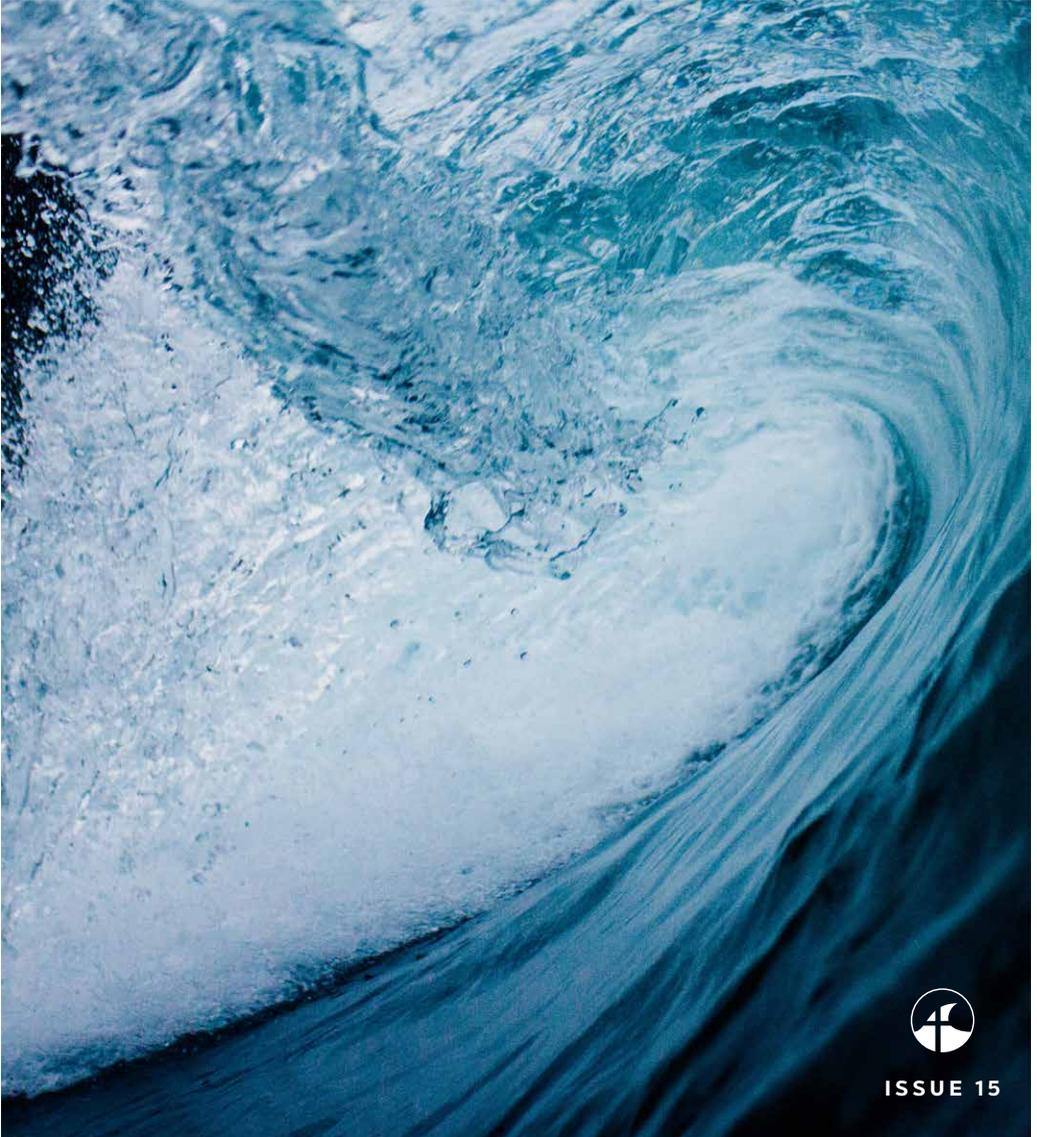


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MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Many of you are aware that late last year our church engaged a group called Reach Australia – an organisation that helps churches like ours look ‘under the bonnet’ and assess how we’re going as a church and look to the future together. During our consultation with Reach Australia, our staff spent considerable time together chewing over the question, ‘why do we exist as a church?’ What is our purpose? What are we aiming to achieve under God? And why? With a recent change of leadership and ministry model, now feels like the right time for us to renew and clarify what we’re on about here at St Faith’s.

