

## ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY April 2016

**Ephesians 4:2-3** <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.  
<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

FRI 1	Give thanks for the <b>Testify course and for the many people who attended</b> . Pray that God would give each of us the confidence and boldness to share our faith with those around us and point to the good news of Jesus coming into the world, dying and rising from the dead.
SAT 2	Give thanks for the opportunity for our <b>Night Church Ladies to get together today for a "long lunch"</b> . Pray that it would be a great time of encouragement and fellowship together across all ages. Give thanks for <b>Lydia, Jo, Julianne and others</b> who have prepared and cooked for today. Pray for <b>Neil as he preaches across the weekend at St Faith's from Revelation 19:1-10</b> . Pray that as we begin the series on "God and Relationships" it will help us all to be better disciples of Christ.
SUN 3	Give thanks for the <b>Night Church Leadership Team</b> . Pray for the team as they meet tonight, that God would guide conversation and direction and give wisdom to the team as they lead Night Church. Pray particularly for <b>Rosie in her role overseeing the welcoming and integration of Night Church</b> . Pray that God would use her mightily in this role.
MON 4	Praise God for those who serve us by leading our <b>Small Groups</b> . As the leaders meet tonight for planning, pray that the gathering would be helpful in enabling the leaders to care for group members effectively. Ask God to help <b>Neil Souter and Kerry to give good input</b> . Pray that through our groups, <b>all of us would grow to be more like Christ</b> , and so bring glory to him.
TUE 5	<b>"CHILL OUT"</b> Pray people including <b>parents of church families</b> will commit to helping at this 3 day winter school holiday kid camp (sleep at home) so that Ellen and others can prepare for this opportunity to reach out with Christ's love to families in our community. Thank God for those serving on our <b>newly appointed Parish Council</b> . Pray especially for <b>Ali I'acobbi, Peter MacGregor and Paul McDonald, that God would enable them to give wise advice and leadership</b> for our congregations. Ask God to give all members of the Parish Council a great Vision for what God might do through St Faith's in the years ahead.
WED 6	Thank God for the freedom we have to make Christ known here in Narrabeen. As the <b>staff meet today</b> to review and plan, ask God to <b>give Kerry insight as he leads the discussions</b> . Pray particularly for wisdom also for <b>Rosemary, Neil, Philip and Ben as they plan events</b> for later in the year. <b>GUMTREES PLAYTIME</b> - Give thanks that these play groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays continue to attract parents and children from the community, pray they witness the love of Jesus in the actions of the Christians who attend and that friendships continue to grow. Pray for <b>Rosemary and Emma and others who help</b> run the groups.

