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# COMMUNITY MAG



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**THIS  
CHRISTMAS...**

**a  
thrill  
of  
hope**



CELEBRATE

**CHRISTMAS**

**lessons & carols**

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

8:30am - Traditional Service

**christmas  
eve**

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

5:00pm Family Service

8:00pm Carols Service

**christmas  
day**

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

8:00am - Traditional Service

9:30am - Family Service



**Narrabeen**  
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# Welcome

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

We want to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.

As we kicked off term 4 together, we launched into our annual **Commitment Series** which we're midway through as this edition of the Community Mag goes to print. The purpose of this series is for us to stop, to sit under God's word and consider the biblical truths that shape our commitments as Christians as well as our renewed vision here at St Faith's, to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus. My hope and prayer from this series is that our convictions would deepen, our resolve to serve Jesus and one another strengthened, our heart for mission refreshed, and our commitment to God renewed.

During November we will welcome our mission partners, **Compassion Australia**, who will be sharing with us how our partnership together is seeking to release children from poverty in Jesus' name (19/20 November), then we will launch into our **Advent Series** as we lead up to Christmas. At our recent meeting with our Community Group leaders, Adam Scott informed us that Advent is so much more than the cardboard calendars that serve to count down the days until Christmas. It's a season of remember and rejoicing as well as watching and waiting because Advent is not just about remembering Jesus' humble arrival that first Christmas, it also serves as a reminder of his second coming. So, our Advent Series will seek to do both things as we celebrate this season together so that we look not only to the manger, but also to the sure and certain hope of Christ's return.

Finally, as we head towards the end of the year, I want to take this opportunity to **thank our Community Group leaders**. Our Community Groups are something of the 'engine room' of our church, as we dig into God's word together, pray for one another, and spur each other on to keep loving Jesus. So I want to acknowledge and thank the leaders of these groups who diligently prepare, faithfully pray, and set an example for us in following Jesus. Please ensure that you take the time to thank your leaders, encourage them, and be praying for them as they continue to lead God's people at St Faith's in this way - and please be praying with me:

**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



# SOULIES TAKETWO CAMP

ADAM SCOTT

TakeTwo gives our youth community the opportunity to spend a whole weekend together with their leaders, hear great Bible teaching, grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus, and have a whole heap of fun while they do!

During the recent school holidays, the Soulies crew travelled down to Rathane in the Royal National Park for our inaugural TakeTwo weekend away.

Our first TakeTwo was excellent. We spent the weekend working our way through Acts 9, thinking together about what this jam-packed chapter has to teach us about gospel 'change'. We spent some time looking at Saul - a guy who changed, and the one who changed him (Acts 9:1-9); we explored what gospel change looked like in his life (Acts 9:17-25); and then we thought about what it means for us to be a changed crew ourselves (Acts 9:26-31).

It's wonderfully sobering to look at the work of God in the life of a man who nobody ever imagined could (or would) turn to Christ: once happily advocating violence to stop the spread of the gospel, now enamoured by that same gospel himself - a changed man.

“ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.”  
Acts 9:20-22

Alongside our time in the Bible and our Community Groups, we had a ton of fun: raucous bus rides, maccas stops, wide-games, indoor soccer games, water slides, laser-tag, paint ‘n sip sessions, late nights, early mornings and great food to nourish us as we tried to keep up with the action!

For many youth, weekends away like this can be transformative. Deeper friendships are formed, community bonds are strengthened and, importantly, opportunities to consider the significance of the Lordship of Jesus (and its implications for life) are somehow more accessible. Our Soulies leadership team are looking to cultivate these opportunities and maximise their impact - in fact, we’ve already started planning for Summercamp! (22nd - 26th January - lock it in!)

Please be praying for the Soulies crew - that they might relish the gospel change that Jesus has brought about in them, and give thanks for another excellent weekend away together.



# NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

TUE 1	Pray for the <b>NORTHERN BEACHES</b> . Give thanks to God for the freedom that we enjoy living on the Northern Beaches, but pray that God's Spirit might challenge and convict the hearts of people living in this region of their need for something greater - freedom in Jesus. Ask God to use you today in whatever circumstances you're in, in whoever you're seeing or spending time with, to be bold in taking opportunities to speak of Christ, so that we might see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.
WED 2	Pray for <b>ROSEMARY MACGREGOR</b> as she meets with other women from the Diocese with Kara Harley (Archdeacon for Women) for afternoon tea and reports on what God is doing among women serving in Anglican churches on the Northern Beaches. Pray that this is a time of mutual encouragement and edification.
THU 3	<b>SOULIES</b> - Pray for Adam and his team as they wrap up the year looking at Luke 22-24. Give thanks for all the leaders who give up their Fridays to serve our youth. Pray for their enthusiasm to keep going over the last term. Pray the youth will continue to come and bring their friends.
FRI 4	<b>SQUARE ONE CAMP</b> : We have four leaders and 13 kids heading off on camp November 4-6. Please pray for safety travelling, for a fun time building relationships and for the kids to be challenged in their relationship with Jesus. Please also pray for the Youthworks Team organising and running the camp.
SAT 5	<b>STUDENT MINISTER - Renee Miles</b> -Praise God for stretching her understanding of God's word and for time to delve into some practicalities of ministry through Bible college this year. Please pray for her exam period: Doctrine (4th Nov), Greek (7th Nov) and Church History (9th Nov).

SUN 6	<p><b>MARRIAGE PREP</b> – pray for two of our Night Church couples, Kent &amp; Hayley and Finn &amp; Tilly as they spend time with Ben Molyneux today in preparation for their marriages together. Pray that God might use this time to deepen their understand of God’s purpose for marriage, how it reflects something of God’s love and commitment to us as his church, and that it would serve to prepare them for this lifetime commitment of marriage together.</p>
MON 7	<p><b>JESUS CLUB</b> – Praise God for the members of Jesus Club (a ministry to adults with intellectual disabilities), the encouragement they are to the leaders and the support that we have been privileged to be in the ups and downs of their lives. Praise God for the members who have become Christian through the Jesus Club. Praise God for the opportunity recently to attend a Jesus Club Conference with leaders from other Jesus Clubs around Sydney and for the encouragement this was. Pray for more leaders for this ministry, who would bring new ideas and care to this ministry; pray for new members to come to our monthly gatherings so that this community outreach will grow and have even more impact.</p>
TUE 8	<p><b>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> – Give thanks that many new clients are coming to us for counselling; pray for capacity to bless each one as we work to meet all the new needs and serve our wider community in this way.</p>
WED 9	<p><b>WAR VETERANS</b> – Please pray for Chaplain Tony Bradford as he undergoes treatment for prostate cancer. Thank God for the news that the cancer is not aggressive. Pray for future tests and that the treatment will be successful so that his gospel work can continue. Give thanks to God with us for the continued support from all our pastoral volunteers and pray God will keep enabling them by the Spirit to be effective pastoral carers and evangelists so people are continually reached. Pray for Chaplain Bob and his wife Lesley while they holiday in New Zealand during November. Pray that they are refreshed and renewed physically, emotionally and spiritually in such a beautiful place.</p>

THU 10	<b>SOULIES - COMBINED NIGHT</b> - Pray for the combined night that is happening tomorrow at Soulies. Pray that our young people invite their friends and have fun and eat dinner while they listen to a guest speaker. Pray for Adam as he organises this event.
FRI 11	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> - Give thanks for those who served and sacrificed for their country and for those currently in the Australian Defence Forces. Pray for comfort and strength for those attending the Remembrance Services today at the War Vets and elsewhere.
SAT 12	Pray for those attending the <b>BUILDING LEADERS TRAINING DAY</b> today being run by Reach Australia here at St Faith's. Pray that it is a great day of learning and growing together in understanding ways in which we can develop faithful and growing teams in our many areas of ministry at St Faiths.
SUN 13	<b>ST FAITH'S KIDS:</b> Please pray for the team as we work through the Commitment Series with the kids alongside our preaching program. Ask that the Holy Spirit would be working in the hearts and minds of the children to help them grow in their understanding and their willingness to be committed to following Jesus. Please also pray that God would raise up more leaders passionate to serve in Kids Ministry in 2023.
MON 14	<b>ESL</b> - give thanks to God for His blessings to our ESL classes over these past two weeks, settling into fourth term. Thank God for his provision in a growing number of students each week, who are all enthusiastic to learn English, and also to make friends and be part of our ESL community. Give thanks for our dedicated team of teachers, helpers, assessors, welcomers, and child minders. Please pray for our students, that they will feel welcomed, and that they will see Christ in all we do and say. Please pray too, that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts to encourage them to stay back for Bible Study, and that He will also give them a hunger to learn more about Jesus, and to put their trust in Him.

