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# Welcome

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

We want to see a  
Northern Beaches  
that knows Jesus.

Are you aware that there are 264,481 people currently living in our backyard on the Northern Beaches? We have a wonderful mission field in our own local government area where literally thousands upon thousands of people desperately need to hear the gospel and trust in Jesus. Compared to Greater Sydney, the Northern Beaches area has a lower proportion of people who profess a religion and a higher proportion who state that they have no religion at all – so the harvest is plentiful! Broken down a little further, around 14% of Northern Beaches residents profess an affiliation with the Anglican Church – that's about 40,000

people – but I’m confident there’s not 40,000 people in Anglican Churches across the Northern Beaches each weekend! So the harvest is indeed plentiful!

Here at St Faith’s, we want to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus. Our hope and desire as a church is for the people in our own backyard to hear the gospel, see their need to repent and turn to Jesus and find life, love and forgiveness in him. And it’s a joy and privilege that God might use us to achieve his purpose of making himself known here on the Beaches.

As we kick off Term 4 together, we’re launching into our annual **Commitment Series**. This is an opportunity for us to stop, to sit under God’s word and consider the biblical truths that have shaped our thinking around our renewed vision and mission here at St Faith’s, consider what it is that he’s calling us to be committed to as his people, and to pray and ask

the God of the harvest to send us out on his mission into a world that desperately needs him.

**My hope and prayer** is that as we look at these biblical truths together, our convictions would be deepened, our resolve to serve Jesus and one another strengthened, our heart for mission refreshed, and our commitment to God renewed. As a start, please commit to being here each week as we launch into this season of life as a church together.

*Heavenly Father, fill our lives with the fruit of your Spirit, so that we may walk in joyful obedience, share your love by word and deed, and see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus. Amen.*

In Christ,  
Ben

# SYNOD REPORT 2022

TIM TURNBRIDGE

Our Senior Minister the Rev Ben Molyneux, Dr Bob Pryor and myself had the privilege of representing the Parish at Synod held over six days from Saturday 10 September to Tuesday 20 September last.

The first day of Synod was a unique experience. It was held at Oran Park Anglican School in South Western Sydney and included a bus tour of the rapidly growing “greenfields areas” in the south west corridor and the site of the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis, where the new airport is under construction.

It allowed Synod members to see and hear first hand the awesome opportunities and challenges facing us in acquiring land for new church buildings and for schools and other facilities.

Greater Sydney’s population is currently about 5.3 million people and is projected to increase to 8.5 million people by 2061. That’s an average increase of 80,000 new people every year for the next 40 years. Most of the increase in population will be in the south west and north west corridors. About 1% of those people are expected to be attending Anglican churches.

## **“Greenfields Levy”**

In meeting this challenge Synod considered new strategic funding arrangements. Synod passed an Ordinance (i.e. a law) extending the current “greenfields levy” on parishes in our Diocese for a further ten years from 2023 to 2032.

It is expected that this provision will enable our Diocese to obtain a line of credit from a Bank on favourable terms in order to seize the opportunities as



they arise and acquire land at more affordable prices.

### **Other significant issues dealt with by Synod include:**

#### **Bathurst Diocese**

Bathurst Diocese includes a large area of western NSW extending from beyond the Blue Mountains to the Queensland border. In 2018 the Diocese had become insolvent due largely to unwise financial decisions.

In 2018 Sydney Synod decided to make a gift of \$250,000 per year for six years to Bathurst Diocese to fund the salaries and expenses of the Bishop and the Registrar/business manager. In August 2019 a new evangelical Bishop, Mark Calder was appointed. Synod received a detailed progress report from Bishop Calder explaining

the steps taken to implement a Jesus focused ministry with renewed emphasis on outreach and evangelism.

Synod was greatly encouraged by the progress report but also mindful of the challenges which lie ahead. Synod resolved unanimously to extend the gift for a further six years. The gift is conditional upon the Archbishop of Sydney approving future nominations of persons to be appointed as Bishop of Bathurst.