The simplicity of that question, ‘why do we exist as a church?’ is that we don’t decide what we’re on about – God does – and he tells us in his Word. Passages like Matthew 28:16-20 (the Great Commission) Acts 1, Ephesians 1:10, and Colossians 1:28 are classic passages in the bible that provide clarity for why we exist as a church. God’s heart is to see people repent of their rebellion against him and come to trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life.

As we move into the next season of life here at St Faith’s, and to help give us clarity regarding why we exist, I believe that it’s time that we refresh and recommit ourselves to God’s vision and mission for us, making sure that God’s big thing (making disciples) is our big thing too!

So, in discussion with staff, Wardens and Parish Council, here’s where we’re headed...

“a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.”

As a church we are first committed to serving the Northern Beaches of Sydney by prayerfully proclaiming the good news of Jesus as the only way to salvation. From Manly in the south to Palm Beach in the north, there are over 250,000 people who are stumbling in spiritual darkness, or blinded by pride and idolatry, or living in meaningless despair - and they all desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus and experience transformation that happens only through him. Our church is strategically located halfway along the Northern Beaches, with our church family spread across the whole region. Therefore, our hope and prayer and vision is that God would use us (individually and corporately) to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.

Of course, the scope of God's mission is greater than just our region. Serving God in his purpose for the world means that we are committed to mission beyond the Beaches. We do this in cooperation with other churches, ministries, and mission organisations who we believe will extend our vision for the Beaches to parts of the world that we cannot reach. This includes partnership with missionaries, identifying, training, and sending our own people on mission, along with our regular financial and prayer support of them.

That's a big vision, right? How do we plan on doing this?

We'll do it by getting on with the task that Jesus has given us - to make disciples who grow to maturity in Christ for God's glory. The Lord Jesus commands his disciples to be those who, as they go, make disciples (Matt 28:16-20) - it's in their DNA! This must be our DNA too! To recognise the urgency and need to be sharing the gospel and calling people to faith in Christ, to demonstrate in our words and action obedience to Jesus' commands, to be committed wholeheartedly to God's church, and to know with great certainty the promise of Jesus to be with us as we go till the very end of the age. We exist to fulfil these commands of Jesus - to make disciples who grow to maturity in Christ because they are the means (ie. mature disciples) by which the Northern Beaches, and indeed the world, will find salvation in Jesus.

Over the coming months you'll be hearing and seeing more about these new changes. We believe that this will give us clarity on the things we do at St Faith's (and maybe even clarity on the things we don't do), so that God would be glorified through us and through our church in the years to come as we seek to make Jesus known on the Northern Beaches.

God bless,

Ben

ANGLICARE OP SHOPS

DEBBIE RODD

In every Anglicare Op shop you'll find an amazing range of hard to find treasures. All stores carry good quality items for men, women and children (apparel, footwear and accessories) and small new gifts (soap and candles). Whether you're after clothing, toys or homewares, you're sure to find something you love at a fraction of the usual price.

Good quality donations are the key to having a successful store and Anglicare is putting the call out for new and used donations of clothing and bags, homewares, toys, books, bric a brac, jewellery, shoes, craft items and manchester.

With so many in need due to floods and high living expenses, now is the time to go through your closets and donate!

Donations will be accepted at the Dee Why store on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but the Anglicare Bin in the St Faiths church carpark is always available.

