

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY December 2019

*Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord.*

SUN 1	<p>Give thanks for Jasmin, Charlotte, Ellen, David and Samantha who have decided to be baptised at Night Church today. Give thanks they have come to know and love Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and pray that as they take this step of publicly declaring their faith it would be a great celebration of the salvation they have in him and ask God to continue to help them to grow in their relationship with him in the years to come.</p> <p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at Uni of Wollongong - Pray that students at NTE (National Training Event 1 – 4 Dec) will grow in their love for God and his word and in their desire to share the hope that they have with others. Pray that God will use the NTE mission teams and the local churches to reach many people with the good news. Give thanks that 4 students from the Indonesian group in Surabaya can join NTE this year; pray for Irwan as he looks after them and teaches a group in Indonesian. Pray for Irwan and Catherine's church "Community Christmas Celebration" on 7th December. Pray that they may be a blessing to their local community and make connections that will lead to people being saved.</p>
MON 2	<p>ESL Pray for students and teachers as they have their last lesson of the year today followed by a Christmas Lunch and celebration; pray students will hear the message of Christmas and will seek to know Christ, and in His timing, that many will come into His kingdom. As we come to the end of our ESL year, we thank our Heavenly Father for leading us, and directing us as a team. We have been reliant on Him week by week to empower us and to carry us. We give Him thanks for the unity of our ministry team and the many gifts being exercised at ESL. We especially pray for our ESL Christmas service 4pm Sunday 22nd that students will come, and that God will be glorified.</p> <p>JESUS CLUB - Pray for the Jesus Club Christmas Celebration tonight as this ministry wraps up for another year. Thank God for the wonderful members of Jesus Club – Pippy, Ryan, Brendan, Dylan, Ben, Kathryn and Adam. Pray that their time at Jesus Club is a blessing to them.</p>
TUE 3	<p>MISSION - Fiona Kirsop CREDO at UTS – Pray for students currently at NTE to be trained in, transformed by and sent out with the gospel. Pray for Credo Summer Hangouts each Thursday in December. Pray that students would be welcoming and inviting new people, that they would grow in Christ as they listen to the talks, and that a real and thriving community would come together over summer.</p>
WED 4	<p>WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Thank God for the Chaplaincy Event at Warriewood Brook on 'Facing End of Life with Positivity' with Rev. Andrew Heron. Thank God for his insight into the subject, for those who attended who do not normally attend church and pray that many will be encouraged to know further about the hope that is in the risen Jesus. Please pray for Marcus as he takes 5 weeks of leave; pray that God will refresh and rejuvenate Marcus and Helen over this time to enjoy God and all the good things that God has given.</p> <p>ACTING SENIOR MINISTER – Give thanks for Rev Barry Dudding who will be our Acting Senior Rector until a permanent Senior Rector is appointed; give thanks for his many years of experience leading churches including those that have gone through this process before. Pray we are all welcoming and helpful as necessary.</p>