#### **Religious Freedom**

Synod passed a lengthy resolution urging both the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to legislate in support of the free expression of religious belief and conscience for both individuals and religious organisations.



# INSPIRE REVIEW

MEZ HARVEY

On Saturday 10th September, close to 100 women from the various congregations of St Faiths gathered together for Inspire. The sun was shining and it was evident a great day was ahead.

Our theme this year was **Hope in Hardship**, and for many this was a confronting and challenging topic, but also gave great scope for the women to be encouraged and to spur each other on as we love and serve Jesus.

It was great to hear from two of our women – Jayne Everingham and Jo Berry, who openly and honestly shared hardships from their lives, but also revealed where they find their hope in times of need.

Rosemary MacGregor opened the Word for us where we looked at Psalm 77 and we were reminded that in times of trouble and distress, we can cry out to the One who knows all of our needs and He can lead us through the troubled waters. Thank you God!

It was a blessing to be served by many of our men on the day – from the music, great coffee and some outstandingly delicious sandwiches for lunch!! It was also a great reminder of the benefit of meeting together as women to love, support and encourage each other.

A panel in the afternoon allowed questions to be asked and again those who shared, did so honestly





and at times in a very raw way...this vulnerability helped us to see that we all can face hardship, but also helped us to feel thankful that the God who loves us will meet us right where we are.

Overall, it was a wonderful time gathering together. A huge thank you goes to the many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the day a great success. We look forward to Inspire 2023!



# OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

SAT 1	<b>Pray for Marcus as he opens God's word with us this weekend</b> and helps us to think about our identity as Christians. As we're encouraged from God's word, pray that we would be encouraged to keep our eyes on our home in heaven.
SUN 2	<b>Pray for families as children are on school holidays.</b> For good rest and refreshment in time together. Give thanks for Playtime on a Wednesday morning. Pray for Edwina and others who are working hard each week to provide an encouraging environment for young children and their carers.
MON 3	<b>RENEE MILES –STUDENT MINISTER</b> – Pray for perseverance and enjoyment for Renee's last six weeks of Bible College for the year! Pray for her Old Testament essay, two Pastoral ministry assignments, Proclamation assignment and three exams and ask that God would use them to deepen her gospel convictions.
TUE 4	Give thanks for all the guests who came to <b>DISCOVER</b> . Pray that God's Spirit will prompt them to continue investigating the claims of Jesus that lead to eternal life and enjoy the follow up in <b>DISCOVER – DIGGING DEEPER</b> .
WED 5	<b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY – Continue to pray for Jackson and his family</b> who have regularly volunteered at TCP. Jackson has had a second round of chemo – pray for his physical and emotional strength as he copes with his treatments. Pray for healing and that he and his family can see God at work. Praise God for our wonderful volunteers and all they do. <b>Pray more people will volunteer as some teams are depleted in number.</b> Please pray for our guests who are facing either health or emotional health problems. Pray too for our guests who attend the Bible Study. Pray more will join, and that the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts of those who do not know Jesus.

THU 6	<b>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> - Pray for the Cottage Counselling Centre clients, as our team walk alongside so many hurting people and journeying with them into healing. Ask that God would use the wisdom and insight of our counselling teams to bring healing and wholeness.
FRI 7	<b>TAKE 2 SOULIES CAMP 7-9 OCTOBER</b> - Give thanks the youth can attend a camp at Port Hacking, especially after the yearly Summer Camp was cancelled back in January due to covid. Pray 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 8	<b>Pray for Neil and Philip as they open God's word with us this weekend</b> and helps us to think about our identity as Christians. As we're encouraged to pursue holiness, ask that God would make us more and more like his Son, the Lord Jesus, as we listen to and obey his word, growing to maturity in Christ.
SUN 9	<b>ST FAITH'S KIDS</b> - Give thanks for a great term studying God's Word from 1 Corinthians 1-10. Give thanks for families attending more regularly which helps the children's relationships, connection and learning so much. Praise God for our amazing leaders who are so committed to seeing our children grow in their knowledge and love of God and in their relationships with their church family. Thank God that they faithfully serve with love, patience and diligence. Please give thanks for Alex, Yo, Josh, Maisy, Rebecca, Lily, Tilly, Victoria, Dana, Jayne, Jeremy, Nicole and Renee.
MON 10	<b>ESL</b> - We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of third term at ESL. We thank Him for the new students, for our team of dedicated teachers, for the growing numbers in our classes, and for those who have stayed for Bible study and have been keen to read God's word. Pray for our team members as they have a well deserved rest over the school holidays, that they may be able to return next term with renewed vision and energy for our classes. Pray too for our students, that they will be keen to return next term, that they will have a real sense of belonging to our classes, and that the Spirit will place a desire in their hearts to know Jesus.