THU 7	Praise God that he guides us by his Holy Spirit, as we read his word. Pray that the Spirit would give <b>Kerry the words to say as he prepares to speak on the "Priority of Purity"</b> this weekend. Ask God to help <b>us all to learn to relate to each other in ways that please God</b> in all things, but especially in the area of our sexuality. Pray also for Philip Selden who will be preaching this topic to Saturday and ARVO churches.
FRI 8	Pray for <b>SOULIES (St Faith's Youth Community) and THE J ( Warriewood Anglican Youth)</b> as they head to <b>KYCK YOUTH CONFERENCE</b> this weekend in the Blue Mountains, that they would have a <b>safe trip and be encouraged from God's word</b> and through the fellowship they enjoy.
SAT 9	Give thanks for <b>Daisy and Nicole who look after the Saturday church kids each week.</b> Pray that they will prepare well and that the kids will all be growing in their love and knowledge of Jesus. Pray that <b>God would raise up more leaders</b> from St Faith's to come and help teach the older kids.
SUN 10	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> – Pray for safety and refreshment for those travelling and holidaying locally and overseas this April. <b>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine – AFES Wollongong Uni</b> - Pray for good follow up for those students who responded to Focus Easter Mission. Pray many will join groups to read the bible and get to know Christian students. Pray for those international students that Irwan meets with regularly to grow in the trust and faith in Jesus. Pray for Catherine to stay well during her pregnancy with their second child due in June.
MON 11	<b>MARRIAGE COURSE</b> - Give thanks for <b>Philip and Pru Selden and others who are leading the Marriage Preparation Course</b> at St Faith's during April and May. Pray for the couples attending, that the course would enable them good opportunity to prepare for married life together and pray that God would sustain the leaders throughout.
TUE 12	<b>BEACON HILL</b> - Give thanks for <b>Holy Trinity's new parish council</b> and pray they will serve the congregation well. Give thanks for the <b>people who've joined Holy Trinity</b> since Christmas, pray they are quickly established in the life of the church. Give thanks for <b>John, Ollie, and Mel</b> , from other churches, who voluntarily <b>help with our kids and youth ministries</b> . Pray they will be encouraged as they see the kids grow in their faith; pray the youth ministry recovers after some key kids moved interstate.
WED 13	<b>COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> – Give thanks for the many volunteers willing to give time serving those in need in our community. Give thanks for those who have shared expertise in <b>training the volunteers, including Jane, Adrian, Debbie &amp; Matt</b> . Pray <b>tonight's meal runs smoothly</b> and that guest will have their hearts opened to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
THU 14	Give thanks that the residents at <b>Elizabeth Jenkins Retirement Facility</b> in Collaroy <b>are able to attend the Chapel Service each Thursday</b> , pray they are encouraged and strengthened in their faith <b>as Kerry leads the service there today and Nerilyn leads them in song.</b> <b>GUMNUT KINDY</b> – Give thanks that <b>enrolments are almost full</b> . Pray for those families having school holidays will have a safe and refreshing time. Give thanks for the <b>new Management Committee chairman Martin Webb</b> ; pray the first meeting of the year held at the end of March was productive and that a bond will form between the new members; pray staff feel supported and the Kindy will be led well.

FRI 15	<b>MISSION - Fiona Kirsop - CREDO (AFES) at UTS</b> – Give thanks for the 200+ students who attended the Easter conference. Ask God to be forming the Communications students into a community of people who are shaped by God's word, seeking to grow in their knowledge and love of God, and living out their faith. Pray the small groups start well. Ask God to provide Fiona with wisdom and trust as she leads in this ministry, pray she would be gracious and compassionate as she meets with student leaders to care for and disciple them in the Lord.
SAT 16	Pray for <b>Neil as he speaks</b> at Saturday church, Arvo Church and at the Warriewood services this weekend on <b>“Singleness and Friendships”</b> . Pray that God’s word would encourage, comfort and <b>inspire His people to honour Christ in all parts of our lives.</b>
SUN 17	<b>MISSION – Paul and Sandra King – France</b> – Thank God for the courage of GBU students Joel, Olivia, Clement and Sylvain who have promoted evangelistic events at Strasbourg Uni. Thank God for opening doors at the uni with rooms being provide for bible study groups. Pray christian students will invite non-christian friends along to read the bible with them. Pray for Sandra as she directs a team preparing for a conference for Christian women in September. Pray for good healing for Paul following a knee operation.
MON 18	Pray for the <b>Scrapbooking Group starting today</b> and meeting monthly; give thanks for <b>Judith</b> who is organising this group. Pray for those from <b>Quilting &amp; Needlework group preparing for the ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ next month</b> including sewing quilts for display.
TUE 19	<b>WARRIEWOOD ARV</b> Pray for the <b>new residents moving in to the new villas</b> at Warriewood ARV. Pray the <b>chaplains Denise and Grant as they seek to make good connections with residents</b> , share the gospel and encouraging them in their faith. Pray the gospel will bear fruit in the village. Pray also for the ANZAC service.
WED 20	<b>WAR VETS</b> - Give thanks that chaplain Bob has recovered very well from a hip socket replacement and returned to work. Pray for the two <b>ANZAC Services in the Village, today at 10.30</b> the Village Service involving the hostels and nursing home and the <b>Dawn Service on 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> . Pray these days will open up opportunities for <b>chaplains Tony and Bob to wittiness for the gospel</b> . Pray for Joan Bush, a former member of St Faith’s and volunteer, pray she settles well into her new home at Nowra and adjusts to her new church.
THU 21	<b>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb – Broome</b> - Thank God for the new friends they have made over the last two years, pray for the energy Chris and Karen need to keep loving those around them and for preaching at the Broome Peoples Church, leading weekly bible studies and fellowship nights, funerals, visiting outlying Aboriginal communities. Ask God to give Chris energy and creativity to lead and teach God’s word effectively at the new “Treasure Hunters” Kids Club at Cable Beach Primary School each Friday lunchtime.
FRI 22	Pray for <b>Mitch &amp; Ellen as they train current SOULIES members in leadership</b> today, pray they equip and encourage the youth to grow their skills for the sake of the Gospel. <b>CHILDREN’S MINISTRY</b> – Give thanks for the service and enthusiasm of leaders at Lighthouse and Grommets Friday afternoon groups including Claire, Tessa, Jarreau, Reid and others. Pray the children attending respond to Jesus’ love shown by their leaders.
SAT 23	<b>MISSION – Kent and Linda</b> – Pray that the church in Central Asia continues to shine in word and deed. Pray Linda is able to share her skills as she co-ordinates and supports <b>PTO</b>

