

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY March 2016

1 Peter 1:3 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*

<i>TUE</i> 1	<p>Give thanks for the wonderful response to the Testify Course that begins tonight at church. Pray for Ben Molyneux and Bev Menzies who are leading the course and ask that everyone will gain confidence in sharing their faith through the content and encouragement of this course. Pray this so that many more people will come to put their trust in Jesus and his work on the cross for them.</p> <p>Thank God that he generously provides so much to us, in material terms, including homes, food, health care etc. Pray that as Kerry prepares to speak this weekend on our God-given responsibilities for our money that God would help Kerry to understand clearly what the Scriptures teach on this. Ask too, that God would help Kerry apply the Bible's teaching faithfully to his own life, and that of our different congregations.</p>
<i>WED</i> 2	<p>COTTAGE COUNCELLING CENTRE – Thank God for the Grief Seminar evening, pray for those who came who are suffering loss, pray they felt some comfort and know God's peace. Pray for preparation for the Cottage 20th Anniversary celebration on 7th May. Pray for each of the Counsellors for wisdom and compassion as they meet with each of their clients.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PANTRY – Pray that the Community Pantry will run smoothly tonight for the volunteers, including David and Julianne Castle, Vernon and Mandy Nabb. Pray also that the guests will have hearts open to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, and find peace and strength through that.</p>
<i>THU</i> 3	<p>WARRIEWOOD – ARV - Please pray for all the new residents moving in to the new villas in March/April. Pray for God to use the chaplains Grant and Denise to bring God's love and truth to all the community at Warriewood Brook ARV.</p>
<i>FRI</i> 4	<p>THE J – Warriewood Youth - Give thanks for the new kids who came along in the first few weeks; pray they want to keep coming and build friendships with others. Pray for the leaders, including Grant, Stu, Penny, Elisha and Jeanette to be organised and for them to connect well with the youth. Pray for another male leader for the group. Give thanks for the 30 youth going to KYCK in early April, pray for planning for this.</p> <p>Pray for Lighthouse and Grommets with lots of kids from non-christian backgrounds, that the leaders would love them well and that the leaders would grow in understanding of how to be a good leader.</p>
<i>SAT</i> 5	<p>Saturday Church – Pray for God to raise up 2 leaders and 1 helper for Saturday Kids, to teach the children God's word and encourage them to grow in their knowledge of Jesus love for them.</p>

SUN 6	Give thanks for our newly formed Night Church Leadership Team . In particular, give thanks for the work of Nathan Bessant (Music Director) and Natalie Bannister (Global Mission) . Pray that this team, as they meet together this afternoon, would work well together in leading our Night Church congregation in a direction that helps us achieve our vision and mission as a church community.
MON 7	GUMNUT KINDY – Give thanks for Natalie and Allira successfully completing their study and pray for Trish and Victoria who are beginning their study. Pray for new parents to feel welcome and part of a family at Kindy. Give thanks for the new committee formed for Gumnut for 2016. Pray for full enrolments to help ensure the financial income for the Kindy's running costs.
TUE 8	Give thanks for the opportunity people have tonight to think about their own personal story at the Testify Course . Pray it is a great night of encouragement as we consider how best to communicate the gospel through our own Jesus stories and pray the night would equip us well to do this. MOTHERS' UNION – Give thanks for the servant hearts of those who belong to Mothers' Union . Pray they are encouraged by the talk today. Give thanks for Sandra Burgess and others who help organise these meetings.
WED 9	MISSION – Irwan and Catherine - UOW AFES - Give thanks for their break in Indonesia, visiting Irwan's family. Give thanks for the contacts made during O-Week and pray for good follow up. Pray for the opportunity to meet with others working with those from non-christian backgrounds on 11th-13th March. Pray for Commencement Camp on 18th-20th March. Pray for preparation for the FOCUS Easter Mission and for many people to be touched by the Good News and respond.
THU 10	Pray for Kerry and Nerilyn as they lead the Chapel service at Elizabeth Jenkins Place ; pray the songs and talk from God's word bring comfort and peace to the residents.
FRI 11	Pray for the ' Kickoff ' event that the year 7's and 8's from Soulies are attending tonight, that they would hear the gospel clearly taught, that those who don't know Jesus would respond to it, and that it would be a good time for building relationships
SAT 12	Pray for Philip Selden as he preaches today and tomorrow ; that God will give him insight, wisdom and energy as he speaks to the Saturday and Traditional congregations. Pray for preparations for our Easter services pray that that many will see and respond to advertising for church services and that we are bold in inviting friends and family along to here the gospel.
SUN 13	As we meet for our AGM today, ask God to raise up wise and godly people to serve on Parish Council, Wardens, and Nominators . Pray for Kerry as he chairs the meeting, that all attending have a spirit of co-operation, a passion to see Christ known and honoured. WAR VETS – Pray Chaplain Bob Durbin recovers well following his recent hip surgery. Ask God to sustain Tony with his work load. Pray that this Sunday with Mark Broadhead (CFO) preaching at 9.30am will be a successful evangelistic outreach service.

