

ST FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

APRIL 2024

# COMMUNITY MAG



# MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

I trust that our series in the Sermon on the Mount has both challenged and comforted you as you've wrestled in God's word individually and together as Community Groups and listened to his word taught in church. Personally, I've found these words of Jesus really hit home as we navigate life as his disciples today and comforting, knowing that my salvation is secure because of Jesus' righteousness, not my own.

Flowing out of our Easter weekend we have a series of talks that we've titled, 'Jesus brings.....'. As we reflect on Good Friday of the reconciliation with God that Jesus brings, and on Easter Sunday that life that Jesus brings, the month that follows will continue with that theme as we consider some of the wonderful benefits of being Jesus' people. I am confident that each of these weeks would be excellent weeks to invite a friend along to church.

Starting in term 2, we have some extra opportunities that we believe will help us all grow to maturity in Christ as we continue to follow Jesus. Firstly, we're launching a PTC Course (PTC - Preliminary Theological Certificate) starting Monday 29th April. PTC is designed to take people on a deeper dive theologically into God's word. The first subject, Introduction to the Bible, will be taught by Matt Baines. Matt was sent by St. Faith's to study at Moore Theological College and then served as an Assistant Pastor at Minchinbury Anglican Church before completing his PhD in Systematic Theology at the University of Edinburgh. He attends the 4pm service with his wife Larissa and his children Rachael and Susanna. You can find out more information in the next article and register your interest at [www.stfaiths.church/events](http://www.stfaiths.church/events)

The second opportunity to grow together is an encouragement for our married couples to set aside time to attend The Marriage Course, starting Thursday 2nd May. The Marriage Course has been developed by the Alpha team and is an excellent time for couples to stop and invest intentional time in your relationship together. We are thankful for the Elkan Community Group (including the Elkan's, Lancasters, Jacobs, Everinghams, Jurys & Footes) who will be hosting this course in 2024 at church.

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The third opportunity is for the men-please set aside Saturday 25th May for our first Men's Morning of 2024. I am excited that Chris Cipollone will be joining us for the morning. Chris is a pastor, speaker, teacher, and Christian author. He has written a book called,

"Down Not Out - Depression, Anxiety and the Difference Jesus Makes" and he will be sharing with us at the Men's Morning. There will also be an opportunity to purchase his book, which I have personally read and been blessed by.

Again, visit [www.stfaiths.church/events](http://www.stfaiths.church/events) to register for the morning.

Finally, Yvette and I will be taking some time out over April to rest, refresh and recuperate. If you don't see us around, that's why! We'll be back on deck on Mother's Day at church and we look forward to being back with you all then. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in ministry, life, and following Jesus together. It's a blessing to be part of God's family at St Faith's.

In Christ,

Ben





The Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) is designed to help you grow in your knowledge of God's Word.

It takes you through the biblical, theological and historical foundations of the Christian faith. It is for Christians of all ages and stages. There are no admission requirements. You just need a desire to grow in your maturity in Christ and a few hours each week to attend evening sessions and to study over the course of a term.

### **Subject**

PTC has 22 different subjects arranged into three consecutive levels, with six subjects in each level. You receive a certificate after the successful completion of each level.

Our first subject is 'Introduction to the Bible'. This subject shows how the great themes of the Bible fit together into one story that spans both the Old and New Testaments. At the centre of the story is, of course, Jesus and this unit shows how God planned to redeem his people, which begins with promises to Abraham and continues through the fortunes of the nation of Israel, reaching its climax at the cross.

The first subject will be taught by Matt Baines. Matt and his family are members of our 4pm congregation. Matt studied at Moore College and completed a PhD in Systematic Theology at the University of Edinburgh.

## Commitment

The first subject will run for ten consecutive Monday evening sessions from 7:30pm to 9:00pm starting on 29 April. Each session will include a lecture and time for questions and discussion.

After the course you have an option to sit an exam to consolidate and test your understanding. The exam comprises 60 multiple choice questions. The exam can be taken online or in paper format for an additional cost of \$20. You can also audit the course. However, if you do take the exam, you can work towards a certificate.

Each subject costs \$50. Once you have enrolled in a subject, you get full online access to that subject for a period of 6 months. The online platform contains a whole host of materials including notes, quizzes and feedback. The exam can be taken any time within the 6-month enrolment period. If you like you can order a printed version of the notes for \$20 (plus \$7 postage and handling).