TUE 15	Pray that we, as <b>THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT ST FAITH'S</b> , may also give thanks to God for his loving compassion and mercy He shows to us. Ask God to place on our heart a desire and passion to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus and that he might use us to live as lights for Jesus in our world, living for his glory and making much of the salvation that he's shown us in Jesus..
WED 16	<b>TRADITIONAL CHURCH CHOIR</b> – pray for our choir as they practice for upcoming events for the Christmas Services. Give thanks for Andrew Channon leading the choir and for the volunteers who serve us so faithfully each week at Traditional Church.
THU 17	<b>DISCOVER</b> – Pray for Marcus Druitt as he continues to lead this course; pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of those who have been attending; give thanks for the catering team that so willingly give up their time for this mission.
FRI 18	<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> – Please pray for Lighthouse kids and leaders. This term we are having a MasterChef cooking challenge alongside learning about God's goodness in the book of Psalms: "Taste and See that the Lord is good!" Please pray that our teaching is clear, and kids grow in their understanding of God's goodness.
SAT 19	<b>AFES - MEGAN LLEWELLYN</b> – as the semester has wrapped up, thank God for the change of pace at work as students head into their exams and us as staff prepare for end of year conferences and mission. Pray that God would help Megan rest and prepare well for her final few months as an apprentice. Pray that God would enable her and John more time with each other, that they would be wise with this changed routine.
SUN 20	<b>WELCOME TEAMS</b> – give thanks for the establishment of new welcome teams at Morning and Night Church this year and for the many visitors who have been welcomed at church across all our congregations. Pray for the Welcomer Training happening today and for Neil Souter as he leads this. Pray that it would be useful in equipping us better to be a welcoming church, especially leading into the Christmas and summer season.

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MON 21 **WORLD (UKRAINE)** – Pray for wisdom, strength, and courage for the soldiers who are protecting Ukraine. Pray for civilians who have been displaced and for families who have been separated from each other as they seek safety. Pray for those still seeking shelter, that God would give them wisdom in making hasty decisions. Ask God to give comfort for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Give thanks for the willingness of aid workers to work in situations of war to meet the needs of others. Give thanks for the people of Russia, who protest for peace and pray for ongoing courage for them. Pray that God may bring peace to these nations at war.

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TUE 22 Give thanks for our **EVENTS CATERING TEAM** led by Christina Wood, who have been working hard to provide food at all our different events at church throughout the year. Thank God for their servant hearts and willingness to humbly serve our church family in this way. Pray that God would raise up more people willing to serve in this team during 2023.

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WED 23 **AFES-WOLLONGONG** – pray that God would be glorified as we give thanks to him for his work in the life of students at Wollongong Uni this year and sending "labourers" into his harvest field as we celebrated with our partners at the Partnership dinner in November. Pray that many international students will come and hear the gospel of Christ as we lead into Christmas and pray for the UniBibleGroup committee retreat in planning for next year. Pray for wisdom as we meet students informally, since students will be in final exams period.

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THU 24 **NPSRE – CROMER CAMPUS – RACHEL PURCELL.** Thank the Lord for Rachel's freedom to roam the school and be welcomed into the classrooms as a helper. Give thanks for the Scripture classes booked in for this term. Pray against interruptions to the timetable and calendar, for students to attend and for teachers to be supportive. Pray for the lessons to be meaningful. Pray for God's wisdom and knowledge in the preparation. Pray for opportunities to follow up after the lessons.