TUE 11	<b>MISSION – Meagan Llewelyn- AFES Sydney Uni</b> – Pray for the many students this semester who have been connected with the EU, but who can't make any events due to their timetables. Pray staff will be diligent in following them up and that God will work powerfully in their lives. Praise God for the many opportunities I get to dig deep into God's word each week personally and with students. Ask God that his spirit would continue to shape and mould me to be more like Christ, and that I would be fully dependent on him instead of putting lots of pressure on myself.
WED 12	Pray for our <b>HSC STUDENTS</b> starting their exams today, pray they remain focused over the next few weeks especially those who have exams spread over the four weeks. Pray God would sustain them over this time.
THU 13	<b>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at Uni of Wollongong</b> – Pray for the ongoing momentum from the Jesus' weeks in evangelising the campus. Give thanks for His work in J (from Lismore), that J decided to follow Jesus. Pray that He will establish and grow Jaxon's faith in Him as Irwan follows him up. Pray for B (from the US), A (struggling believer from Wagga), and M (new believer from Yass) that they will keep growing in their trust in and love for Jesus as Irwan follows them up. Pray for 8 local students who have recently been trained in how to engage with Muslims – may He enable them to reach out to their Muslims classmates.
FRI 14	<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> – Give thanks for a fun term learning about our Identity in Christ together at Lighthouse. Praise God for our awesome young leaders who are so committed to building relationships with the children, praying for them and seeing them grow in their faith. Give thanks and pray for Maisy, Laurie, Monnie, Sarah, Rebecca, Andy, Dave, Dan and Bailey as they grow as Christians and as leaders. Pray for all the Lighthouse children, particularly those children who joined us after Chillout. Pray our children will welcome them well and help them feel connected. Thank God for the wonderful parents who provide the children and the team with dinner each Friday.

SAT 15	<b>Pray for Ben as he opens God's word with us this weekend</b> as we begin our Commitment Series for 2022. Pray that our eyes and hearts would be open to understanding God's glory and how we might apply that in our lives and community today.
SUN 16	Pray for the <b>NPSRE ASSOCIATION</b> board who meet this afternoon. Thank God for Simon and Penny Hunter, Sandy Walsh, Jean Brittle and David Curnow who faithfully lead and pray for this ministry. Give thanks for Rachel Purcell and the ongoing work of gospel proclamation she is involved in at Cromer Campus. Ask that God would sustain and strengthen her for this work, give her wisdom answers, positive conversations and that through her work people will come to know and trust the Lord Jesus.
MON 17	<b>MISSION - Dan and Liv Webster - Namibia</b> - Thank God with us for the slow, good work that is happening around and through us including students being transformed by God over the years and fruit from Liv's planning and training of people, as well as fruit in the hands on physiotherapy work. For the sure knowledge we have that we are not alone in this work, you and God are with us. Ask God with us for persevering in withholding judgement, rather than being judgemental and for Dan to work effectively in preparing a new subject.
TUE 18	Pray for our <b>SYDNEY ANGLICAN church leaders</b> , including Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, our regional bishop, Chris Edwards and our Archdeacon for women, Kara Hartley. Thank God for godly examples, wise teachers, and faithful partners in gospel ministry all across Sydney.
WED 19	<b>GUMTREES PLAYTIME</b> - Praise God for bringing along both returning and new playgroup mums/grandmothers this term. Pray God would grow relationships at playgroup between believers and unbelievers; pray God would bring people to faith through playgroup.



