

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY December 2012

Ezekiel 34:16 "I will seek that which is lost ,and bring that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick:

SAT 1	Give thanks to God for the generosity of people supporting the building of a nursery classroom in Uganda for Watoto . Pray for the fundraising night tonight to be successful; for good weather ; but most importantly that God's light will shine to those attending. Pray for the team going to Uganda including David & Julianne Castle; Jenny, Adam, Elizabeth & Henry Andresen; Jenny, Simon & Richard Fitzgerald; Graham, Trish, Lucy, & Jacqueline Edmont; Kay Hale; Kathy, Stuart and Kirsty Neilson. Also give thanks for our other team member's Jan Roach, Linda Jones and Natalie McDonald . Pray that they may be encouraged as they see Christians supporting God's work in the Ugandan community.
SUN 2	Pray for Philip Selden as he preaches today that his words are guided by the Holy Spirit and God's truth is accepted by those who hear him.
MON 3	Pray for the Jelly Wobbles who will be performing at 9.30am this morning at Covenant Christian School and same time tomorrow at Mowbray Public School . Pray all practical and technical arrangements go smoothly so that they can successfully get the message about Jesus across to the children . Pray the children and teachers hearts are open to hear the good news of Jesus love for them. Pray similarly for them (Ben, Brad, Jake, Al & David) over the coming weeks as they run Christmas concerts at other schools , for safety in travel and that they sustain their energy and enthusiasm during their busy schedule .
TUE 4	Pray for Colin Sheehan (from Night Church) an Anglican Chaplain ministering full-time in the Long Bay Correctional Centre . Prayer for the post release program which has suffered a stumble when one of the Chaplains involved, died unexpectedly. Give thanks for this experienced Pastor, whom we grieve, as well as giving thanks for our Resurrection God. Pray the reforms in prison management may progress & proceed with wisdom. Praise God that despite his Deportation Appeal (mentioned last month) failing, the inmate remains relaxed & is trusting God's hand on his life as he prepares to return to NZ. Praise God that Chapel Time continues to be a prime time with about 40 inmates ; also thank Him for weekly access to another 600 custodial and administrative staff, and that inmates working on anger management issues continue to show positive results.
WED 5	Pray for the Jelly Wobbles as they perform 2 concerts at Allambie Heights Public School this morning and a concert at Brookvale Public School at 1.55pm tomorrow afternoon. Ask God to help them give a clear message about Jesus & children have open hearts for it.
THU 6	Give thanks for the Sunday club leaders who have worked so hard at Morning Church this year with the kids: Nat B, Rosie M, Zach B, John E, Sandy G, Paul A, Chloe G, Tadgh P and Neil S . Pray that they will continue to serve Jesus and His people with the talents with which they have been blessed. Pray for Neil to be a godly example as he leads this group
FRI 7	Pray for Ben Molyneux as he preaches this weekend from Ephesians 6 . Ask that God would use him to challenge us in the Scriptures as we finish our series in Ephesians. Pray the 'Break it Down Block' party tonight for the Soulies youth and their friends, will encourage and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. Give thanks for Dave leading this.
SAT 8	Give thanks for the opportunity of presenting the Gumnut Kindy concert today . Pray the message of God's great love for us will be clear to the parents, grandparents & friends who come to watch. Pray for peace in the hearts of the children and teachers as they perform. Pray for wisdom for parents who are questioning whether or not. to send PTO

