

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY November 2018

Hosea 2:19-20 I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.

<p>THU 1</p>	<p>Pray for Trent and his family to be refreshed in the Lord as they go on holidays for two weeks. MISSION - Irwan and Catherine AFES at Uni of Wollongong - Give thanks for the final week of uni study and pray for students as they prepare for their exams. Pray for Irwan and the team as they encourage the students to keep living for Jesus during the coming 3 months break. Pray for their upcoming AFES Wollongong Partnership Dinner (3rd Nov). Pray for H, A and M from ME that God will have mercy on them and open their hearts to His gospel; pray for Irwan and Catherine as they share their life and His good news with them. Pray for preparations for NTE (National Training Event 1st - 9th Dec). Pray for the Indian and the Japanese ladies who are meeting with Catherine for bible study each week - may our God be merciful, drawing them to know and trust Him as their Lord and Saviour.</p>
<p>FRI 2</p>	<p>Give thanks for the work Rachel Purcell is involved in at Cromer Campus teaching SRE. Thank God for raising up a suitably gifted teacher who fits so well into the Cromer community; pray that Rachel would be discerning and wise with opportunities she is given to speak of Jesus and his love and kindness to us. Pray for the Cromer Campus community as their grieve the recent passing of a student - pray that God would open up opportunities for Christians in that school.</p>
<p>SAT 3</p>	<p>WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH – Give thanks for the good turnout at the WAC Food and Friendship church service last month; pray many of these visitors will come along to church again; pray for upcoming events at WAC in November including a visit tomorrow from missionaries Geoff and Martha Boye returning from Munguishi Bible College in Tanzania; for the Remembrance Day Service on 11th November and White Ribbon Day service on 25th November. Pray hearts will be opened to the Lord on these days.</p>
<p>SUN 4</p>	<p>Pray for the Soulies youth leaders meeting tonight and ask that they would be productive in their preparation for Summercamp, and thoughtful about how to clearly share the gospel with the youth there. WAR VETS - Pray that Tony's holiday from 6th -20th will renew him spiritually, emotionally and physically and that he and Gina will get a few days away together. Pray God will sustain Chaplain Bob and the volunteers in Tony's absence. Pray for Glen, one of the Homes For Heroes men who has been operated on for cancer and although not a Christian has been greatly appreciative of the prayers on his behalf; pray his cancer will go into remission and that he comes to faith.</p>
<p>MON 5</p>	<p>Give thanks for our Jesus Club team including Iain S, Sandy G, Bec S, Natalie B, Glenn W, Dan F & Dan H. Pray we remain committed to this unique opportunity to teach and share fellowship with adults with Intellectual disabilities. Pray God speaks to our members and can use us to show Jesus' love for his people. Pray for our members who come each week - for Ryan, Pippy, Ben, Adam, Kathryn and Brendan - pray that they would learn more about God through the Bible talk, buddy time and through the lives of those leading them.</p>
<p>TUE 6</p>	<p>Thank God for those who serve on the staff team at Narrabeen and Warriewood, giving time and energy to leading in teaching from children to youth to older members of our congregations. As they meet today for the monthly "All Staff Lunch and meeting", ask God to give Kerry wisdom to coordinate the team's efforts effectively. Pray especially that they would have good ideas to make the most of outreach opportunities over Christmas.</p>