## Encouragement

There are a whole host of reasons to enrol in PTC:

- Refresh your understanding of key Christian beliefs
- Grow in your knowledge and love of God
- Enhance your ability to serve in ministry
- Test the waters and see if further theological training might be for you
- Qualify as a Community Chaplain

PTC is immensely encouraging and when done as part of a group, a whole lot of fun.

## Further Information

To express your interest, please register at [www.stfaiths.church/events](http://www.stfaiths.church/events).

For further information contact **Matt Baines** ([matthew.baines@live.com.au](mailto:matthew.baines@live.com.au)) or go to:

<https://moore.edu.au/courses/preliminary-theological-certificate/>



# APRIL PRAYER DIARY

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| MON 1 | Please give thanks for a number of <b>VISITORS</b> who have come to Church with kids. Please pray that the kids are welcomed well and enjoy their time at church and have an opportunity to hear about Jesus. Give thanks for SRE families and local families who brought their kids to the Easter services; pray they are encouraged to visit again.  |
| TUE 2 | <b>THE VILLAGE CHURCH (TVC) in Jindabyne</b> - Give thanks to God for the faith of the seven members of TVC who were baptised last month. Pray for our Kids Village leaders and Kids Village community that in God's grace they will all grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.  |
| WED 3 | <b>SCRIPTURE</b> - Please give thanks for the blessing of SRE teachers who have been provided for all classes. Pray that that our teachers will retain their enthusiasm, in second term, for the opportunity to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus. Let lessons be well prepared, Bible based, prayer imbued, and presented with the presence of the Holy Spirit.   |
| THU 4 | <b>WAR VETS</b> - Chaplain Bob finishes on 7th April and then goes on holidays and leaves at the end of June to live on the outskirts of Perth closer to family. Praise and thank God with us for all his dedicated ministry work among us. Please pray for a refreshing holiday and smooth transition for Bob. Pray for a suitable evangelical Chaplain to replace Bob and to work in with Tony and the pastoral volunteers. Pray God will also sustain Tony and pastoral volunteers in the transition. |
| FRI 5 | <b>SOULIES</b> - Give thanks for Term 1 of Soulies. Praise God for the work He's done in hearts and minds as we've looked through Mark's Gospel and asked 'Who Is Jesus?' Pray that He would continue to work by His Spirit in our youth over the holiday break, and that our leaders would have good and restorative rest.  |

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| SAT 6  | <p><b>MUSIC TEAMS</b> - Give thanks for the Word in Song Conference that our Music and Production teams were able to attend on the 16th March. Praise God for the work of Emu Music, and for the training, equipping and encouraging of those serving in these areas of ministry. Pray that God would continue to grow and encourage us as His people as we sing the truths of Scripture together each week.</p>   |
| SUN 7  | <p>Pray for <b>Jake Madder</b> that his preaching today from Matthew Chapter 7 will be clear and that God would use His word to strengthen our faith that will challenge and change us in our daily lives.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>NEW-ISH LUNCH</b> today at the Souter's place. Pray that many new people to St Faith's will come and enjoy fellowship around food.</p>   |
| MON 8  | <p><b>WAC</b> - We pray for Warriewood Community Residents who become increasingly aware of human frailty; may that increased awareness not issue in negativity or despondency but rather may it issue in a hunger and thirst for 'right relationship' with the living God. May the broader Christian community be prepared to give a reason for their hope within. May the coming ANZAC Day and other Community Services, planned from time-to-time, give us opportunity to Promote and Proclaim the Gospel among dear and increasingly frail friends in our village.</p>                       |
| TUE 9  | <p>Give thanks for the many new women who are coming along to study the Bible on a <b>TUESDAY MORNING!</b> Give thanks for Nat Chloupek - who is leading a new group. Please pray for all the leaders - Bev, Roz, Sarah, Nat and Rosemary as they lead the women each week. Please also pray for new women who are settling into new groups - that they will feel warmly welcomed and develop great relationships with the women in their groups. Please pray that all the women who meet on a Tuesday morning in Community Groups will grow and mature in their love of and trust in Jesus.</p> |
| WED 10 | <p><b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> - We give thanks for God continuing to provide for our needs. We are thankful for our Committee and volunteers, and pray we continue to show</p>  |

