their ongoing discipleship alongside further baptisms planned for the coming months and the preparation of Confirmation candidates in Term 3. Winter is camps and conferences season for separate men, women, and youth, along with a parenting course, please pray for great connections, deep fellowship and Christian growth these can foster. Pray for Kat Harris and her team as they prep our massive July Kids Holiday Club and for the outreach and training opportunities it supplies. Pray that we will grow in Christ together as we complete studies on Doctrine of Humanity (T2) and begin Hebrews (T3). Pray for wisdom, discernment, and patience as we await the outcome of our site development submissions with SAP (Sydney Anglican Properties) and that we don't lose mission focus to see the Northern Illawarra know Jesus Christ as Lord.

DAY 18:

DAPTO: Rev David & Marianne Rietveld, Rev Matt & Lisa Goodman (AM), Nathan Grey (NextGen), Sarah Doughton (CM), Linda Thomson (PC), Mel Lieschke (ptM), Christine Lane (A), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH), Amy David (ptA):

With staffing changes, we ask for prayer for our Nominators, praying for their discernment and wisdom as they pursue the selection of a senior minister and for reassurance and peace for the congregation throughout this process. We also seek God's guidance to recruit a new Assistant Minister. Pray for protection and community for our upcoming Youth Camp in July. Pray for the leaders and speakers as they prepare, and that God will prepare the hearts of the Youth that attend. Pray for great attendance and a good day for our combined St Luke's Preschool and Dapto Anglican Fundraiser for our sister preschool in Tanzania.

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&Comms), Jimmy & Marlee Knight (pt YAM/YM, SRE Keira High):

DAY 19:

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

Pray for Shane and Rachel Dirks and their children, Mia and Riley, and for Robin and the Ministry Team at Figtree, after the sudden death of Levi Dirks, the eldest child of Shane and Rachel. Give thanks that Levi left this earth as a faith-filled young man. Pray for our FAC team of mainly youth and young adults, who will undertake a mission trip to Fiji in July.

GERRINGONG: Rev Steven & Lorna Layson, Michelle Young (ptA):

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

Join us in praising God for the new children and young families joining us, and ask him to help us to best minister to them in an intergenerational way, especially as Rach lead us in strategic and pastorally-sensitive ministry to kids in church and primary school. Pray that the many guests over Easter will return regularly, and ask God to grow us as we study 'Effective Christianity' in the sermon series on Titus. Pray that our small groups will keep working well to provide hubs of pastoral care, and ask God to connect the remaining members with a group.

DAY 20:

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

Please pray for International Student orientation and our engagement with the next batch of students commencing from UOW orientation day on 16th July. Give thanks for new believers and renewal of faith happening across all services and ages - praise God! Pray for Mackayla going to Fiji with Year 13 and then Ezekiel going to Indonesia with The Bridge gap year programs - for their safety and growth in Christian maturity and ministry skills.

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

We give thanks for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus through SRE in our local schools. After a summer series on evangelism, pray that we will continue to keep a focus on reaching out into our community - personally and collectively. Pray that we will be encouraged and challenged by God through his Word as we continue to 'Struggle with Jacob' in our sermon series on Genesis 25-35 and then as we come 'Under the Spotlight' of 1 Thessalonians. Pray that God will guide us as we seek to grow our ministry with families and children. Pray for Steve as he recovers from surgery.

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-qwjgByHA>

DAY 21:

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

Give thanks for the commitment and perseverance of the many people who serve in our church. Pray that new contacts and connections would be welcomed and integrated into the life of the church. Ask that God would stir the hearts of many—young and old—to seek him and find life in Jesus Christ.

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

Pray for resilience and faithfulness as we continue to preach Jesus in Port Kembla and Warrawong. Praise the Lord for 100 years of gospel ministry at Port Anglican this year. Pray for faithfulness to Jesus for the future. Pray for the CORE team as they think/plan church. Pray for continued evangelism through 321 Course. Pray for faithfulness in the administration (trellis) work.

SCHOOLS:

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

With regards to the ministry here at TIGS, please pray: for a group (5-10) of Student Leaders who are creative and energetic to make the chapel experience powerful, relevant, engaging. Pray for our Christian groups: 'FISH' in the senior school and 'Lifesavers' in the junior school. Pray that we regularly hear stories of people coming to Christ through them. Pray for our growing Chaplaincy team: that we work well, united in purpose, creative in our approach, and bold in our instruction/teaching.

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), Janelle Hutchins (A):

Pray we might have conviction, confidence and courage as we pray and prepare for our "Meet Jesus" campaign next term. Please pray for wisdom as we consider adding a second evening service and the practical challenges of resourcing the service.

ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Glenis Boyle (ptA):

We thank God for his leading and care of us as a body this year, for new people joining us, and for spiritual growth in our home groups and fellowship. Pray that the Lord would grow us as we hear the gospel from the Tim Chester series 'Life with Jesus' this term. We give thanks for Glenis Boyle's 18 years of service in our office – and we ask for the Lord's help as volunteers now take on much of our office administration.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on our personal and corporate witness in the area, our support of our link missionaries and pray that as a fellowship we would be strengthened in courage to reach out, to speak of Jesus and the joy of knowing him, to minister faithfully to the local community and, with winter upon us, to love and care for our sick and elderly.

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):

Praise God for settling in our new staff and bringing new students! Pray that the ~15 interested unbelievers who approached our stall across the semester would continue meeting Jesus with us. May God grant them salvation. Pray for Christian students to take opportunities for their growth & outreach during their uni years. Ask God to embolden students in evangelism through Mid-Year Conference (15-19 July). Pray for fruitful preparation for partnering with local churches in Meet Jesus opportunities in Wollongong.

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):

Give thanks to God for the generosity of our church family. The improvement in church giving which means we can move forward with confidence. Give thanks for new families attending, some of whom aren't Christians. Pray people will come to trust in Jesus and be established in our fellowship. Give thanks for the two young adult

international students who became Christians in the last fortnight. Pray they will be established in Christ and continue to grow. Pray clarity in planning and decision making as we look toward 2025. Pray that our church would grow in holiness and in love for God, each other, and our community. Pray we would take the opportunities God gives in our ministries and relationships to share the hope we have in Christ.

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:

Thank you for praying for more Chaplains... I want to give thanks to God for the new Chaplains who have signed up across the District and the gains being made by our Macedonian Speaking Chaplain to reach those of another culture and tongue.

Thank God for those who have completed an Introductory Pastoral Care Course at West Wollongong including a First Nations potential Chaplain – may God direct their steps to serve him with the skills he has grown in them.

Thank God for a new monthly Spiritual Care group starting up in the Mental Health Units – may God use this to bless the patients and staff.

Thank God that National Volunteers Week was marked by the hospitals with morning teas for the first time since COVID.

Please pray for favour upon Sarah as she relates to the Executive of the hospital around the new builds and potential new Chaplaincy positions as well as for her as she seeks to visit her Link Churches in June.

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: We praise God for the Gospel opportunities and conversations with inmates springing from Easter services and ongoing chapel services. We are thankful to God for a well-attended program by Paul Fisher from Life Choices /Jesus Racing Team encouraging the inmates to make radical choices to turn their lives around. Please pray for more opportunities with correctional staff to speak into lives that are often stretched working in a challenging context.

Jake De Salis: I am speaking to more and more inmates of their worth, that they are of value to God. Pray that those listening will hear that they are valuable because they are made in God's image and are able to relate to Him. Pray that they will learn they are worth the cost God paid and that they may be chosen by God for 'adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself.' Pray that those who are now in Christ's family may know how valuable they are because of what they will become, in this life and the next, with the forgiveness God has given. Pray for hearing, understanding, and assurance amongst our inmates.

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:

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

Give thanks to God for his provision of resources to our mental health teams, so we can continue supporting our clients. Please pray for the opportunities to establish “Suicide Prevention for Seniors” across Australia – a program to equip people to identify and address suicide risks in the older people they support. Pray for good take-up of this service across Australia. Pray too for a new Mental Health Initiative, to support and resources churches to provide and walk beside congregation members that are experiencing chronic 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.

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

Give thanks for the expertise and passion our staff have for serving and supporting dementia care sufferers and their families.

Please pray: for staff and clients who are experiencing illness, loneliness or disappointment; for our government, which is considering what reforms should be made to the home care sector to improve the care and services older people receive; for those suffering with dementia that they will experience the peace and love of God.

DAY 27:

ANGLICARE CHRISTIAN CARE, MISSION & PARTNERSHIP:

Wendy Potts (Learning Consultant—Gospel Communications):

Give thanks: for all our staff who live our vision, mission and values each day; that God's love will be shown and shared through Anglicare's work; for the ongoing creative opportunities to share Christ.

Please pray: for our courses, resources and various growth opportunities that support a deeper understanding of our purpose and the faith journey of staff, clients and residents; that people who don't yet know Jesus personally will encounter him and the hope of the gospel through our staff and services.

