

## ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY April 2018

*1 Corinthians 1:18 The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

SUN 1	Give thanks for Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us. <b>Pray we all find the true peace and healing of souls and real life in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.</b> Pray for Ben <b>preaching at Traditional, Morning and Night Church, Neil at ARVO Church and Marcus at Warriewood Anglican this Easter Sunday;</b> pray the gospel message is clear and <b>encourages people especially visitors to commit or recommit their life to Jesus.</b>
MON 2	<b>The Vine Project -Vinegrowers - Craig Glassock</b> - Pray for Craig who will be doing coaching and training with churches and at conferences in the U.S.A from March 29 - May 4. Ask God to grant him wisdom and discernment into how to best support pastors and churches across the USA and grow a culture of disciples who make disciples. Ask God to sustain him and provide energy and clarity for each task during his time away. Pray for God to protect and strengthen Samantha and the boys whilst they remain in Sydney.
TUE 3	Pray for <b>Kerry and Jenny Nagel taking Long Service Leave</b> for the next 5 weeks. Pray for a time of relaxation and refreshment and for safety as they travel up the coast. <b>MISSION - Fiona Kirsop - CREDO at UTS university</b> - Pray for the Credo "Is This A Sign" mission from today onwards. Pray for people to respond, that the gospel is clearly proclaimed, and that God saves many.
WED 4	<b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY (TCP)</b> - Pray everything runs smoothly for Ruth Dickson as she co-ordinates the volunteers for TCP this evening. Give thanks for the selfless work and enthusiasm of the volunteers and pray that God's love is reflected in all that they do. Pray the guests who come along each Wednesday (including Michael, Jason, Wendy and others) will come to know God's love for them.
THU 5	Give thanks for our <b>Night Church Staff team, led by Ben Molyneux.</b> Pray for the team - <b>Mitch Everingham, Trent McGrath, Zak Wolki and Georgia Llewellyn,</b> as they continue to pray, plan and lead our growing Night Church congregation. Pray that as they meet today, God would unite them and enthuse them for the mission they're serving in together.
FRI 6	<b>LightHouse</b> - Pray for <b>more children (Yrs 3-5) to come along</b> to Light House and that they would attend consistently. Pray for <b>God to sustain Zak the co-ordinator and all the Light House leaders</b> as they serve God. <b>SOULIES (Youth Group)</b> - Pray for <b>Ellie Jacobs and Georgia Llewellyn talking at Soulies tonight,</b> that they would be faithful to God's word and clearly explain it so that the youth come to know and love Jesus more. Give thanks for the <b>Soulies leadership team and ask for God's help in continuing to raise disciples.</b>
SAT 7	Give thanks for the appointment of <b>Deborah Kellahan to role of Assistant Chaplain at Warriewood Brook.</b> Give thanks for the good start, and the positive reception from both staff and residents. Pray that God uses Deborah to encourage God's people and share the Gospel with the lost. Please pray for wisdom at Warriewood Brook as <b>Marcus and Deborah start to grow the Chaplaincy Team to include volunteers</b> who can spend more time with people that Marcus and Deborah can't do on their own. Give thanks for the great community at Warriewood Brook, pray for continued opportunities for God's people to urge other Christians to make the most of their time and not become complacent, and to share the good news of Jesus in word as well as deed.