Dee why OP SHOP also has the Anglicare Food Pantry, where, for \$12, you can fill a grocery bag of essentials.

Dee Why Op Shop

The Dee Why Op Shop is at Shop 1/20 Howard Avenue just up from the Village Plaza. The local manager is Janine Gill (ex St Faiths and currently worshipping at Narrabeen Baptist church). With her retail experience and artistic flair, the shop is looking very inviting for a browse or for finding a treasure.

It is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am - 5pm
Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm.

I started working as a volunteer about a month or so ago and I love every minute. The work is fun and you meet so many different people.

We aim to show Gods love to everyone who walks through the door.



I am co ordinating the Books and we love to give away free, any Christian book that is chosen. They are very popular.

I would love to build up our collection of Christian books.

Do you have any you would like to give away? They will always find a home through Gods guidance.

I am happy to collect them from the church office, or you could drop them off at my place on Collaroy Plateau. Call 0450520404 for directions.

Do you want to volunteer?

If you have a heart for your local community, Anglicare will welcome you to join our volunteers team. If you love retail and sustainable fashion or are looking to use or gain skills in customer service, an Anglicare Op shop is the place for you.

Tasks that volunteers do in the Op shops:

- Customer service
- Stock preparation
- Housekeeping
- Merchandising/window dressing

Join our team by emailing us at volunteers@anglicare.org.au ■

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:23



discover

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE

**A faith discovery group for
seekers, sceptics & beginners**

DISCOVER

MARCUS DRUITT

It's been wonderful to have just finished our newly rejigged Alpha course with Dave Bristow's, the Jones' and the Hutcho's Community Groups. We've had between 40 to 50 people come each week, including a number of guests, amazing food coordinated by Christina Wood and Debbie Rodd, and some great convos around the tables.

While the Gospel is powerful, and God's Word is 'alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating even to dividing soul and spirit' (Heb 4:12), the journey in this process will usually take longer than the four weeks that Alpha affords.

This is why after Alpha we run a 10 week Community Group style format called "Discover: Digging Deeper". It's an excellent opportunity to dig deeper into the material presented at Alpha by looking directly at what the Bible has to say, and the perfect place to continue wrestling with some of those tough concepts and ideas that we have about God, life or the Bible.

We would love your prayers for those who are starting Discover, that those who haven't yet made a commitment to Christ will be led by God's Spirit to do so, and that those who already have a living relationship with Jesus will be further established and built up in their faith.

If you think 'Discover: Digging Deeper' would be good for you, or for someone that you know, please get in touch with Marcus on 0403 972 631, or marcus@stfaiths.org.au to discuss further. ■

CHILLOUT UPDATE

LYNDAL FOOTE

St Faith's is going on Mission to build God's Kingdom!

What an awesome turnout for our first Chillout Meeting! Thanks everyone who came and for those who were unable to come but have signed up to serve. It's not too late to join us. There are many ways you can serve. Contact Lyndal Foote (lyndal@sffaiths.org.au) or Jordy Molyneux (jordy.molyneux@gmail.com) to sign up or for further info.

INVITE!

SRE teachers, neighbours, grandparents and families, please personally invite kids who don't know Jesus yet to come along to Chillout. Places fill up quickly so encourage them to get in quick so they don't miss out. Grab some cards from the church foyer, write an invitation on the back and hand them out.



JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM!!

We are running Chillout because we want to see many, many kids and their families saved from an eternity without God. We will love the kids, teach God's word and have a great time together, but it is the Lord who draws hearts and minds to him. So we need a team of committed pray-ers to pray for the kids and their families in the lead up to Chillout, during Chillout and after Chillout.

Sue Jacobs is leading the Chillout Prayer Team. Please pick up a 'Chillout Prayer' booklet from the Church foyer and email Sue on sue.jacobs276@gmail.com.

SECTION MEETING!! Sunday 19th June 3:30pm

For all leaders and helpers working with the kids in the sections. Coordinators of the other teams will be in contact with their teams in the coming weeks.

