

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY December 2018

John 8:12b I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

<p>SAT 1</p>	<p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop – CREDO at UTS - Pray that the 1900+ students who are attending the National Training Event NTE (1-5 Dec) and missions that follow would grow in their faith and skills in evangelism and ministry. Ask God to sustain the staff and volunteers at NTE particularly James as he leads the Technical team. Pray for opportunities to connect and share the gospel through Summer Session at UTS, that Credo students would make the most of meeting new classmates and investing in friendships with a hope of sharing Jesus.</p> <p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at UOW – pray also for UOW students attending the NTE; pray they keep growing, loving and serving God over the summer. Pray for Catherine as she prepares an evangelistic talk for a gingerbread event at church (8 Dec). Pray God opens doors for Irwan to share the gospel during a visit to family in Indonesia (Dec 12-16). Pray for perseverance rest and now and for refreshment as they take a break during early January.</p> <p>MISSION – Stuart Robinson – Power - to - Change - Praise God that He has provided \$25,000 for the fund-raising appeal for all the technical equipment needed. Give thanks for the launch for the ministry yesterday and pray for the next launch on Thursday 6thDec. Pray for all the youth at these events, for God to prepare their hearts to respond to the gospel.</p>
<p>SUN 2</p>	<p>Ask God to sustain Neil and Kerry and give them the right words as they preach this weekend on a confronting passage from the book of Hosea. Pray for Neil as he speaks at the Norwest Anglican Trades school tomorrow. Pray that Neil will be able to encourage the young Christian tradespeople to keep following and trusting Jesus as they enter the trade. Pray for (Gumnut Director) Trish's grandson Joel, undergoing his second open heart surgery tomorrow.</p>
<p>MON 3</p>	<p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles (Alec, Tilly & Jordan) as they visit the students at St Luke's Bayview today. Pray the message of the gospel being good news for both the 'naughty and the nice' would capture the hearts of students and help them see that Jesus is the real meaning of Christmas! Thank God for the partnership with St Luke's and for this opportunity to serve them. Give thanks for the members of Jesus Club who have been coming along this year to learn more about Jesus and have a great time doing it. Pray for Pippy, Ben, Adam, Ryan, Kathryn & Brendan. Thank God for the opportunity and privilege we have had to serve them during the year. Pray that Jesus Club would continue to serve them well in growing in understanding Jesus' love for them.</p>
<p>TUE 4</p>	<p>Pray for Neil as he leads the last night of "The Welcome Package" a course to help our members welcome people into the life of our church well.</p> <p>WAC- WARRIEWOOD BROOK - Thank God that Marcus received no permanent injuries after his cycling accident and is recovering well. Thank God for all the support and encouragement that Marcus received and for his wife Helen who did an amazing job looking after their kids while he was in hospital. Give thanks that Kerry Nagel was able to cover Marcus at short notice at WAC. Give thanks for the Chaplaincy training that Marcus, Deborah and Carol have been doing; pray they will become more effective in pastoral situations, and that God will bring to light ways Chaplaincy needs to change to bring God's love in word and action into Warriewood Brook. Give thanks for the great turnout at both the Friendship and Food service and Remembrance Day service. Pray God's Spirit will be at work in soft hearts and breaking down the walls of hard hearts of all those who attended.</p>
<p>WED 5</p>	<p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles as they visit the students at Narrabeen Lakes Public School today. Thank God for those that make this ministry happen behind the scenes, including Al & Michelle Madder and our sound man, David Stiles. Thank God for their commitment to getting the message of Christ out to students at Christmas time through music and skits. Give thanks for all the SRE teachers who have laboured hard in their classes during the year.</p>