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:

Give thanks: for the individuals and local churches and schools who partner with us and donate pre-loved clothing and accessories to sell through the Op Shops; for our faithful Op Shop staff and the many ways they impact and enrich the community each day; for the many volunteers who choose to serve in Op Shops and practically apply their talents and passions.

ANGLICARE RESIDENTIAL CARE:

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

Give thanks: for the dedicated staff and volunteers working in Anglicare residential care homes; for the many chapel services and Bible studies held across residential care homes and the opportunity the chaplains and pastoral carers have to encourage residents in their faith; for God's incredible faithfulness in providing salvation to people of all ages, in the gospel of Jesus.

Please pray: that God will utilise volunteers to assist the chaplains and pastoral carers in caring spiritually for people living in residential care; for the ability to care for residents who are increasingly frail and living with dementia; for opportunities across the organisation to deepen skills in palliative care, dementia care and mental health in older people.

RETIREMENT LIVING

Donald Robinson Village Kirrawee, Woollooware Shores, St Lukes Village Dapto

Give thanks: for our residents, each uniquely made in God's image; for Christian residents who encourage and look out for their neighbours with a desire to point them to Jesus.

Please pray: that the Anglicare staff who work in retirement living will ably identify individuals who are feeling isolated and support them to find joy in their community; for ongoing opportunities to share Jesus' love, grace and mercy with those who don't yet know him; that residents who follow Jesus continue to be amazed by his love. And for more opportunities to share the gospel.

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

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Community Living Supports for Refugees

Give thanks: for our dedicated team providing Christ-like care to people in distress; that we have been able to reach many in the community through our service. Please pray: for people seeking asylum who have lost employment and certain government financial support and that their needs will still be provided for and met; that our service will assist in relieving some of the mental distress experienced by refugees and people seeking asylum; for the peace, hope and love of Christ to be experienced and that they won't feel forgotten.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH: Susan Radkovic:

Pray for students coming to Everyday English classes who are keen to find out more about Jesus and want to read the Bible. Give thanks for the grant from the Bible Society which enables us to purchase Bibles in the students' heart language. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those students who think the Bible is a legend. Praise for recent online training of volunteers, that they will be equipped to serve well in this

ministry. Pray for possible new contacts through advertising in Anglicare Op Shops and with Mobile Community Pantries. Classes are at Bulli / Keiraville / Wollongong / West Wollongong / Warrawong / Nowra / Jannali / GyMEA / Miranda / Ulladulla / Shellharbour Village.

ANGLICAN DEACONESS MINISTRIES: Mary Un (CEO), Dr Laurel Moffatt (Principal Mary Andrews College), Rachel Ciano (Dean Academic Development), Louisa Raggatt (Community & Engagement Manager):

Pray for applicants for the 2025 ADM Fellowships. Pray that God will give them clarity and confidence as they consider applying and prepare their expressions of interest. Pray for wisdom as we choose the next cohort. Pray that many would benefit from the 3 winter sessions in coming months on 'Living with the impact of childhood trauma', 'Social anxiety', and 'Burnout' at Mental Health & Pastoral Care Institute. Pray for the women coming to The Greenhouse events over the next month, that they would be encouraged in their faith and that God would use the various guilds and gatherings to build up His people. Please pray for Mary Andrews College students as they finish off Semester one, that they would be growing in their love and knowledge of God, and in their skills and expertise to love and serve those around them. Pray that God will raise up women to study with us in Semester two. Pray for Mary Andrews College lecturers as they continue to serve, teach, and care for their students. Give thanks for the women who've registered to be members of the co-working space and pray it grows into an encouraging community for work and collaboration for women in ministry. Give thanks for a very positive response to the first two mental health 'Spotlight Sessions' at Mental Health & Pastoral Care Institute. Praise God that our staff team that includes a lot of new faces is collaborating well and finding joy working alongside one another.

DAY 30:

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

Many thanks to our Lord Jesus for the precious MU ladies who serve their members and maintain contact, encouragement, teaching and care through regular phone calls, visits, care packages and emails. Please pray for the good health of our presidents, secretaries and treasurers, as well as the members. May they continue to shine a light for Jesus in our community.

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), Rev Tim Beilharz (Children's Ministry & Primary SRE Advisor), Rev Matt Bartlett (Youth Ministry & High School SRE Advisor), Rev Bec Baines (Youthworks Accessibility Ministry Advisor):

Pray for Tim Beilharz & Matt Bartlett as they support and advise all the churches in our region to engage in *Effective* Youth & Childrens Ministry. Pray that many will come and benefit from the Shire *Kids and Youth Leaders Training Day* on June 15th.

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.