Chillout Directors,
Lyndal Foote and Jordy Molyneux ■

FAST FOUR

FAV MOVIE

Hidden Figures (2016)
Inspiring movie based on nonfiction book telling the story of three African American women mathematicians who worked at NASA during the Space Race.

FAV FOOD

Cajun and Creole dishes. Having lived in New Orleans Louisiana, USA for nearly 30 years I enjoy dishes such as Jambalaya, Gumbo, Crawfish pie and Dragos charbroiled oysters.

FAVORITE BOOK

To Kill A Mocking Bird by Harper Lee.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Trips with my husband to France where we would stay in a small cottage in a village in Provence, and have new adventures every day as we explored the region. A few days in Paris was a highlight each trip. (Atlanta to Paris 8+ hours)



MEET A MEMBER PAM FRIED

How long have you been at St Faiths and how did you come to join us?

I returned to Australia to live about 3 years after my husband died. It was an answer to prayer that I had the opportunity to purchase a villa in the newly constructed section of Warriewood Brook (not ready until March 2016)

In preparation, I packed up in New Orleans and came to stay with my brother and sister in law in Narrabeen where I would house sit for them while they took an overseas trip (but not before they had helped me to reorient to Sydney).

I came to St Faiths in September 2015 for the first time... having purchased a car and relearned how to drive on the other side of the road.

I met friendly Judith in the process of checking where to park, and once inside was welcomed by Philip and Pru. Soon I was invited for coffee at W\WB ...and then Bible Study.

I learned that Merryl and Paul Clarke would be my new neighbours. Thank you Lord.

“Sing to the
LORD a
new song;
sing to the
LORD, all
the earth.
Sing to
the LORD,
praise his
name;
proclaim his
salvation
day after
day.

How and when did you start following Jesus?

My mother taught me to say simple prayers to Jesus when I was quite young. My brother and I were taught to say Grace especially before the evening meal.

I attended Sunday School at St John's Anglican Church in Bega from the age of 5. It was a happy time ...call me sentimental, but I still have books which were Sunday School prize for attendance! My grandmother gave me a bible when I was 8 (King James).

Fast forward to preparation for confirmation which was a serious and special time when the Bishop of Canberra / Goulburn came to confirm us.

For the last two years of High School I attended SCEGGS Darlinghurst as a boarder. Scripture was a school subject with exams in those days.

As boarders we attended 8am Communion and Evensong each Sunday at St Johns Darlinghurst, and regular School Chapel services. I have always been moved by music and I loved the sound of so many voices singing God's praises.

The highlight of following Jesus, was attendance at the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade at the Sydney Showground, Moore Park location with some of my teachers college friends.

How are you involved at church?

Now 6 years later, I have found a wonderful church home with the 8:30am Traditional Church congregation. It is a pleasure to serve on the Welcoming Roster and the Reading Roster and to attend the Quilting group each Thursday.

I appreciate the strong Bible teaching at this church and the opportunity to study the Bible in a small group each week.

I love singing hymns in worship too. ■

City of Tears

When will God comfort?

EQUIP 2022

Sat 18 June 9AM - 4PM

EQUIP 2022 is almost here!

EQUIP is an annual bible teaching conference by women, for women.

This year the bible talks will be on the book of Lamentations - "The City of Tears". The speakers are Annabel Nixey and Di Warren.

The last 2 years have been hard for so many of us, in so many ways. Come along and be refreshed by God's word and spend the day refreshing your soul and being with one another.

I would love you to join us for a wonderful day of fellowship and great bible teaching.

EQUIP is also a great opportunity to catch up with your sisters from other congregations within St Faiths.

Lunch and morning tea are provided.

So looking forward you seeing you all there!