	<p>their children to school in 2013. Give thanks for the current committee members and their dedication to Gumnut and it's philosophy; also for the enrolments (only one Monday position left)!..Give thanks for the time of rest for families & staff, holidays starting 21st, pray for safety in travel & rest time with the Lord & good health of all staff. Thank God for the opportunity to serve the Community by providing Christmas Carols & a message at the Berry Reserve Carols event tonight. Pray that those who play music & lead singing do a good job, and that the message about Christ teaching "God with us" would be clear to all who come.</p>
<i>SUN 9</i>	<p>Pray for Ben as he preaches this weekend from Ephesians 6 that he challenges the congregation in the Scriptures.</p> <p>Pray the letter box drop distributing post cards advertising our Christmas services will encourage many people and families from the surrounding community to attend and hear the Gospel of God' gift of grace through Jesus Christ.</p>
<i>MON 10</i>	<p>Pray for "The Life of Jesus" event at Hoyts Warringah Mall tonight, that this documentary and question time with John Dickson proves to be helpful for people - both those who are Christians, and those who are not yet believers. Pray that God would use this night to draw people to himself through faith in Jesus.</p> <p>Thank God for the great news of Christmas & as Kerry prepares to speak at church this week ask God to show him how best to share why God came to us in the person of Jesus.</p>
<i>TUE 11</i>	<p>Give thanks for the members of the NPSRE Association Board (David, Ben, Claire and others) and their work in overseeing SRE ministry at Cromer Campus this year. Pray for the Board, as they meet for dinner tonight, that they would be wise in decision making for this ministry. Give thanks also for the work of Debbie Peters and the opportunity she's had this year to teach around 400 hours of SRE at Cromer.</p>
<i>WED12</i>	<p>Give thanks for our Scripture teachers and co-ordinator Jo Harpur and the freedom we have to take God's word to children. Pray that God continues to work through his people to bring the love of Jesus to many through Scripture classes. Pray for our Scripture Assemblies today that the Jelly Wobbles who are running Christmas Concerts @ Collaroy Plateau Public School at 9am & Wheeler Heights Public School at 10.15am this morning bring a clear message and the hearts of children, teachers and parents are open to hear. Thank God for the team of Christian university students coming from Bathurst to serve with us this week. Ask God to give them a safe trip from their training conference in Canberra to Sydney today, and a good rest tonight, so that they can serve well tomorrow.</p>
<i>THU 13</i>	<p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles who are performing 2 concerts at Manly West Public School this morning. Praise God for the great news of Christmas, and that we can celebrate together. Pray that the St Faith's Christmas Dinner tonight will be a great time of fellowship together. Pray that guests who come would be gently pointed to the wonder of having "God with us" in Christ. Ask God to help Stuart Robinson to do a good "Magic Spot", and for a clear message about Jesus to be given.</p>
<i>FRI 14</i>	<p>Thank God that he calls us into a family as members of Christ that involves all ages. Pray that our Seniors' Christmas Lunch is a great opportunity to celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus. Pray that many members of St Faith's and the community would be able to come, and would be able to bring friends to hear of Christ, pray for Christine Bannister, Shirley Tucker and others, as they organize the catering and set up. Ask God to enable those who speak, lead singing, and share their testimony do it effectively. PTO</p>

	<p>Pray for ARV Outreach event, being run by WAC with the assistance of the visiting AFES students, that the talks and testimonies will impact on those who attend. Pray also for Rainbow Girls' group and The J Youth group, who are also having events with the Bathurst students, that they are encouraged and supportive to one another.</p> <p>Pray for the Soulies Youth group, as they celebrate the end of year at Soulies Beach party this evening, pray for safety throughout their fun activities. Give thanks that many from this group have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.</p>
SAT 15	<p>Beacon Hill: Pray that many people from the community will attend the "Carols in the Church Car Park" today and be encouraged to find out more about Jesus and his saving grace at this annual outreach event. Give thanks for the UNSW Christian Student Team who have been assisting this week. Praise the Lord for the increase in family members at Holy Trinity. Give thanks that Rick Mason has had good contacts with some dads of Pre-School children through a recent spate of birthday parties! Give thanks for help given by St Faith's, through bookkeeping and budgeting for the church funds; assistance in the management of the sound & power point system; help and guidance for Rick from Kerry, as they meet; & Rick attending the weekly pastoral team prayer and fellowship sessions.</p>
SUN 16	<p>Pray that God would raise up the right people for ministry at WAC for next year. Pray for Grant & the management team as they prepare for 2013. Pray the new, more accessible church facility will be a blessing to the congregation & for people from the local community will be encouraged to join them. Pray many visitors will come along to the "bring a guest" service at WAC & give thanks for the AFES students who will be assisting.</p>
MON 17	<p>Give thanks for the assistance and contribution of the AFES Students last week, pray they will be encouraged in their walk with God as we have seen, by their testimonies & service. Mission: , pray God sustains & guides Pato & Dagmar and a core group of 40 people who meet, as 3 groups, at their place during the preparations for a new Church plant in 2013.</p>
TUE 18	<p>Cottage Counselling Centre - Praise the Lord for the money raised so far for Grow a Goatee. Thank God for continued provision for this ministry, pray for a safe and refreshing break for the Counsellors over the Christmas period and for the clients to continue to be comforted and strengthened during their healing journey.</p>
WED 19	<p>Pray for Helen Channon and the Choir as they prepare for the Carol Service on Sunday; pray their singing brings glory to God. Mission - Kent and Linda - give thanks that grandparents were able to visit for ten days last month, pray for their family and also the families of all missionaries as they celebrate Christmas away from family and friends in Australia; praise God for their faithful service and sacrifice in spreading His Word.</p>
THU 20	<p>Give thanks for the Gumtrees Playtime groups running at St Faiths. Ask God to guide & sustain the leaders, Liz and Beck and others, and Gumtrees continues to provide opportunities for people to come to know Jesus.</p>
FRI 21	<p>Praise God for successful Remembrance Services in November at the War Vets. Thank God for all the volunteers who care and give time to residents. Praise Him for their joyful service and for the many people who come to know Jesus through their continual care of the fragile and weak in the hostels and nursing homes. Pray for next year's guest speakers at Cafe Church to prepare well to share a relevant gospel message that will reach people in the Village. Pray for Bob and Tony that through funeral services they can comfort and gently challenge people with gospel truth, so they are not offended, but come to a faith in Jesus. Pray the 'Pastoral Volunteers' Thankyou Dinner' will be a time when people PTO</p>