	<p>Thank God for Jo Harpur and her oversight of this ministry; pray the celebration and planning lunch today would be a wonderful time of thanksgiving for God's work in SRE in 2018. Pray that God would raise up new SRE teachers for 2019.</p> <p>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks to God for the opportunity to share with the guests at TCP. Pray for the guests at The Pantry to know the love of God through the people who serve. Pray for those struggling with sickness including Maggie, Phillip, Maria, Nathan and Madeleine that His comfort and love is shown through the Christians there.</p>
THU 6	<p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles as they visit students at Covenant Christian School today. Pray that God would sustain them in such a busy week and that God would use them to inspire and encourage the kids at this school.</p> <p>Thank God for those who have prepared lunch for our Senior's Christmas Lunch tomorrow. Pray many guests would join our regular members at this event. Ask God to use our speaker Anson Austin, to point those who attend to Christ, & the significance of God coming among us.</p>
FRI 7	<p>SOULIES - Give thanks for the youth leaders who give their time, energy and efforts to serving the young people in our church. Pray that they will grow in their faith and unity as they spend time on their leaders retreat this weekend; pray for safety while driving to the Blue Mountains Pray for Mitch and Georgia as they lead this team, ask God to help them to point the leaders to Jesus drawing closer as a leadership team and continue to develop a team united in prayerful dependence on God as they spend time understanding Ephesians to teach on Summercamp in January and spend time planning for 2019.</p> <p>Pray for the Morning Church Men's End of Year BBQ that is taking place tonight. Pray this is a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement to finish up the year together. Pray also that new relationships would be formed, existing relationships strengthened, and that God would use this night to grow the faith of our men. Thank God for Alan Madder who is hosting.</p> <p>Pray for The Cottage Counselling Christmas dinner at the Souter's house tonight. Pray there will be good fellowship around dinner. Give thanks for The Cottage staff and the wonderful work they have done this year in showing Christ's love to the community. Pray for The Board as they look at ways to increase the number of people financially supporting this work in 2019.</p>
SAT 8	<p>GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate with the families at the end of the year at the Christmas concert today; pray the gospel will be presented clearly through song and the children's message. Pray for the hearts of all to be open to the word. Pray that families might be moved to attend the Christmas services as a result. Pray for all staff as they work on finishing up for the year. Give thanks for the coming holidays, pray for safe travels and rest for all.</p>
SUN 9	<p>Pray for Philip, Ben and Marcus as they preach on the final passage of Hosea today, pray we take heed and recognise the extent of God's love and mercy for his people then and for us now and remain faithful followers.</p> <p>MISSION Dan & Liv Webster – Namibia Thank God that the Webster's' have settled on a church and that the boys seem to be making a few friends. Give thanks for the new and growing friendship with the Nell family. Give thanks for good feedback from the students regarding Dan's teaching. Ask God that the students learn great things as they study. Ask God to give Dan and Liv godliness and patience with each other and sustain them when they are frequently weary. Pray also for the many missionaries being ejected from China with the huge upheaval for them and the churches they leave behind. Ask God to strengthen his church in China through this.</p>
MON 10	<p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles as they visit students at St Luke's Grammar School in Dee Why today. They will be performing at a whole school assembly, so pray that God would calm any nerves of Alec, Tilly and Jordy and ask that God would make their message clear and clever so that students will grasp the importance of the gospel at Christmas. Thank God for the many</p>

	teachers from St Faith's and their witness to Christ, including Julie Smith, Debbie Peters, Jenny Pollock and others.
TUE 11	Please pray for ESL students as they hear the Christmas message , that the Spirit will motivate them to ask questions and to come to a Christmas service . Pray too for our teachers and team as they wind down for the Christmas break, including Lisa McDonald, Ashley Whaley, Kathy Neilson, Nick Molyneux, Rod Smith, Sue Jacobs and Chris Roderick . Please pray for rest and restoration over the holiday period.
WED 12	TCP - Give thanks for Rob Jacobs and Kate Robinson who play music and entertain children each week at the Community Pantry. Ask God to open hearts to the words in the Christian music and that his Holy Spirit will work in those hearts to remember the words of the songs.
THU 13	Pray for Rachel Purcell as she finishes the year teaching SRE at Cromer Campus . Pray that the Christmas season would provide many opportunities for her to share the gospel, both formally and informally, and that she would finish things well. Pray that God would encourage her seeing the fruit of some of her efforts during the year. Also thank God for the Board members who have served in this ministry during 2018 including David Curnow, Jean Brittle and Simon & Penny Hunter . Thank God for their faithfulness and willingness to oversee this ministry.
FRI 14	SOULIES - Give thanks for our youth ministry Soulies, particularly for the many young people who have grown in their faith in 2018 or come to know Jesus for the first time. Pray that tonight's end of year party at Collaroy Beach will be a great celebration of this and that the youth will keep trusting Jesus over the holidays
SAT 15	Thank God for the large team of people who have served in kids ministry at Morning Church during 2018 . Give thanks for Kylie Love's oversight of the group. Thank God for Josh, Alex, Bailey, Zak, Natalie, Sally, Jeanette, Ella and Matt - thank God for their faithfulness to God's word, their commitment to serving the families of Morning Church and for the blessing they have been to our children during the year. Also thank God for our Pre-School team of teachers including Rosemary, Ruth, Lauren, Liz, Dave, Christine, Bron and the team of helpers .
SUN 16	Praise God for the encouragement we receive each week through the service of those in our music ministries across our congregations . Thank God for the hard work and commitment of those who lead our music ministry teams at each of our congregations: for Evie Anderson (Saturday Church), Andrew Channon (Traditional Church), Michelle, Scott & Brad (Morning Church), Dan Morton (Arvo Church) and Jake Madder (Night Church) .
MON 17	Pray for the final meeting and Christmas dinner at Jesus Club tonight . Give thanks for the faithfulness of each leader who has served this year, along with those who have provided supper, including Carole Farr, James Goulding, Bev Menzies, Gloria Hardman, Cathie Molyneux, Pat Franklin and many others . Thank God for the blessing of being able to share the gospel with all people and for the joyous time that Jesus Club has been during the year.
TUE 18	Pray for many youths to register for Soulies Summercamp in January and pray that God will sustain the leaders as they prepare for this. Ask God for his Spirit's guidance particularly for Mitch as he prepares 6 talks from the book of Ephesians Pray for the members of the Traditional Church Choir including Andrew who leads and organist Helen as they practice in the lead up to the Lessons and Carols service on the 23rd .
WED 19	Give thanks for the opportunity to bring the love of the Lord Jesus through actions to guests at The Community Pantry . Pray for the Christmas Dinner for Chris, Kathy, Charis, Ruth, and many others in the preparations of food and those cleaning, carving, serving, setting up and that the organisation goes smoothly and there is a hamper and gift for every guest. Give thanks to our Lord for this opportunity to share His amazing love.
THU 20	Pray for our Thanksgiving Service at tonight at church . Pray that it will be a helpful time of remembrance for those who have lost a loved one and those who are supporting them. Pray for those grieving for whom Christmas is a very difficult time. Ask that God will be their PTO