Love Rosemary

Cost \$30. Register via the Connection Point

TAX DEDUCTABLE GIVING

As we approach the end of the financial year, you may be considering useful areas of giving that may provide a tax deduction. Below are three opportunities to partner with St Faith's in this way:

1. The Necessitous Needs Fund was established to assist people in 'extreme need' where most circumstances are insufferable and usually involve a financial implication. Each request is considered on its merits and this fund has been a source of great blessing and encouragement to many people in times of deep need.

Name: Anglican Parish of Narrabeen - Necessitous Needs Fund

BSB: 032 098 A/C: 244295

2. Northern Peninsular SRE (Cromer Campus) funds a permanent teacher at Cromer High who is responsible for delivering the scripture classes each week. This is funded through the generosity of individual supporters. We are blessed to have Rachel Purcell as our teacher in the school at present.

Name: NPSRE Association

BSB: 032 098 A/C: 152286

3. Christian Education Building Fund provides parishioners a tax effective way to contribute towards Christian education and the maintenance of facilities where this education takes place - ie. the church!

Name: Anglican Parish of Narrabeen - Christian Education Building Fund

BSB: 732 192 A/C: 070102

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations-

Demi-Rose Reeves and Calvin Stead's wedding on 4th June

Those unwell:

Rosemary Irwin
Larry Tolnay
Robyn Ohlsson
Sean Foley
Deborah Hunter
Anne Robinson
Margaret Hext

Andrew Channon
Alison Pryde
Kerry Nagel
Max and Imelda Krause
Amy Spinks
Isabelle Furness
Andrew Coster