	those doing short term mission with “On Track”; pray many of those getting a taste for mission are led to longer term commitments that are effective for the growth of the Kingdom. Pray Kent is able to encourage more prisoners to put their trust in Jesus.
SUN 24	Ask God to sustain <b>Philip Selden as he preaches at three services this Sunday</b> , pray for wisdom to present God’s message on relationships <b>from the book of Ephesians</b> to the different age groups at Traditional, Morning and Night Church.
MON 25	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> - Give thanks to God for the peace we have in Australia. Give thanks for all those who, in the past, served and sacrificed much for the sake of our future; pray for the wellbeing of those men and women currently serving our country in various areas at home and overseas. Give thanks for Jesus and his sacrifice for the sake of the world.
TUE 26	<b>SYNOD</b> – Pray members of the Synod including <b>Kerry, Philip and Pru as they meet tomorrow to discuss the possible joining of ARV (Anglican Retirement Villages) with Anglicare</b> . Ask God to give them wisdom and unity as they discuss this merger of services. <b>MISSION - Steve and Narelle Etherington</b> - Pray the final stages of the Kunwinjku Bible translation run smoothly in the lead up to Steve and Narelle’s retirement after over 25 years serving the Lord in Arnhem Land. Give thanks for the faithful christians at Oenpelli, pray God continues to sustain them through both good and difficult times. Pray God raises up more people with a heart to serve the Lord in northern Australia.
WED 27	Give thanks for the opportunity to gain an <b>overview of Mark’s gospel at the ‘Digging Deeper’ meeting tonight</b> . Pray many from our small group members come along to hear our <b>guest speaker Lionel Windsor from Moore College</b> and that this will help our preparation and understanding for our study series looking at the message proclaimed in the book of Mark and focusing on following Jesus in our world today.
THU 28	<b>WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN</b> - Pray for many kids and youth to come along to <b>Kingdom Kids and The J this term</b> to learn more about God’s love for them and grow in their trust of Jesus as Lord. Give thanks for Rachel, Anica and helpers who teach the children every Sunday and for Grant, Stu, Elisha, Penny and others who lead The J on Friday nights; pray they are godly role models for the young people.
FRI 29	Pray for <b>SOULIES as Term 2 starts today</b> , that the <b>youth would grow closer to Jesus</b> throughout the term as they study 1 Corinthians. <b>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> - Thank God for the ‘Grief evening’, pray those who came along suffering loss feel understood and will be well supported by empathic friends and know God’s peace. Pray for wisdom and compassion for the counsellors as they meet with their clients and that these clients will have their pain lightened as they explore their challenges. Pray for the preparations for the Cottage 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 7 <sup>th</sup> May.
SAT 30	<b>MISSION Geoff and Martha Boye</b> - Munguishi Bible College <b>Tanzania</b> - Pray for Geoff’s preparation and for clear presentation of the two new subjects he is presenting this semester and for his ongoing improvement in Swahili. Pray for Martha’s preparation and decisions about content when teaching English classes. Give thanks and pray for the new joint venture growing beans on the Munguishi land that will support College finances.

**Deadline for next Prayer** Diary prayer points: **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**. Send in writing to the office or email to [office@stfaiths.org.au](mailto:office@stfaiths.org.au) Note: We may not be able to include everything.