	source of comfort and strength, and those suffering will come before God prayerfully asking for his help. Pray for Mitch Everingham as he speaks and for Rosemary MacGregor as she leads the service . Pray that God would use them and others serving on the night, to promote the love of God in this service.
FRI 21	MISSION -Craig Glassock – Vinegrowers - Ask God to transform Craig as he learns Christ, to keep 'putting off the old self, and putting on the new'; pray for great wisdom and insight for him as he works with church leaders. Ask God to deepen convictions & transform those leading culture change in churches in the Vine Project and for wisdom regarding how and when to implement change. Ask God to raise financial partners for Vinegrowers to increase capacity to support churches around the world, particularly in South Africa & South America.
SAT 22	Thank God for the Choir, who have prepared thoroughly to lead our Traditional Lessons and Carols Christmas Service at Traditional Church 8.30am tomorrow . Ask our Heavenly Father to sustain Helen Channon as she plays the organ , and to help Kerry Nagel to explain the significance of Jesus coming clearly to all who attend. WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS - Pray women will keep reading the bible and praying whilst small groups are not meeting; pray for opportunities to catch up with and keep encouraging each other over the holiday period. Pray for patience and godliness over Christmas with family who are sometimes difficult to love.
SUN 23	Pray for the Baptism Service happening at Night Church tonight . Give thanks for the people who will be taking this next step forward in their faith and publicly professing their faith in Christ. Pray that this is a wonderful time of celebration and joy as people share with one another the work that God has done in each of them.
MON 24	CHRISTMAS EVE Pray for many children and families to attend and hear about Jesus at our Christmas Eve celebrations with the Jelly Wobbles and Wobblers children's choir, pray for God to sustain Ben as he oversees these two events and the evening service.
TUE 25	CHRISTMAS DAY Pray many attend our Christmas services at St Faiths at 8am and 9.30am and at WAC at 9am. Pray what is preached from the Word of God prompts many visitors attending to include God in their lives every day and not just on Christmas Day.
WED 26	TCP - Pray for the organisation of the concert at Mona Vale next March with The Community Pantry and Sydney Street Choir to run smoothly. Give thanks for Kim Williams and Linda Ryan organising it and pray they receive confirmation from those in charge and volunteers from St. Faith's to join with the choir.
THU 27	Pray for the Young Adult Community Groups to finish the year well by celebrating the work God has done among them and through them. Ask God to provoke those with leadership qualities to consider leading groups in the year(s) to come.
FRI 28	BEACH MISSIONS – Pray for the many missions up and down the coast; ask God for safety in travel and enthusiasm in taking His word to the people. Pray that many come to know the saving grace and wisdom that comes from God.
SAT 29	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb Broome - Give thanks for the Webbs support for Aboriginal Christians in Broome and the Kimberley. Praise God for what he is doing in remote areas in WA; especially in Yiyili 600 km east of Broome. Ask God to guide Pastor Paul and John as they lead and encourage their community to follow Christ, especially men and young people. Pray follow up from Christmas leads to ongoing growth in Broome Peoples Church.
SUN 30	WAR VETS – Give thanks for the chaplaincy team at the War Vets including Tony and others; pray they can pastor sensitively as they support those who are sorrowful at this time of year.
MON 31	Praise the Lord for his eternal love and mercy. Ask God to bless our endeavours as we serve Him and seek to share the gospel and care for others in many ways throughout 2019.

Deadline for the January Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 18th December 2018.