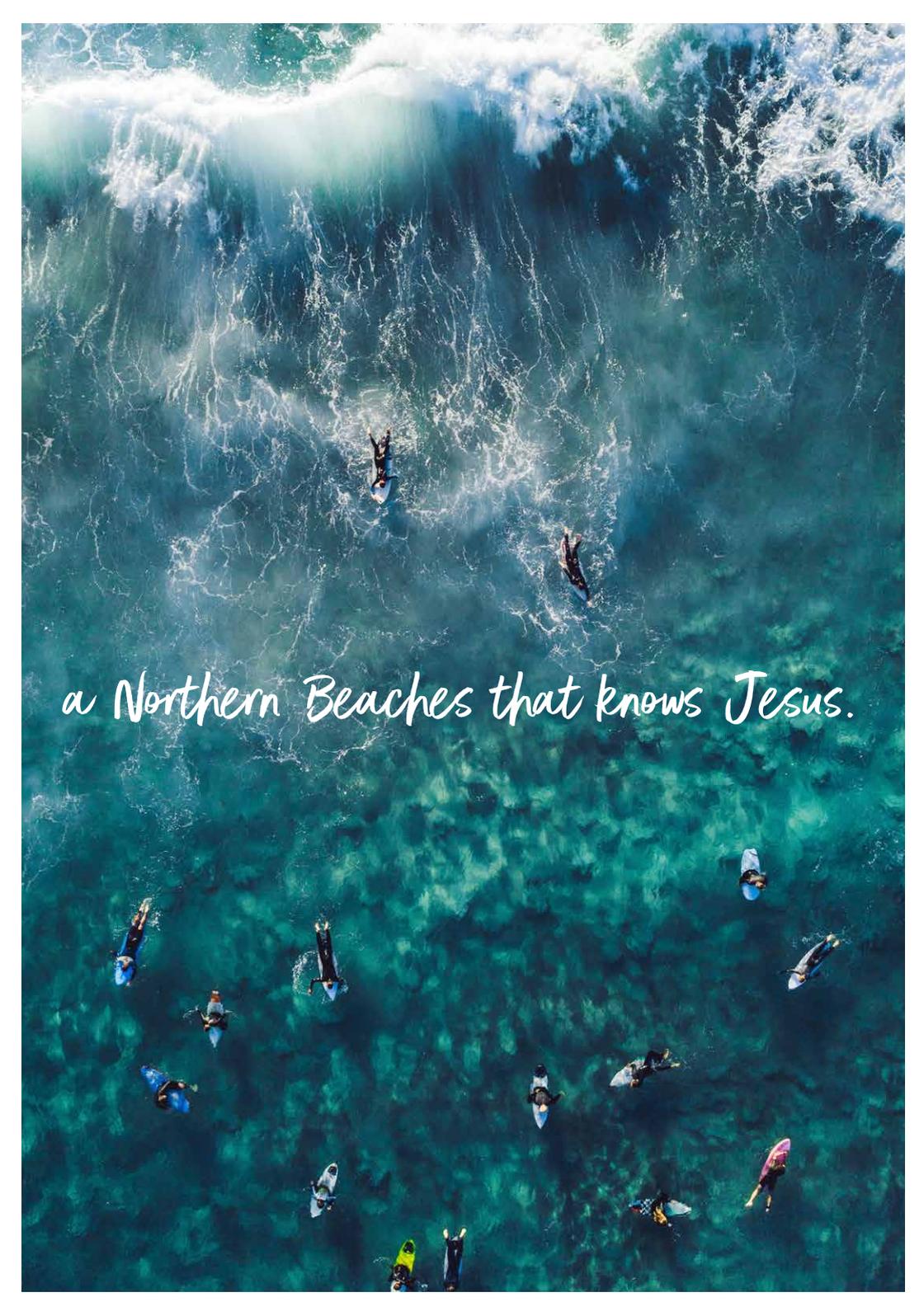
JUNE PRAYER DIARY

WED 1	Please pray for the smooth running of WAC AND WARRIEWOOD BROOK CHAPLAINCY while Colin is on leave in June. Pray for safe travel for Colin and Trudie Sheehan visiting their daughter and her family in Finland this month. Pray it is a wonderful time catching up with them. Pray for Chaplain's Deborah and Carol as they continue to care for Warriewood Brook residents during this time. Pray that those who are unwell, or grieving will look to God for comfort and will know of His love for them.
THU 2	MISSION - IRWAN AND CATHERINE - AFES at WOLLONGONG UNI - Pray for the preparations of the Mid Year Conference on "Relationship" (6-8 June). Pray for the students to keep fixing their eyes on Jesus as they navigate University life leading to semester exams. Pray for A (Saudi Arabia) and U (Pakistan) and Jaxon (Lismore), may the Lord have mercy on them opening their heart to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour as Irwan meets with them weekly. Pray for healing in our family as we all have been unwell from ongoing cold (more than a month now). Pray for the Yazan's family, a new Syrian Refugee with their 6 children, who are just being settled in Wollongong - that we can more than just show them Christ's love practically but also share the word of eternal life, the True and Sound Refuge to them.
FRI 3	Give thanks for the 13 newish people who have done Belong Arvo's with us. Pray that they will all settle in well at St Faith's and become part of a Community Group and join us on mission to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus!
SAT 4	Pray for Demi Reeves and Calvin Stead as they start their married life together today . Pray God would strengthen them to love and serve one another in marriage and that their marriage might be a reflection of God's love for his people. Pray that the gospel is proclaimed clearly today in the wedding ceremony.
SUN 5	Pray for Neil Souter preaching across all services this weekend at St Faith's on Exodus 6. Pray also for Michael Aitken as he preaches at WAC today . Pray for God to speak through them to encourage and strengthen the members of each congregation

