

ST. FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY March 2013

James 1:17-18a Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth...

FRI 1	<p>Praise God for the many new young people attending Soulies, pray they will be warmly welcomed and continue to come along, develop relationships and learn more about how Jesus' death and resurrection gives them the gift of new life.</p> <p>Pray for safe travel, a time of good fellowship and learning and encouragement for the men from Warriewood Anglican who are attending Men's Katoomba Convention this weekend.</p> <p>Pray for Katie Staples as she undergoes and recovers from major brain surgery, ask God to comfort and sustain her and her family through this process. Pray also for others you know who are ill or suffering.</p>
SAT 2	<p>Pray for Neil Souter and Ben Molyneux as they speak to us today and tomorrow from James 3 and the use of our tongues. Ask that God would give us the wisdom to hear His word, and apply it in our lives, even in the difficult area of the ways and words we use with one another and those outside the church.</p>
SUN 3	<p>Thank God for those who have served as Wardens (Tim, Mandy, David), Treasurer (Stuart); and Parish Council members this past year. Pray that suitable people would be elected at our AGM today for the coming year. The wardens and Treasurer look after property and financial management for our congregations, which is a big responsibility. The Parish Council advise the Senior Minister (Kerry) regarding ministry matters, and also set the Budget for the year, deciding what we can afford to do, including the employment of staff.</p>
MON 4	<p>Ask God to refresh Kerry and Jenny Nagel as they go on Long Service Leave this month. Pray for safe travel and a good time away together.</p>
TUE 5	<p>Warriewood Anglican – pray for the families who have lost loved ones who were residents of Marcus Loane House and for the new part-time chaplain, Ernie Burgess as he pastors them. Pray also for Grant Gallant, for wisdom and compassion in his role as chaplain to residents and staff and trainer for volunteer pastoral visitors at Warriewood Brook</p>
WED 6	<p>Gumnut Kindy. Give thanks for the wonderful community we have at Gumnut, and that the children have settled well. Thank God for continuity of staff while Jackie was away, continue to pray for Jackie's full recovery. Give thanks for the Management Committee, please pray that they may work together for God's glory and for the many parents who have volunteered to do the washing or cook a meal for parents if needed.</p>
THUR 7	<p>Thank God that Grant Gallant has been willing to serve as Acting Rector (Senior Minister) while Kerry is on Long service Leave. Ask God to give him wisdom as he organises staff matters, and runs the staff meeting today. Pray for the Staff as they plan for Easter events.</p> <p>Mission – Paul and Sandra King, France – Pray for the evangelistic theatre – “Mark Drama” being presented in Strasbourg on 10th and 11th pray that Nicholas who is portraying Jesus will remember all his lines and that many students and church members will invite non-Christian friends. Pray for the 9 other productions of the Mark Drama across France in the next month.</p>

FRI 8	Pray for the men heading up to Men's Katoomba Convention this weekend. Pray for safety and good fellowship and relationship building. Ask God to speak to these men as his word is opened and taught. Pray for Leon Stead (Narrabeen Baptist Senior Minister) who is preaching at Men's Convention – pray that God will give him wisdom, energy and insight.
SAT 9	Pray for Katie Bosler and give thanks for the time she is giving to teach the children at the Gathering each week. Pray the kids continue to be enthusiastic about attending and grow in their understanding of the bible. Pray for Grant Gallant and Dave Miers as they preach today and tomorrow from James. Pray for clarity and that God's word would be faithfully taught and will challenge and change each one of us.
SUN 10	War Vets. Pray God will use the visit and talk by special guest Rob Stokes Liberal State Member for Pittwater, today to 10.30 “Sunday at Lake Cafe Church” to reach people with the gospel. Give thanks for the successful Church BBQ lunch last month with 10 new people among the 70 attending, and for the now 55 volunteers committed “to care for the widows and widowers the elderly and weak” and the two mothers with their two year olds who enjoy visiting and delighting our residents, pray more young mothers with their children will come to visit the residents. Thank God for the new Child Care Centre which put many residents in touch with young children, pray for wisdom to develop a ministry outreach to the toddlers and parents in this new child care centre in the Village called “Little Diggers”.
MON 11	Give thanks for the members of the Mothers' Union who are meeting tomorrow. Give thanks for the life of former nurse and Maternity Unit Manager Karen Draddy who always welcomed St Faith’s Mother’s Union members when they visited mothers in the Maternity section that is to be named after Karen. Pray for young mothers to be keen to visit new mothers in Mona Vale hospital.
TUE 12	ONE.LIFE WEEK 1 Give thanks for the success of these courses as a way of introducing people to knowledge of the life of Jesus Christ. Pray Dave Miers and assistants are sensitive to the questions and concerns of those attending and that they may be prompted by the Holy Spirit to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he prepares to speak across 5 different congregations this weekend. Ask that God would give quality time of preparation of His word and that Ben would be able to think through how to apply God's word across a large and varied group of people. Give thanks for the privilege of being able to open God's word so freely in this Nation, without fear of persecution, and pray that we would learn from it in the week ahead.
WED 13	Warriewood Anglican - Pray for the ‘Sweat’ boys and ‘Rainbow’ girls, who meet on Wednesdays to grow in their knowledge of Jesus as they enjoy activities together. Pray for a fun and safe time for the girl’s pool party this afternoon. Pray for God’s guidance for their leaders Linda, Alison, Olly and others. Mission – Kent and Linda. Pray for Kent as he runs courses designed to train community mobilisers this month and through to May. Pray his new colleagues learn and grow through this process.
THUR 14	Beacon Hill. Thank God for His blessing and provision at Holy Trinity with additional musical instruments upfront, providing a significant improvement in the music and singing, also give thanks for the effective outreach to pre-school children by PTO