<p><i>SUN</i> 8</p>	<p>Give thanks for the members of <b>Morning Church</b> and <b>pray for the ‘Guess Who is Coming to Lunch’ happening today with this congregation</b>. Give thanks for those opening their homes for meals and pray that the fellowship and relationships built would serve our members and God’s kingdom well. Pray that <b>newcomers would be integrated well</b>. Pray also for our <b>Newcomers Evening tonight at Night Church</b>. Give thanks for the good number of ‘newish’ people who have joined us at Night Church. Pray that tonight’s supper is informative and encouraging and that newcomers would be able to see the next steps in serving God alongside us at St Faith’s.</p>
<p><i>MON</i> 9</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Ben Molyneux as he leads a Bible Study after ESL today with students who are interested in reading the Bible together</b>. Pray that God would use this time to reveal himself to those who don’t know him and draw near to those who do. Ask that students would grasp something of the importance of the Easter celebrations as they point to God’s work through Jesus.</p> <p><b>JESUS CLUB</b> (for adults with intellectual disability)- Give thanks for our <b>supper volunteers</b> from various St Faiths services who have jumped on board with food for Jesus Club and encouraged our small team. Pray for <b>Ben Molyneux as he teaches tonight about Easter</b> and how we can be forgiven because of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Pray for our members as they consider God’s rescue plan for them.</p>
<p><i>TUE</i> 10</p>	<p><b>MISSION – IRWAN &amp; Catherine – AFES at UOW</b> (Australian Federation of Evangelical Students at Wollongong Uni) Thank God for the great response during orientation week and Easter mission pray the 200+ students who responded are all followed up well. Pray for the group at Campus East college who are studying the Book of Acts with Irwan, pray these students are moved by the Holy Spirit to also be mission minded. Thank God for those students who are keen to train in sharing the gospel with international students; pray for Irwan to be able to train them to share the gospel well. Pray particularly for God to work in the hearts of three international students Irwan is getting to know and for those Catherine meets with to read the bible together; pray they come to trust Jesus.</p>
<p><i>WED</i> 11</p>	<p>Thank God for all who attended our church AGM and prayed for the election of leaders. Pray for the members of the <b>new Parish Council</b> Stuart Neilson, David Tucker, Linda Ryan, Bob Saville, Jeanette Madden, Yoanto Wakimin, Jack Milnes and Tim Tunbridge. Also pray for the <b>Wardens</b> Lyn Butcher, Tim Harpur and David While. Give thanks for their willingness to serve in this way and pray that God will give them wisdom and guidance in all their decisions for the church.</p>
<p><i>THU</i> 12</p>	<p>Give thanks for the Quilting and Needlwork Club as they fellowship and share time and skills together each Thursday morning. Pray for stamina for Judith who co-ordinates this group as well as the Scrapbooking group that meets monthly on a Monday.</p>
<p><i>FRI</i> 13</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Mitch serving on the KYCK committee over the next three weekends in the Blue Mountains</b>. Ask that God would sustain him in helping to run the youth convention, and that many of the 6000 teenagers would come to know Jesus for the first time or grow in their faith in Christ if they are already his followers.</p>

SAT 14	Pray for those <b>families travelling during these school holidays and for those travelling for work</b> . Pray for all the <b>school leavers</b> now venturing into the world and finding their feet, pray they <b>will keep God as their rudder, as they do tertiary studies and settle into the workforce</b> .
SUN 15	Pray for the <b>leaders of the Jesus Club ministry as they meet today to plan and pray for the term ahead</b> . Ask that God would continue to sustain them for this ministry and give them energy to serve in it. Thank God for team members including <b>Glenn Windschuttel, Verity Holland, Josh Wilson, Dan Harvey and Iain Sills plus others</b> .
MON 16	<b>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> - Thank God for His continued provision for The Cottage. Thank God for each of the counsellors and pray they will be very aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit leading and guiding them. Give thanks for the Men's breakfast at Mona Vale on Saturday 10th March where Cottage counsellors spoke about domestic abuse; please pray for those men as they look at how to play their role in making our churches safe places. Pray for the team as they talk with churches about raising awareness about domestic abuse. Pray for wisdom in writing Grant Applications to RSL clubs and Councils.
TUE 17	<b>GUMNUT KINDY</b> – Give thanks for a successful result with ACECQA (accreditation) with the Kindy meeting accreditation in all areas! Give thanks for interest from people in being on the Management Committee - please pray that they will all work together for God's glory. Give thanks for the dedication and commitment of Natalie Leeson to Gumnut for the past 13 years; please continue to pray for direction in her new path. Give thanks for all the lovely and loving families at Gumnut, please pray for enrolments for 2018 and 2019.
WED 18	<b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> - Ask God to continue to guide the committee for the Community Pantry in trying to reach families who are struggling with hidden poverty. Give thanks for the support that The Community Pantry has from people in our area. Pray for that relationship to continue to strengthen as together we help those in need and struggling with homelessness, finances, emotional problems and loneliness.
THU 19	Pray for <b>Rosemary MacGregor our Women's Ministry worker</b> as she focuses on pastoring, mentoring and training women, in particular those at Morning Church, pray for wisdom for her as she undertakes this role and for women in this congregation to respond with enthusiasm and grow and mature as they follow Jesus. Ask God to sustain Rosemary as she balances work and family.
FRI 20	<b>MISSION – Chris &amp; Karen Webb – Broome</b> - Thank God that the manager at Milliya Rumurra, the local drug and alcohol rehab centre for Aboriginal people, has given Geoff permission to visit every Friday at 2pm in a chaplain type role. Pray for wisdom for Geoff and opportunity to be a good listener as well as sharer of God's good news in that place.
SAT 21	Pray for those preaching this weekend including <b>Marcus</b> at today and at ARVO & WAC tomorrow <b>Philip</b> at Traditional Church and at Night Church <b>Jeanette McCausland</b> with a focus on the Persecuted Church; pray the Holy Spirit guides each of them.