FRI 25	Give thanks for those preparing for the <b>ST FAITH'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> at church. Pray that God would use this time together to strengthen the faith of believers and challenge the hearts of those who don't know Jesus, as Peter Jensen (former Archbishop of Sydney) speaks at this lunch. Pray for a rich time of fellowship together.
SAT 26	<b>COMPASSION</b> – give thanks for the ministry and outreach of Compassion as they seek to release children from poverty in Jesus name in nations around us. Pray that God would use the churches connected to Compassion so that the projects and ministries run by these churches would point people to the gospel and salvation in Christ. Thank God for the wonderful opportunity to partner with Compassion as a church here at St Faith's.
SUN 27	Pray for our <b>ADVENT SERIES</b> in church and Community Groups kicking off this weekend. As we enter December pray and ask that God would help us to remember and rejoice as we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world, but also remember that it's a season to watch and wait as we anticipate his second coming. Pray that this series serves to equip and challenge us in these things.
MON 28	<b>COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> – Praise God for our wonderful volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry. Give thanks for those guests who also come early to help set up, and for those who help to pack up. Pray for more volunteers who can regularly commit to serving with us. Pray we are welcoming and show Christ's love to everyone. Praise God for the many guests who regularly attend the Bible Study that runs before the meal. Pray that their faith grows through this time. Pray for those who are experiencing loneliness, social, emotional and mental health problems. Pray they may find peace and love in a relationship with Jesus. Continue to pray for Jackson and his family as he continues with treatment.

TUE 29

**GUMNUT KINDERGARTEN** - give thanks for the strong partnership we share with Gumnut families and children; pray they continue to grow. Give thanks for positive feedback that we have received from our local community towards Gumnut. Pray for safe travels for Megan, Victoria and Steph as they all embark on holidays this month. Pray for good health for Gumnut staff and families as they enter a very busy period. Pray for the children who are starting school next year and for their time at orientation at the local primary schools this month.

WED 30

**MISSION - DAN AND LIV WEBSTER - NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** - One thing we're struggling with at the moment is the inequality we face all around us, but also the fact that we are very much on the rich side of that inequality. Ask God for wisdom in knowing how to respond to inequality. That we would not think of ourselves more highly than we ought. Particularly that we would not think that we can solve every problem. May we be focussed on the main things. We are very grateful for our CMS pastoral visit. They are so wise, gracious and experienced. They love us and they want to see us serve the Lord as well as we can. Thank God for the riches of eternal life in relationship with our God and for our excellent CMS support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**Those unwell:**

Rosemary Irwin  
Larry Tolnay  
Robyn Ohlsson  
Sean Foley  
Anne Robinson

Jan Hall  
Margaret Hext  
Alison Pryde  
Trish Clifton  
Dennis Hensman  
Shane Lau

# MEET A MEMBER

JOSH  
WILSON



FAVOURITE MOVIE - CODA.

FAVOURITE FOOD -  
Thai food.

BEST BEACH - Freshwater.

IF I COULD GO ANYWAY IN  
THE WORLD - I would want  
to go to Israel, there's so  
much history there.

Especially I would like  
to see all of the places in  
which Jesus was and to  
experience that would be  
amazing.

I've been at St Faiths for nearly 10 years now. I served in Jesus Club 5 years ago when it first started and now I am part of the Saturday church kids ministry leading the Year 3 and up kids. Leading the Saturday kids has been so great and encouraging.

I was really thankful that I grew up in a Christian household where we would go to church and read the bible regularly. But personally I think I always believed in God, but it wasn't until I was in high school that I committed my life to Jesus and that's continued to be life changing.

Being part of the St Faith's family has been a real blessing and encouragement to me in the seasons of life we've lived in. It's very important to support and encourage each other and just bless each other with our gifts that God has blessed us with.

Things have found really encouraging and challenging about the Commitment series is that we need to focus our lives on God, make disciples and in our actions serve God. My community group and I have found it really helpful to remember to be committed in serving God with our hearts by the ways we go about our daily lives.

COMING UP...

# BUILDING LEADERS TRAINING MORNING



On Saturday 12th November, we are thankful to have the Reach Australia team joining us here at St Faith's "Building Leaders" training morning (9:00am - 1:00pm). This workshop has been designed for us at Narrabeen to help think through the why and how of developing leaders and a leadership pipeline for the future as we think through raising up the current and next generation of St Faith's leaders. If you're interested in getting involved, please speak to Marcus or Rose who will be able to help you to register.

## SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday 25th November 12 noon  
at St Faith's Church  
ALL WELCOME  
Speaker- Dr Peter Jensen  
Please RSVP by 18th November  
Christine Bannister 99822425



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