	can feel encouraged and appreciated. Pray that God will continue to use the new skills Tony has acquired during training at the Anglicare Clinical Pastoral Education course for Chaplains at Westmead Hospital & that this course will also benefit Bob next year.
SAT 22	Pray for the Nagel family as they celebrate the marriage of their daughter and sister Jill today; pray God blesses this union. Give thanks for the Gathering Small group leaders: Antony P, Rach M, Ruth W, Dave and Katrina C & Neil S. Pray they will continue to be great examples of people following Jesus. Give thanks for the ministry that has been happening in those groups and pray that many will continue to be built up in Christ.
SUN 23	Pray for the Traditional Carol Service this morning give thanks for Helen and the choir as they lead singing today; pray their singing and Philip Selden's preaching will be an encouragement to know Christ more, especially for those who are visitors today. Ask God to help us to be welcoming and encouraging to all people who visit any of our activities or services during this Christmas time.
MON 24	Pray the Christmas Eve @ St. Faith's Family Celebration (with the Jelly Wobbles) and the Family Celebration Service @ WAC will attract many families, from the community, to church and their hearts are open to the true message of Christmas. Pray all our services & events to bring glory to God & to bring people into a relationship with Him.
TUE 25	Christmas Day - Pray for all the people for whom Christmas is a sad or difficult time , that God will use his people to comfort, understand and show them God's love and to point them to Jesus. Pray all services today reflect the grace of God and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that all the preachers today speak faithfully and clearly from His Word.
WED 26	Beach Mission: Pray that the team (including Bec Baines, Andrew Kingsmill, Rach Mabley and others will continue to build a strong relationship with the community of Conjola Entrance Tourist Park , and that more will come to hear and follow Jesus. Pray that the all teams will be bold and faithful in sharing the gospel , and be unified in the spirit. Pray that we will be focused and diligent in prayer, and reading Gods word.
THU 27	Please pray for Trent McGrath as he prepares to speak across all services in Narrabeen this weekend. Pray God would equip Trent by his Spirit to proclaim the truth. Pray our church & bible study leaders, Sunday club teachers, youth leaders etc. have a restful refreshing break. Pray for all those families on holiday , for safety in travel and activities, for rest and refreshment and for a continued reliance on God to guide their lives.
FRI 28	Mission: Irwan and Catherine , pray they settle into a local church in Wollongong that will support them pastorally so they can be spiritually sustained as they reach out to students at the university Give thanks for those supporting them financially and with prayer.
SAT 29	Mission: Steve and Narelle Etherington , pray they and their son and grandchildren have an enjoyable break at the coast during January. Pray for good health and refreshment for them to be able to focus as they continue with finalizing bible translations next year.
SUN 30	Mission: Paul and Sandra King , pray God continues to sustain those French gospel workers who have given up good jobs to train in the Relay ministry program including Joel who is training with Paul in Strasbourg.
MON 31	Pray for the preparations for Soulies SummerCamp in January 21-25. Pray this time will encourage the leaders and youth reinforcing their faith in Jesus and strengthening their commitment to support each other in their relationship with God.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday 18th December 2012**

Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au. Note: We may not be able to include everything.