SUN 22	<b>WAR VETS</b> – (RSL Village) Pray for the ANZAC Service at the War Vets and for those veterans who have lost mates or suffer from PTSD who find ANZAC DAY difficult pray the chaplains and staff can be sensitive and caring of their needs particularly at this time. Pray chaplain Tony may be able to begin a bible study group for younger veterans. Pray for Tony's sister who has moved into a hostel for respite and assessment, pray she settles into the Village.
MON 23	<b>ESL</b> (English as a Second Language classes) - Pray for the new <b>ESL teacher training course due to start next term</b> . That people will be led to do the training and join the ESL team. Please pray for Ben as he leads the post class Bible Study, and for the students as they learn more about Jesus.
TUE 24	<b>SCRIPTURE</b> - Pray for God to raise up an <b>SRE Teacher for Cromer Campus</b> so students there will have opportunities to learn about Jesus. Pray for all <b>infants and primary SRE teachers</b> as they prepare for Term 2; pray they are getting to know the students in their classes and those students are keen to learn more from the Bible and about God's love for them. Pray for more people to train as scripture teachers to maintain the numbers needed at the five public schools in our area.
WED 25	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> - Give thanks to <b>God this day for the peace and security we enjoy in Australia</b> , which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. Pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. <b>That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth</b> . 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.
THU 26	Pray for <b>Gumtrees Playtime</b> that will be starting term 2 next Wednesday. Pray for supportive friendships to grow amongst the many mothers and children who come along. Give thanks for Emma and others who help co-ordinate this play group; pray for more helpers to share tasks like morning tea during the morning.
FRI 27	Pray for <b>Soulies youth attending KYCK this weekend</b> , that they would have a rich time of fellowship in Christ, and that all the youth attending would grow in their love and knowledge of Christ. Pray for our youth leaders who are accompanying them.
SAT 28	<b>MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye- teaching at bible college Tanzania-</b> Give thanks for the 16 Masai men, women and children baptised at a service in Mondulil led by Pastor Isaka who trained at Munguishi Bible College and now also teaching there. Keep praying for Munguishi - for Principal Joseph Bea , for the teachers, for the students as they learn, for cooks and maintenance staff and for the crops that feed the students.
SUN 29	Pray for Philip preaching at Traditional Church and pray for energy for Ben who is preaching at four services this weekend; <b>pray God will speak through Philip and Ben and move us to follow and honour Jesus all the more</b> .
MON 30	<b>MISSION – Daniel &amp; Liv Webster – They will be moving to Namibia to teach in theological college in mid-June</b> , God willing, Namibian government willing. Pray for stamina as they and their four young boys prepare for this move and for endurance in meeting and loving new people at their partner churches, when they are tired and introverted.
<b>Deadline for next Prayer Diary</b> prayer points: <b>Tuesday, 24th April 2018</b> . Send in writing to the office or email to <a href="mailto:office@stfaiths.org.au">office@stfaiths.org.au</a> <i>Note: We may not be able to include everything.</i>	