MON 6	WAR VETS - Give thanks Chaplain Tony Bradford and his wife Gina have recovered well from covid. In the village at the 'War Vets' they still have periodic lock downs because of covid, please pray that these become less in frequency. Pray for Tony and Gina as they will be on holidays from the second and third week of June. Pray they can catch up with their wider family and be restored emotionally, mentally, physically and most importantly spiritually.
TUE 7	Give thanks for the guests who attended Alpha . Pray the Spirit will powerfully be at work in their hearts convicting all to admit that we all fall short of God's standards, to believe that Jesus is the only way to be reconciled to God, and to commit their lives to Jesus as the risen Lord of their lives.
WED 8	Pray now for Discover: Digging Deeper , as a group continue to explore the gospel in a smaller bible study format. Pray for a cohesive group, productive conversation, and that people will feel confident to be vulnerable. Pray that God's Spirit will continue the good work he has begun.
THU 9	MISSION - MEAGAN LLEWELYN - AFES at SYDNEY UNI - John is home! But now we have to figure out what life looks like together again. Please be praying for patience and wisdom as we adjust. Mid year conference prep and invites are in full swing! With only a month left to register. Please be praying that God would be working in students hearts to see them come to Ancon, and prepare for semester with a week in God's word! And also as I prep my teaching Segment, pray God will be at work though his spirit as I prepare.
FRI 10	Pray for Chillout Camp on 13th-15th July. Pray for Lyndal and the team of volunteers as they prepare for the camp. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions on how best to organise the schedule and for energy needed in putting all details together for the camp. Pray for SRE teachers to promote Chillout, that they, congregation members and kids will be diligent, bold and courageous in inviting kids to come along. Pray many children from the community will want to come along and that children who do not know Jesus yet will be quick to sign up early.
SAT 11	Pray those elected at last month's Federal Election will work honestly for the good of our nation. Ask God to impart his wisdom to all who propose policy, that their promises may serve those in greatest need.
SUN 12	Give thanks for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel preaching at St Faith's today. Pray that our hearts would be open to hearing and applying God's word in our lives and move us to continue to follow Jesus more faithfully. Pray for a joyful time of fellowship as we gather across two services this weekend.
MON 13	ESL - We thank God for His hand on ESL this term and for carrying and empowering our teachers and team. Give thanks too for the new students that are coming along to class. Pray they will settle in quickly and feel comfortable. Pray former students will return as covid confidence increases, and that our classes will grow. Pray for us as a team, that we will continue to grow our relationships with students, that we will show them Christ's love, and that more students will want to talk about Jesus, both in Bible Study and in our conversations with them

TUE 14	Student Minister Renee Miles - Please pray for effective preparation, peace, perspective and focused self care for Renee and the other Moore College students sitting their first semester exams from the 14th to 17th June.
WED 15	MISSION - DAN AND LIV WEBSTER - NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Thank God for Dan's great experience while being on NETS mission last month. Give thanks the students at NETS are learning and growing and for the power of simple gospel words to transform lives, where they saw many people commit themselves to Christ. As well as the mission highlighting the power of the simple gospel words, the mission also highlighted the need for gospel training in other parts of Namibia. Ask God that Christian leaders around Namibia would be able to access training, perhaps through NETS. Pray for baby Christians converted on the NETS mission, that they would take root and become fruitful.
THU 16	Ukraine - Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and those who are still trapped in the conflict, who are suffering, anxious and fearful. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and healing for those who are injured. Pray for the leaders with power over the war, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
FRI 17	Pray for Marcus and Philip preaching this weekend at St Faith's and at WAC . Pray for wisdom and insight into God's word and that God's Spirit would guide them as they preach from Exodus 10, so that they can rightly pass on God's message to us.
SAT 18	EQUIP - Give thanks for the Equip women's conference which began in 1999 and has now grown into a large Bible teaching ministry for women in Australia. Pray for all the women who will be attending today at various locations via livestream. Pray they will be encouraged as they delve into the book of Lamentations and hear God's Word read to them. Give thanks for the speakers - Annabel Nixey, Di Warren and others. Give thanks for Rosemary and the team of women from St Faith's, who have been planning and preparing for the conference for those attending at church.
SUN 19	Pray for Chillout section meetings today, for team cohesion and connection, for Coordinators Nicci, Nicole and David to trust God as they lead and for the Holy Spirit to work in the Children's hearts in preparation for hearing the good news of Jesus.
MON 20	Trent McGrath and The Village Church (TVC) in Jindabyne - Please pray that God will provide a Christian business or entity to lease part of our church land so that through the lease income our ministry might be funded for future years.
TUE 21	Pray for the female bible study leaders that God would help them to care for and love those in their groups. Pray the leaders will have time in God's word for preparation each week and keep pointing the women to Jesus. Give thanks for Rosemary, Sarah, Bev and other women who lead bible study each week that they will be encouraged.