THU 5	Give thanks for thanks for those preparing for the St Faith's Christmas Lunch at church tomorrow , including Christine, Nola and Shirley from Traditional church. Pray as those who come along share lunch and hear Gumnut Kindy children sing it will be a time of rejoicing in the birth of our Lord.
FRI 6	THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - give thanks for the Cottage Counselling centre and for all the counsellors. Pray that The Cottage board and the counsellors have a wonderful end of year dinner at Neil Souter's house this evening. Pray for the Soulies youth leaders who are on their leaders retreat this weekend and ask that God would refresh them in the faith in Christ and help them to plan well for 2020. Give thanks for their sacrificial love and service of the teenagers in our church and pray for wisdom and love as they seek to reach more teenagers on the northern beaches
SAT 7	Pray for Tim Rodd and Emma Cavanagh as they are married today . Pray that God would bless their married life together as they seek to honour him and serve him in their lives. Pray that the service today is a wonderful celebration that reflects and honours the love that Jesus has for his people.
SUN 8	Please pray for any end of school/year gatherings that we attend! Ask God to help us be lights for Jesus and give us opportunities to speak about what Christmas is really about . Give thanks for the many children who attended Scripture at our local schools this year; pray they remember Jesus at Christmas time. Pray for refreshment for the SRE teachers during the holidays and pray for sufficient teachers for all classes next year.
MON 9	GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks for the opportunities we have had of nurturing so many children from preschool to school over the past two years. Please pray for, the last weeks of Kindy, may they be full of joy for all as we celebrate Christ's birth and also for the final days for those moving on.
TUE 10	SOULIES - give thanks for Soulies Summercamp taking place at the end of January, and pray that in the lead up to registrations that close on Dec 20 that many young people would sign up so they can grow in their love for Jesus or hear the gospel for the first time
WED 11	Please pray for wisdom in how we spend our money over the Christmas season and remember those who have little and give to others where we can. Give thanks for the greatest gift of all – Jesus! Thank god for his enormous love for us ; being willing to give his Son so we could have a relationship with Him again.
THU 12	Give thanks for the Choir and organists who lead the hymn singing each Sunday at Traditional Church; pray for them as they practice for the Carol Service on 22nd . Give thanks for Andrew Channon as he leads the choir and for Jan, Nerilyn and Rosemary, who play the organ. NOMINATORS – Pray for our Nominators Jo, Julianne, Peter, Craig and Ross as they continue to work through the process of choosing a new Senior Rector . Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit to guide them to the right person for St Faith's.
FRI 13	LIGHTHOUSE - Praise God that over the past year, Lighthouse has grown in number and in an understanding of the Bible. Pray that non-Church Lighthouse kids might come to church over Christmas. Thank God for the leaders and their dedication over the past year. Pray for wisdom in choosing new leaders next year, and that God will raise up some more male leaders across children's and youth ministry.
SAT 14	Pray for Adam Scott as he preaches at Saturday church on Job 40; for Philip preaching at Traditional Church tomorrow ; pray that God will speak through them to challenge and encourage those who are listening.

<i>SUN</i> 15	Ask God to sustain Trent as he preaches at Warriewood Anglican, at Morning Church and Night Church ; ask God to speak through him to encourage and strengthen the members of the congregations.
<i>MON</i> 16	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb Broome Peoples Church (CMS) Give thanks for the three-monthly Kimberley Leaders Training Workshop weekends, most recently at Yiyili community where Chris taught a seminar on working out the Big idea when preparing to teach a bible passage to others. Please thank God that Christian leaders in the Kimberley are coming together regularly to grow in their understanding of the Bible and their ability to teach it faithfully to others. Ask for God’s help in finding good ways to support and equip people who serve Jesus in isolated communities. Pray these regular training weekends continue in 2020. Chris and Bishop Gary Nelson (Diocese of North West Australia) attended the AFES NTE in Canberra earlier this month to share about gospel work in the North West pray there will be some students who will consider how they can join in with God’s work in these parts.
<i>TUE</i> 17	MISSION – Dan and Liv Webster - Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (CMS) - Pray for the college students as they complete classes and travel home to their families, pray Christmas gives them opportunities to share the gospel in their communities, pray what they have learnt gives them confidence in doing this. Pray Dan, Liv and their boys are able to enjoy celebrating Christmas with their church and friends in Windhoek and that God will comfort them as they miss family and friends back in Australia.
<i>WED</i> 18	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for the many helpers who have served at the Community Pantry during 2019, for the coordinating team including Kathy, Brad, Linda, Neil and Chris and for Kim’s support with produce from the Food Bank. Praise God for the many guests who have come along and for those who have joined the bible talks prior to dinner. Pray as TPC shares Christmas Dinner tonight, that many will hear the good news of Jesus and witness his love through those who serve them.
<i>THU</i> 19	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Please pray for the Church events over Christmas. Pray for Bill Graham as he leads Lessons and Carols on the 22nd, and the Church service on Christmas Day. Please give thanks for Barry Dudding as he covers for Marcus at Warriewood over Christmas.
<i>FRI</i> 20	Pray for our ' Super Saturday ' and ' Super Sunday ' services happening this weekend that will showcase the wonderful things our children have learned in Kids’ Church this year. Pray that it's a wonderful celebration together. Give thanks for the amazing bunch of leaders who have worked alongside Lyndal Foote in our children’s’ ministry and ask that God would grant them rest and renewal for another season of serving in this ministry together.
<i>SAT</i> 21	ST FAITH’S KIDS - Give thanks to God for faithful, gifted and caring leaders and for a great group of kids coming to St Faiths Kids each week. Give thanks for all that the kids have learned, for relationships that have been built and the support and encouragement of parents. Please pray for leaders for Saturday Kids and Morning Kids for 2020.
<i>SUN</i> 22	Praise God for the special “ Lessons and Carols service ” to be held at Traditional Church today. Thank God for the work of the Choir in preparing for this event; pray for many visitors and for Philip to clearly explain the significance of Jesus coming to all who attend. ESL CHRISTMAS SERVICE 4pm today. We pray for many students to come along , that they will hear the message of Christmas, will seek to know Christ, and in His timing, that many will come into His kingdom and that God will be glorified.