WED 7	<p>Thank God that he continues to speak to us through his Word the Bible. Pray that God's Holy Spirit would inspire Kerry as he prepares to speak from Hosea 8 and 9 this Sunday. Ask that God would shape us all to better be like Christ through his word.</p> <p>TCP – Pray for the volunteers at The Community Pantry tonight, that they are able to show Jesus love as they provide for and care for the guests. Pray for the team who coordinates and supports the administration of TPC including Kathy, Ruth, Sue, Kim, Linda and others.</p>
THU 8	<p>Thank God for the chance that Nerilyn and Kerry have to share Christian hope at the Elizabeth Jenkins Place aged care facility at Collaroy. Pray that the frail and weak residents who attend the service there would be able to connect with God's love for them in Christ.</p>
FRI 9	<p>Saturday and Arvo Church weekend away. Give thanks that Saturday and Arvo church can spend the whole weekend together. Pray for good fellowship over the weekend and for Neil S as he shares on Saturday night from God's Word.</p>
SAT 10	<p>Pray for the members of our church involved in primary school SRE in our area. Give thanks for Jo Harpur and her coordination of this ministry and pray for each teacher, as they begin to wrap up the year with their classes, that God would use them to proclaim the good news of the gospel to the students in their class. Ask God to give open hearts to the students and their families as they are invited to our Christmas services.</p>
SUN 11	<p>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb – Broome Peoples Church, WA - Chris and Karen ask that we pray for 3 christian Kimberley indigenous men. For Jason who is disabled and living in a group home; thank God for Jason's daily witness to his housemates and carers who also hear the gospel when they bring him to church; two are quite positive about church; ask God to move them to trust in Jesus. For Paul and John, from Yiyili community 600km from Broome, who are committed to leading the church in their community despite little ministry training, they are keen to be baptised and to share the gospel with their people. Ask God to help Paul and John persevere in trusting Jesus and serving him. Ask God to give Chris wisdom as he talks with them on the phone and to work out ways to help them be better equipped for teaching the Bible and leading the Yiyili church.</p>
MON 12	<p>Give thanks to God for the work that Ellen Stretton has been involved in at Narrabeen Sports High School this year in the welfare team. Thank God for the amazing conversations that Ellen has been able to have, the support she is for the school as a whole, and the care she is able to give to all students - but particularly those who are struggling with various life circumstances. Pray that God would sustain and energise Ellen for this good work that he has prepared in advance for her to be a part of.</p>
TUE 13	<p>Give thanks for the freedom we have to meet weekly in small groups to read God's word and share our lives together. Pray our Tuesday morning Women's Small Group leaders Bev, Sarah, Ruth, Kaye and Rosemary would love and serve the women in their groups in God's strength.</p>
WED 14	<p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop CREDO AT UTS – Pray for building relationships with incoming student leaders and helping them develop a Jesus-centred vision for CREDO ministry next year. Pray for students to consider how they can be a light for Christ on campus next year. Pray that graduating students would keep trusting in Jesus, and persevere in their faith through challenging work environments and the shift from student life to full-time work.</p> <p>TCP – Pray for those serving at The Community Pantry tonight including Rob and Kate providing music; pray mothers and children especially feel welcomed and cared for.</p>
THU 15	<p>Pray for the Morning Church women as they gather tonight for a Coffee & Dessert Night for fellowship and a time to thank God for how he has worked in their lives this year.</p>

<i>FRI</i> 16	Give thanks for the Cottage Counselling Centre . Pray for Neil S, Guy A, Jennie L, Dianne G, Lindsay W, Peter and Gayle D as they meet together tonight as the Cottage Board . Pray that they will work well together and be a great support to the counsellors.
<i>SAT</i> 17	Pray for Trent, Neil, and Philip as they preach across the weekend . Ask God to prepare congregations to receive his word from Hosea 11. MISSION – Dan and Liv Webster – Namibia – Praise God for the visit from CMS representatives David and Rachel who gave support and encouragement and further understanding of how missionaries are not always viewed positively in Namibia. Pray Dan and Liv and their friends will not pull back from loving people even if they get the sense that they are not wanted in Namibia. Praise God that he changes people; that He is the answer to Namibia's and the world's problems; pray Christian education will be well taught in schools there.
<i>SUN</i> 18	MISSION – Craig Glassock - Vinegrowers - Ask God to give Craig great wisdom and insight as he works with pastors and their leaders. Pray Vine project churches and leaders grow deeply in their convictions about what a disciple is, how they are made, who makes them and where; and for wisdom regarding how and when to implement change in their churches. Ask God to raise financial partners to support networks in South Africa and South America wanting support from Vinegrowers; and to grow their capacity to provide online training for pastors.
<i>MON</i> 19	Please pray for Donna Kane as she sits her final Bible college exam at SMBC . Pray that she would grow in her knowledge and understanding of Gods word and his love. Give thanks for Kaye Burton and her enthusiasm for craft as she shares her gifts with our members at Jesus Club tonight . Pray that as we build our nativity scene for Christmas over the coming weeks this will help us explain God's greatest gift to us all in Jesus. Thank God for those who have served Jesus Club this year on the supper team - Kaye, James, Gloria, Cathie, Pat, Bev, John, Mardi, Carole and Simon - and ask that they too would be blessed by being a part of this ministry.
<i>TUE</i> 20	WAR VETS - Pray the Men's Day Out 22nd Nov to Berrima and Southern Highlands is a good day of connecting with the men and for opportunities for the Christian men to share their faith. Pray Rev Mark Short, the Director of Bush Church Aid will share an appropriate message and update on the Mission at the chapel service on Sunday 25 th November and that people will be responsive to his message and supportive towards BCA.
<i>WED</i> 21	Give thanks for all the members of the Church Choir ; pray for Andrew Channon and the others as they plan and practice for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 23 rd December. TCP – Pray the guests at The Community Pantry are aware of the love of Jesus tonight. Give thanks for those guests supporting each other, pray this sense of community grows.
<i>THU</i> 22	Thank God that he includes us in His plans for His world. Pray for the Senior Staff including Kerry, Philip, Rosemary, Ben, Neil, Marcus, Trent, Mitch, and others as they go away today and tomorrow to review and plan for future ministry at St Faith's. Ask God to inspire them all with His passion to see more people come to Christ. Also, pray that they would plan well for the continuing care and leadership of all the different members of our various congregations. Pray we would be God's light and salt on the Northern Beaches.
<i>FRI</i> 23	COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank the Lord that He is powerfully at work through The Cottage bringing His healing to clients; pray the Lord will sustain each of the counsellors. Pray Jen and the team will be open to be led by the Holy Spirit in the process of finding a new Intern counsellor for next year. Pray the Lord will place it on the right person's heart to be the new book keeper replacing Charlene after 6 years; give thanks for her service.