THU 14 Cont.	John Edmonson (from St Faith's), and to primary school children by Brett McLean (Student Minister). Thank God for their time and effort spent ministering to the children at the 10.00am Family Service.
FRI 15	Warriewood Anglican – pray 'the J' youth who meet on Friday evenings are bold in inviting friends along. Pray Grant Gallant and Olly Holland will wisely lead this group, helping the youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus and each other.
SAT 16	Give thanks for the Morning Church Music Worship Team . Pray they are encouraged, equipped and challenged as they continue to lead Morning Church music things. Give thanks for band leaders - Scott McLean, Michelle Madder and Brad Duce and pray that the time together today will be beneficial for the growth of God's kingdom as they lead in this area of worship.
SUN 17	Pray for Philip Selden as he preaches today from the book of James that God will speak through him to challenge and encourage those who are listening. Mission – Pray Steve and Narelle Etherington are sustained and focused as they continue the task of translation of the Kunwinjku bible . Pray our sisters and brothers in Christ in Oenpelli NT remain firm in their faith and continue to be good witnesses to those in their community.
MON 18	Thank God for freedom to meet with other Christians and pray that we will make the most of every opportunity to share Jesus love and gospel. Pray for your friend/family member/neighbour who does not yet know the Lord.
TUE 19	ONE.LIFE Week 2 & ONE.LIFE ESPRESSO Week 1 pray the way is clear today and over the coming weeks for those who are attending these courses. Pray God will use these courses to bring people into relationship with him and strengthen the Christians attending. Thank God for the women who continue to meet since a previous ONE.LIFE course . Pray they keep growing in their faith and godliness, and are followed up well.
WED 20	Mission – pray Irwan and Catherine who are working with AFES at Wollongong Uni are able to reach many of the local and overseas students who have not previously had the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus. Pray for Neil Souter and Dave Miers that God would challenge and guide them as they prepare to speak at church this weekend so that they can rightly pass on God's message on "the power of prayer" in James.
THU 21	Cottage Counselling Centre . Ask for God's mercy for their worrying finances for 2013 following a severe loss in 2012. Give thanks for the volunteers who assist the Cottage and especially for Charlene Potgieter who is just starting as bookkeeper and for Rob Jacobs who is finishing. Pray for God to raise up a Treasurer for their Management Committee.
FRI 22	Thank God for the miracle he has worked in our lives to bring us to Jesus. Pray that God will put someone on your heart or in your path that you can offer to read the bible with, pray to share the gospel with them , remembering that some will see the fruit and others will plant the seed. Pray for courage for youth to invite friends along to Soulies evenings on Fridays. Give thanks for all the new kids who have come along this year, pray they continue to feel welcome.
SAT 23	Give thanks for the many new families who have joined Morning Church in the last 4-6 months. Pray that they would continue to settle into fellowship with others at Morning Church. Pray for the Morning Church "Welcome Lunch" happening today and for Yvette Molyneux and others who are faithfully preparing and PTO

SAT 23 Cont.	servicing in this way. Pray that families would feel welcomed well at Morning Church and would grow in their relationships and commitment to Christ by being with us. Pray the Narrabeen Lakes Sunset walk this evening gives the women of Night Church the opportunity to develop and build relationships
SUN 24	Pray for Dave Miers as he speaks from the final chapter of James at four services today. Pray for wisdom and insight into God's word and that God's Spirit would illuminate God's word in our hearts and lives.
MON 25	War Vets. Thank God for the continual openness to the gospel at the 'War Vets' and how people regularly come to faith and for the three Bible Studies groups for independent unit dwellers doing a seeker friendly study open for those inquiring into Christianity. Pray for a new service conducted mainly through song to begin in the Nursing Home, is suitable for residents with dementia. Thank God that chaplains, Tony and Bob complement each other and allow God to use them to grow the work at the "War Vets", pray God will continue to fashion them as an effective team, developing their management and outreach skills.
TUE 26	Pray those attending ONE.LIFE WEEK 3 and ONE.LIFE ESPRESSO WEEK 2 today will understand why Jesus died and rose again. Pray for Dave Miers to lead well. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he prepares to speak at our three Good Friday services this week. Give thanks for the wonderful opportunity Easter brings in being able to share the message of Christ's life, death and resurrection with many people - both regulars and visitors alike. Pray that God would use our Easter services to draw many people to know him and respond with repentance and faith.
WED 27	Pray for 55+ group as they get together to enjoy company and lunch that they continue to care for each other. Scripture – Pray scripture teachers and their students have settled into class routines, and the students begin to understand the significance of Easter as the time of God showing his mercy to us through Jesus' sacrifice to pay the price for our sins.
THUR 28	Pray for Beverly Menzies, Ben Molyneux and others as they run an Easter service at Mona Vale House today. Give thanks for a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with the elderly and ask that their hearts would be soft and receptive to accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. Ask God to comfort and sustain them and for them to bring glory to God in their situations. Pray the youth meeting for " Soulies Underground " tonight have compassionate and prayerful responses to the plight of those suffering this persecution.
FRI 29	Easter – Good Friday Pray many of the youth from Soulies will attend Night Church this evening to praise God and give thanks for His mercy; and both Morning and Night services bring glory to God.
SAT 30	Pray for safety for those travelling this Easter weekend. Pray for Neil Souter as he speaks at The Gathering this evening, ask God to speak through him to encourage and strengthen the members of this congregation; pray members bring friends.
SUN 31	Easter - Ressurrection Sunday Give thanks for God's saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ; pray that many people from the community attend church to celebrate the Risen Lord today, pray that Dave Miers proclaims the truth of the gospel the Holy Spirit will lead people to repentance and the love of Christ.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday 19th February 2013

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