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| CONT'D | Christ's love as we serve in this Community. We pray for the many new guests who have visited recently. Pray they feel welcomed and loved. We pray those who attend the weekly Bible study continue to grow in love and understanding of our great God. We pray for our guests who have visited our Church, some of whom now regularly attend. Pray they are welcomed and loved as they worship with us.  |
| THU 11 | <p><b>MISSION – IRWAN AND CATHERINE – AFES AT WOLLONGONG UNI</b> Thank God for saving P from India who we met early this year. Pray that as we follow him up, may the Lord grow him in his love and trust of Jesus and having the heart to also proclaim Christ to his wider friends. Pray for a restful break for Irwan and Catherine and kids as they visit Irwan's family in Indonesia for 3 weeks. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel to Irwan's family, especially his parents and for God's mercy on them. Pray for Irwan in preparing and training the trainees in developing the Mid Year Conference MYC seminars on the Holy Spirit. Pray for Irwan in preparing for the weekly intensive training in ministry and evangelism materials for our student group for this semester.</p> |
| FRI 12 | <p><b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b> – Please give thanks for our leaders who faithfully prepare lessons, pray for teach and love our St Faith's Kids each week at Lighthouse and Kid's Church. Please pray that they will continue growing in their ministry skills and passion for sharing the Gospel with kids.</p>   |
| SAT 13 | <p>Give thanks for a record number of guests at <b>DISCOVER</b>, with nearly 30. And give thanks that over 20 of them want to continue discovering more about Jesus. Give thanks for Sal Spedding and Lisa McDonald who will be leading a new <b>DIGGING DEEPER</b> group for the women, and for Bob Pryor who will be leading a group for the War Vets.</p>  |
| SUN 14 | <p>Pray for <b>Marcus and Philip preaching</b> today for our mini series 'Jesus Brings', and pray that we will have hearts to hear Jesus' message for us. Please pray for all our <b>COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS</b> as they meet to be trained and equipped for what we will be looking at in our Community Groups in Term 2. Please pray for Marcus</p>   |



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| CONT'D | and Rosemary as they lead training in Leviticus and on how we can grow and develop as Community Group leaders. Give thanks to God for all our Community Group leaders, who faithfully open God's word with the people in their groups each week. Please ask God to help them in their own relationships with Jesus - that they will keep loving and trusting Jesus in all things.   |
| MON 15 | <b>ESL</b> - Please thank God with us for a great first term at ESL. We give thanks for each of the students who come so regularly, and especially for those who stay back to read the Bible and talk about Jesus with us. Please pray for our teachers that they might be sensitive to the needs of our students, in learning English. Please pray that as we teach them about Easter, that they will come to a knowledge and belief in Jesus as the Son of God, who loves them and has died for them. Pray also, that as we show Jesus' love to them, they will want to know our Jesus as their Lord. |
| TUE 16 | <b>NPSRE CROMER CAMPUS</b> - Pray that God will enable Phil to build relationships with the year 7 students. That God will provide suitable classroom facilities because the school is at capacity. That God will open conversations with students that lead to real opportunities for the gospel to be presented to them. We are blessed to have a God who listens to our prayers and acts on them in all our best interests! He has told us to ask and we WILL receive. Give thanks.  |
| WED 17 | <b>GUMNUT KINDY</b> - Please pray for the new Gumnut Management Committee, that they will wisely think through how to manage the kindy, how to connect families to one another, how to connect church to Gumnut, and families to Christ. Give thanks for the director Steph, and her wonderful team, for how they work well together and how they seek to honour God in all that they do.   |
| THU 18 | <b>MISSION CHRIS AND KAREN WEBB BROOME PEOPLES CHURCH</b> - Give thanks to God for the opportunity to live and serve in Broome and for the many ways that he has sustained us over the last 10 years. Please pray that God will continue to make us useful for his kingdom here. Please ask God to help   |