MON 23	Please pray for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time due to strained family relationships or loved ones no longer with them. Pray they would know God's love and look to him to comfort them in their sadness. Pray that we would look to comfort others.
TUE 24	Pray many families from the community join us at our Christmas Eve Kids' Celebration at 4pm. Give thanks for the Jelly Wobbles including Jordan, Alec and Tilly, pray their fun filled performance clearly points to Jesus in a way that goes to the heart of both children and parents. Pray for Neil as he preaches at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services ; pray we are renewed in our love for Jesus and visitors will have hearts open to God's love for them and be drawn to respond to Jesus.
WED 25	Praise God for his mercy and love in sending his son our Lord Jesus Christ to provide the way for our reconciliation with Him. Pray visitors to our services are moved to commit or recommit their lives to Jesus or to want to learn more about God and His desire to be a part of their life.
THU 26	Pray for refreshment and safe travel for the many people and families heading off on holidays. Pray for all those communities and areas in NSW and Australia that are still suffering due to drought and fire ; pray for God to bring relief in the form of rain and bring people to support and care for those in need.
FRI 27	Pray for the various Beach Missions up and down our coast; ask God for safety in travel and enthusiasm in taking His word to the children, youth and parents. Pray that many come to know the saving grace and wisdom that comes from God. Give thanks for those from St Faith's heading to serve at Maclean and Evans Head including Molly, Sam, Claire, Debbie, Becca and more.
SAT 28	MISSION - Stu Robinson – Power to Change - Praise God for the 100 people who received Christ through this ministry over the last 12 months. And praise him for all his provisions. Please pray for those at 'Power to Change' as they begin to set their sights on next year, that God would give them spiritual wisdom and understanding. Pray that God may guide Stu as he takes on new ventures. Pray for God to expand their territory and for many more people to receive Christ next year. Pray that God will provide all that is needed for long term sustainability.
SUN 29	Pray for Trent McGrath today as he preaches his last sermons at St Faith's. Give thanks for the 2 years Trent McGrath has led our Young Adults at St Faith's, give thanks for the growth in that group in numbers and in their sense of community. Pray for Trent and Alice and their children Henry, Maisie and Siena as they move to establish a church in Jindabyne with the support of Bush Church Aid. Pray for them as they settle into their new home and as Henry starts school next year also as they make connections and friendships. Ask God for His Holy Spirit to give them wisdom and guide them in the many decisions needed in the process of planting the new church.
MON 30	Give thanks for 2019 for all those who have heard the gospel and for those who have responded with open hearts. Give thanks for those who have served at our church and in our community. <i>Pray we continue to be a be a community being transformed by Jesus' love; fully devoted to loving one another; and radically committed to impacting the world with Christ's love.</i> Vinegrowers Pray for wisdom and clarity regarding how best to develop more coaches and consultants to make the most of the opportunities Vinegrowers has.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 17th December 2019. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*