WED 22	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Praise God for his continued provision as we continue to serve our guests and build relationships with them. We are thankful for our wonderful volunteers who continue to cook, serve, wash up, set up, pack away, entertain and engage with our guests. We pray that God will soften hearts and stir minds of those who have attended the recent Alpha course. Pray that our needs for replacement kitchen equipment can be met.
THU 23	COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank God for each of The Cottage counsellors who are committed to bring healing in whatever way they are able to the clients they meet with. Pray for ongoing financial provision to be able to provide counselling for many families who would otherwise be unable to afford this counselling assistance. Thank God for his financial provision for The Cottage through donations and grants over the many years.
FRI 24	LIGHTHOUSE AND SOULIES - Pray the children and youth keep coming along and build friendships amongst the others. Pray they are encouraged each week and be bold enough to tell their friends about Jesus and invite them to come along each Friday. Give thanks for the Soulies and Lighthouse leaders and ask that God would continue to sustain them in their service to the young people in our church. Pray for these leaders that they will be prioritising their faith and continually growing so they lead well.
SAT 25	Pray for Neil as he preaches across all services at St Faith's on Exodus 12 and for Bill Graham preaching at WAC . Pray we respond with gladness that God is always our refuge.
SUN 26	Pray for the New-ish event happening today. Pray that many new people to St Faith's will take the first step in joining us on mission to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.
MON 27	Give thanks for our Welcome Teams at St Faith's. Pray that they will welcome visitors and help care for all our members at our services. Pray that the Teams will welcome like Jesus welcomes us in His grace and help people connect with one another.
TUE 28	Parish Council - Pray for the parish councillors and wardens as they meet tonight; Give thanks for their commitment to serve and pray for wisdom as they make decisions on behalf of the wider church community.
WED 29	GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks for the staff at Gumnut and the wonderful work done in educating the little children in their care. Pray for wisdom and guidance and for good relationships between the teachers and the parents. Thank God for the committee and pray for wisdom in decisions and planning for the future.
THU 30	CHILL OUT CAMP - Pray for the directors Lyndal and Jordan and the teams as they put the finishing touches on their preparations, the music team, set and design, Bible talks, games, craft and activities, Welcomers and café and preparations for Chillout church.

An aerial photograph of the ocean with a large, white-capped wave cresting at the top. Below the wave, several surfers are visible, some riding the wave and others waiting. The water is a deep, vibrant blue-green color. The text "a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus." is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

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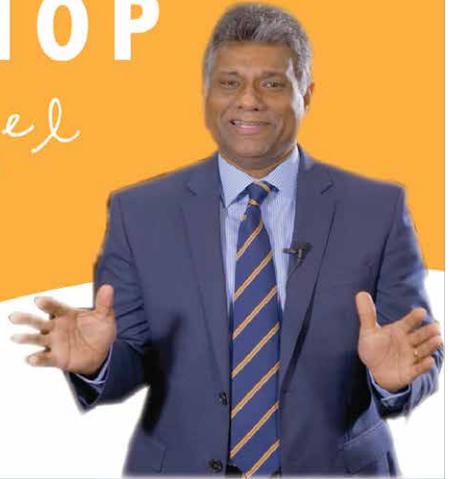
**COMING
UP...**

ARCHBISHOP

Kanishka Raffel

Sunday 12th June

Combined Weekend Services
10am & 6pm



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