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| CONT'D | Kimberley people cope with the weight of loss upon loss. And pray that the good news of Jesus will give hope and salvation to grieving family members.  |
| FRI 19 | Pray for our Soulies Youth and Leaders who are heading to <b>KYCK</b> for the weekend. Give thanks for leaders and other members of our church family who have made time to come and cook, pray with, and support our crew over the week of discipleship. Pray that as we look at Genesis, all who attend will be encouraged, challenged, and convicted to follow Jesus more closely.   |
| SAT 20 | <b>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> - The Cottage is ticking along nicely, and our Counsellors are doing some lovely work. At The Cottage we are really committed to making counselling accessible to everyone who needs it, and we work hard to help clients with financial constraints access our service. This has a financial cost, and our ongoing challenge is to raise funds (donations, sponsorships, grants) to cover this cost. We would love your prayers as we continue the ongoing work of fund-raising for our beautiful service. Please pray for inspiration, wisdom and provision as we trust God for all our needs. (And if you know anybody with connections or wisdom in the fund raising arena, feel very welcome to put us in contact!). |
| SUN 21 | Give thanks for the <b>WELCOME TEAMS</b> at St Faith's and the way they show Christ's love to all who walk through our door. Pray that God will raise up more people for the Welcome Teams and also team leaders. Give thanks for Michael, Anne, MO and Neil as they lead teams.<br>Pray for <b>Neil</b> as he preaches today for our Mini series Jesus Brings, pray it will encourage us to persevere in our faith every day.  |
| MON 22 | <b>MINISTRY APPRENTICESHIP</b> - Give thanks for the training and encouragement that Jadon is receiving from our staff team as he settles into the rhythms and structures of ministry. Praise God for the opportunity to train up young people for ministry in the future.  |
| TUE 23 | <b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> - Give thanks for our Junior Leaders who have settled well into their new roles. Thank God for the way that Jonah, Molly, Lily and Zoe are an encouragement to the kids and   |

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| CONT'D | <p>fellow leaders at Lighthouse through the enthusiasm and initiative. Pray that God would bless their ministry, and grow them in godliness. Give thanks for our regular Lighthouse attendees, and praise God for those who have brought friends along in recent weeks. Pray that this continues!</p> <p>Pray for Molly Jones and Jadon as they plan and prepare for Term 2. Ask that God would give them His wisdom and sensitivity as they communicate His word to young hearts and minds.</p> |
| WED 24 | <p>Give thanks for Tilly Madder and those that help out leading <b>GUMTREES PLAYTIME</b> each Wednesday morning. Please pray for gospel opportunities with the many non-Christian mums and carers who come along each week. Pray that they will feel God's love for them as they connect with other Christian women from church.</p>   |
| THU 25 | <p><b>ANZAC DAY</b> - Give thanks to God for the peace we have in Australia. Thank God for all those who have served, and are serving, in our Armed Forces. Thank God for the willingness that He has given them to sacrifice much for our country. Pray God would comfort those who have suffered, and are now suffering, as a result of war.</p>   |
| FRI 26 | <p><b>SOULIES</b> - give thanks for our leaders who give time and energy on a Friday to love and serve our Youth. Pray that God will sustain and encourage them in their ministry and give them joy as they see Him at work in the lives of the youth, as well as their own.</p>   |
| SAT 27 | <p><b>MUSIC TEAMS</b> - Praise God for the blessing of those who lead us in song each week, both from the front and behind the sound desk. Pray that He would continue to encourage and build them up in their ministry. Pray also for Scott and Jake as they oversee Music Ministry at AM and PM services.</p>  |
| SUN 28 | <p>Pray for <b>Marcus</b> preaching today from Ephesians 3 on the courage and confidence we can have in Christ; pray we are all encouraged.</p>  |
| MON 29 | <p><b>MISSION DAN AND LIV WEBSTER NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGY SEMINARY</b> - Pray for Liv in her second month in her new job giving free treatment for women in a private</p>   |

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physio practice where she also has more opportunity to train up local physios in women's health. Pray many local physios benefit from Liv's expertise and knowledge. Pray also for the new physios replacing Liv at Side by Side paediatric clinic and for the two women who are going to continue running the Bible study group there, pray they would learn from God's word.

TUE 30

**CHILLOUT** - Please be praying for many to be involved as leaders and helpers for our mid year children and families outreach with leaders planning meetings starting in May. Pray God will bring many new children and families along to Chillout.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **Pray for those expecting-**

Jessie & Jono Ok (10am Church), Fiona & James Kirsop and Jake and Kelly Madder.

## **Those unwell-**

Larry Tolnay  
Trish Clifton  
Barbara Temperley  
Anne Robinson  
Max and Imelda Krause

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**...King of  
the jungle.**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**WED 17th - FRI 19th JULY**  
Chillout Church: 21st July

**LEADERS MEETING DATES:**  
19th May 2:30pm  
16th June 2:30pm  
16th July 2:30pm



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