THU 20	<b>GUMNUT KINDY</b> – Pray that Gumnut would be growing in their knowledge and growth and love for the Lord as a team and community. Pray for good partnerships, understanding and communication between families and educators. Ask God for safe travels for families that are going overseas for seeing family and holiday. Pray for good health for our Gumnut family, both educators and the children.
FRI 21	<b>Ukraine</b> – Continue to pray for Ukraine and the battle against Russia. Pray for a peaceful resolution soon particularly as the harsh winter approaches.
SAT 22	<b>Pray for Neil as he opens God’s word with us this weekend</b> and helps us to think about our commitment to gather as God’s people. As we’re encouraged from God’s word, pray that God might use this teaching to encourage and strengthen our hearts, and deepen our resolve to continue to meet together as the body of Christ, growing to maturity for God’s glory.
SUN 23	<b>NPSRE CROMER CAMPUS</b> – Praise God for the greater flexibility in parents giving permission to opt-in to scripture. Pray many parents will reply to the email they will be receiving. Pray that we can engage well with year 6 scripture classes from feeder schools to introduce Rachell.
MON 24	<b>JESUS CLUB</b> – Give thanks for Dan Harvey and the team who give their time and energy to share the gospel with Jesus Club members. Pray God's word would be taught faithfully and members of Jesus Club grow in their faith in Jesus.
TUE 25	Thank God for our faithful team of <b>COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS</b> who give of their time, energy, and hospitality to lead us in bible study each week. Pray that God would continue to use their efforts and ministry to us all, to help us grow to maturity in Christ, understand God’s word more and more, and deepen our convictions in the Bible as the word of God.
WED 26	Please be praying for our <b>STAFF TEAM</b> here at St Faith’s as they lead our parish and minister to God’s people here. While thanking God for them, pray that they would continue to minister to us all from an overflow of their own flourishing relationship with the Lord Jesus. Pray for the spouses and children of our staff, that God would help them to grow and deepen their trust in Jesus through their ministry among us.

THU 27	Thank God for the opportunity we have coming up to run <b>DISCOVER</b> for the final time this year. Pray for the training event happening tonight, in preparation for welcoming our guests and pray that this is a useful time together. Pray that God would bring people to know Jesus through the DISCOVER course and that God would use this outreach to help us see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.
FRI 28	Thank God for our <b>SOULIES crew and leadership team</b> . Pray for them as they meet together tonight, that their time would not only be enjoyable and fun, but that it would serve to grow these young people into mature disciples of Jesus.
SAT 29	<b>Pray for Ben as he opens God's word with us this weekend</b> and helps us to think about our commitment as Christians to spiritual growth. As we're encouraged from God's word, pray that we would resolve afresh to be those who are committed to growing in maturity as we sit under God's word, apply it to our lives, and do this in community together.
SUN 30	Give thanks for our <b>Local, State and Federal Governments</b> ; Pray for Dr Sophie Scamps , Brad Hazzard, Dominic Perrottet and Anthony Albanese as they continue to serve our Country.
MON 31	<b>Parish Council</b> - Give thanks for our Parish Council and Wardens who faithfully serve our church. Pray for Stuart, Tim and Sarah as they continue in making decisions as Wardens on our behalf. Give thanks for Annie Selman who for many years takes the minutes of these meetings.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Expecting mums** – Jade Doyle (night church – twins!), Bethany Meador (night church), Belinda Van Den Berg (morning church), and Suz Everingham.

**Congratulations** to Finn Cantrill and Tilly Madder on their recent engagement.

**Those unwell:**

Rosemary Irwin  
Larry Tolnay  
Robyn Ohlsson  
Sean Foley  
Anne Robinson

Andrew Channon  
Alison Pryde  
Trish Clifton  
Dennis Hensman  
Shane Lau

## TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY

A MEN'S MORNING WITH  
REV. DR. CHASE KUHN

29th Oct | 9am-12:30pm

Register:  
[stfaiths.co/men](http://stfaiths.co/men)



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