<i>MON</i> 14	Thank God for the hope he gives us, which we celebrate at Easter. As Kerry prepares to speak this weekend and next on the theme of "Hunting for Hope" , pray that God would speak to him again about His grace and power. Ask God to help Kerry to know how to proclaim this message in a way that reaches visitors who attend our church over Easter. Pray that God would call people to know Christ personally through St Faith's this Easter.
<i>TUE</i> 15	Pray for Bev Menzies as she leads our Testify Course tonight , thinking through the nuts and bolts of the gospel and how we can communicate it most effectively in conversation. Pray that the night together would serve our members in gaining confidence in sharing their faith.
<i>WED</i> 16	Thank God for the Autumn Afternoon tea planned for next Wednesday, 23 March , and for the work of Christine Bannister in preparing this. Please pray that the regular members of Traditional church especially would be able to invite friends along. Ask God to draw people to the Saviour who died for them. Pray that the Community Pantry will run smoothly tonight for the volunteers, including Debbie Rodd, Bev Menzies, Richard Berrill and Jodie Smith. Pray the guests will have their hearts opened to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
<i>THU</i> 17	Give thanks to God for those who help at Gumtrees Playtime on Wednesdays and Thursdays including Michelle, Rosemary and others ; pray for energy and enthusiasm leading the groups. Thank God for relationships among the women there. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love in word and deed. KIDS WINTER CAMP – Pray that people of all ages from our congregations, especially parents would get excited and onboard with this mission serving our community and impacting the beaches with Christ's love. Pray for Ellen as she prepares and coordinates a team of volunteers for this 3 day program in July.
<i>FRI</i> 18	Give thanks for the 23 young adults who lead Soulies youth group each Friday night ; pray they speak God's word faithfully and are a godly role model for the young people they lead.
<i>SAT</i> 19	Pray for Neil to be faithful in preaching God's word, at Saturday Church tonight and tomorrow at ARVO church , that those listening will be challenged to apply it to their lives.
<i>SUN</i> 20	WAC – Pray for the church lunch today to be a good time of fellowship and an occasion for new people to be warmly welcomed.
<i>MON</i> 21	MISSION – Fiona Kirsop UTS Credo – UTS orientation and kickoff season is later than usual, pray for many new contacts as uni starts up, including non-christians willing to check out Jesus at uni. The annual Easter Time Conference (24-28 March) co-incides with the first week of uni! Pray for this to be a great community-building and vision-setting time for new and continuing students. Pray for energy and sustenance for staff and student leaders who will be busier than usual. Pray for Fiona to be reconnecting successfully with her evangelistic contacts and for chances to meet more students.
<i>TUE</i> 22	Pray for Ben Molyneux as he wraps up our Testify Course tonight , thinking through how we answer tough questions with gentleness and respect. Pray and thank God for the good

	turnout at Testify and for the opportunity we had to meet together and gain confidence in sharing our faith with others. Pray that God would use each of us (those at the course or not) to make known the good news of Jesus at every opportunity we're given.
<i>WED</i> 23	Autumn Afternoon Tea – Pray guests today will be warmly welcomed and encouraged to respond to God's love for them. WAR VETS – Pray for the Men's Day Out to Picton Razorback Inn 1847 today that God's Spirit will be working to bring men to faith.
<i>THU</i> 24	QUILTING CLUB – Pray it continues to provide opportunities for friendships to develop and that co-ordinator Judith Baker and other Christians in the group continue to be faithful witnesses in their words and actions pointing to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
<i>FRI</i> 25	GOOD FRIDAY – Praise God for sending Jesus to die for our sins! Pray that we would remember Jesus' death for us and be grateful. Ask that God empowers Grant at WAC and Ben at St Faith's as they preach this morning . Ask that the Holy Spirit will soften hearts to Jesus and draw people to himself. Ask that guests would be present and convicted of their need to trust in Jesus' sacrifice for them too.
<i>SAT</i> 26	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye – Pray for ongoing staff development at Munguishi Bible college and for a replacement teacher for one who has left for further study. Pray for Geoff as he prepares for and teaches two new subjects. For Martha as she decides on content when teaching English and for safe driving for both of them to and from their children's schools.
<i>SUN</i> 27	EASTER SUNDAY – Give thanks for Easter Sunday! Pray for Kerry, Neil and Grant as they preach at the different services; that God will speak through them, especially to those who are visiting with us today.
<i>MON</i> 28	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb - Give thanks for their ministry with aboriginal people in Broome. Pray the members of the Broome People's church love for one another will grow from celebrating Jesus this Easter and that visitors to their Easter services will come along to other services too. Pray for more aboriginal men to join their congregation.
<i>TUE</i> 29	MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington - Pray for good time management with last minute things that need to be done before they retire in July. Pray for a successful final translation workshop for the Kunwinjku Bible in early May and for good health as they plan to visit all link churches in during the end of July. Give thanks for all answered prayer so far.
<i>WED</i> 30	MISSION – Paul and Sandra King - Pray God will give Paul wisdom in how to promote networks of friendship and mutual training for GBU staff and Relay apprentices based in various cities. Pray many students attend the Easter outreach events in Strasbourg and are prompted by the Holy Spirit to find out more about Jesus and his sacrifice for them.
<i>THU</i> 31	Pray for wisdom for the members of the Synod , including Philip and Pru Selden and Kerry Nagel, as they meet today to consider the merging of Anglicare and ARV.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday 22nd March, 2016**. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*