SAT 24	SUMMERCAMP - pray that many young people would register for the Soulies Summercamp in January. Pray for Mitch as he prepares talks on Ephesians; ask that he would be faithful and clear as he explains this part of God's word.
SUN 25	Pray for Ben and Marcus as they speak today at St Faith's and WAC on the topic of domestic abuse and violence for White Ribbon Day - a day for men to take a stand against domestic violence. Pray for the Traditional Church taskforce including Philip, Christine B, Nola M and others meeting today to plan and care for the members of the Traditional congregation.
MON 26	Pray for ESL students in the lead up to Christmas , that the Spirit will be working to open their hearts, to the message of the gospel. Pray too for the teachers who work with the children , including Pat Franklin, Annie Selman, Cathie Molyneux, Xuwei Wu, Jeanette McCausland, and Jo Harpur . Give thanks for the songs, puppets and pencil/paper tasks that enable them to share Jesus with the children.
TUE 27	Pray for the Jelly Wobbles today as they lead the end of year Christmas celebration at Elanora Heights Public School today . Pray for Alec Green, Tilly Madder and Jordan Molyneux - that they would lead this in a way that points students and staff to Jesus as the real reason for Christmas. Pray that God would sustain the Jelly Wobbles through a busy few weeks, including concerts at Collaroy Plateau Public school tomorrow too . Pray for "The Welcome Package" course that starts tonight . Pray that it will help our Church be ready and equipped to welcome visitors over the Christmas and January period. Pray for Neil Souter as he runs this course over the next two Tuesday nights.
WED 28	MISSION - Stu Robinson – 'Power to Change' - Praise God for their upcoming launch dates on this Friday 30th of November, and on 6th of December. Pray for them as they prepare for these dates and pray that God will go before them and prepare people's hearts to hear his Word. Please pray also as Stu searches for the final \$200.00 per month for his personal funding, that he will be patient waiting for God's provisions and that God will guide him to those who are able to Partner financially. TCP – Give thanks for all the volunteers who serve at The Community Pantry , ask God to sustain them as they prepare, cook, serve and clean up on Wednesday nights. Pray for the team as they prepare for special Christmas Dinners and especially for extra opportunities for sharing the gospel that Christmas celebrations provide.
THU 29	GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks for their staff and for the team; including the three new staff members on the team who are all committed to Gumnut and the St Faith's ethos. Give thanks for the success of the 'kindy restaurant', over 80% of children attended, give thanks for the generosity of the parents, the diversity of cultures and the opportunity of the staff to serve the family community in this way. Pray for preparations for the end of the year, for the concert on 8th December and for finalising the children's portfolios. Pray for Robyn Waters as she finalises accounts to be passed on at the end of the year.
FRI 30	Pray for the Soulies Schoolies trip to Forster this week, ask that Mitch would lead this trip well and that it would be a helpful time considering God's word and serving the local church and community.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday, 20th November 2018**. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*