

ST FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

JUNE 2024

# COMMUNITY MAG



# Welcome

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

Each month, on the second Monday evening of the month, a small group of faithful saints gather at church to pray. There's no preparation involved. There's no huge commitment required. Just a heart and enthusiasm to come before humbly in prayer. Each month we publish our monthly prayer diary (now also available on the PrayerMate app for those who like tech!) and more recently our Chillout Prayer Team handout in the lead up to our week of mission in July. But do we really believe in the power of prayer? Do we really have confidence that our prayers even make a difference? Or that God does anything with them?

This week I read, "The agony and ecstasy of the church prayer meeting" (Australian Church Record, Easter 2024) by Simon Manchester. I found that his comments challenged my own views of 'confidence' in God when it comes to prayer. He says....

**"Confidence of course it is not our emotion or language or godliness - or even our desperation - that forces God's interest in our prayers. The scripture wonderfully tells us that "His ear is ever open to our cry" and that we should "cast our cares because He cares" for us. It's because of who He is and because of who we are that prayers arrive in His ear. He has committed Himself to our prayers.**

**There have been times when I've been talking with a young mum at church - and the things I've been saying to her have been of course fascinating and riveting stuff - but she turns away from my blabber because she has heard the cry of her child. It's always a reminder to me that the cry of the believer is deeply, deeply interesting to God - more than we or anyone else may think.**

**This confidence in God's interest in our prayers needs to be recaptured. Too many believers have little or no confidence that their prayer is really doing anything and simply go through the motions because it's the thing to do. The idea that words spoken to God would be heard, heeded, taken seriously and would 'move the machinery of heaven' has almost disappeared from view. But the work of Jesus has secured our adoption and our adoption means access to the throne of a Heavenly Father and at the throne of our Heavenly Father, He takes our words seriously. We may not take them seriously, but He does.**

**So, I hold these two ideas of desperation and confidence together - that we should know and feel and express our desperation and that He is worthy of our confidence as the Father who actually listens and responds perfectly."**

What are you desperately expressing to God in prayer right now? Maybe it's the personal health afflictions you have, or those around you suffer from; maybe it's the concern of increasing violence in our community; maybe it's the salvation of the souls of family and friends who don't yet trust in Jesus? Whatever it is - know with great certainty that God is worthy of your confidence as our Father who listens and responds perfectly to our desperate cries. How good is that?!

Our prayer meeting is on Monday 10th June, 7pm at church. Everyone is welcome.

God bless,

Ben

# TAKE LOVE

## COLLECTION

JAKE MADDER



# ~~Soulies~~

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

## 1 JOHN 3:16-18

This term at Soulies, we're working through the Bible and considering what it looks like to take the love of Jesus out to the Northern Beaches not just as we preach the Gospel, but live it out in practical ways - especially considering those in our community who are vulnerable, facing hardship, or who are disadvantaged.

We're putting this into action by collecting clothes to donate to Anglicare at the end of June - and we'd love our church family to get involved with us!

If you've got good quality new or second hand items (ie. clothes of a quality you'd happily lend to a friend), then we'd love you to add to the pile we're making at the front of church. Just make sure they're washed, then bag them up and drop them off on the right hand side of the stage.

The Anglicare Truck will be coming on **Sunday the 30th of June** to collect. Details to follow, but it's an occasion that our youth will be gathering to both assist with, and witness. You're more than welcome to join us then too!

Please pray with us that God would use all of us as a church family to take the love of Jesus to the Northern Beaches, so that many would come to know Him!

If you've got any questions, please get in touch.

# CHILLOUT IS COMING...

Please sign up to  
serve at Chillout.  
Use the QR Code  
right>>

Next meeting is for  
all Section Leaders  
and Junior Leaders.



Registrations are  
open for Chillout  
2024! Use the QR  
code to register  
your kids and their  
friends!



# PARISH COUNCIL

## update

Our new Parish Council has met twice since our AGM in March covering a range of different topics, questions from our AGM, and the general oversight of church, church property and finances.

The major talking points and decisions:

- Bibles for Church: Parish Council has recently approved the purchase of a new set of church bibles which will be rolled out in the coming months. This will put the Bible back in the hands of our church members during church, which was taken away during Covid.

- Nungalinya Bible College Support: we also recently accepted a proposal from a congregation member to include the Nungalinya Bible College in the Northern Territory as one of our mission partners. This links nicely with our partnership with the Webb's in Broome and our desire to support mission in our country to Indigenous communities.

- Accessible Parking: our Wardens have been considering a number of short term options for making the accessible parking at church more accessible for those in need of these car spots. Changes to the carpark will be made in the coming months to clearly mark two accessible spots, along with the repainting of carpark lines.

- St Faith's Master Plan Team: Parish Council has also recently endorsed a "Master Plan Committee" made up of various congregation members with particular skills and experience to help us consider the long term plans for our resources / buildings here at St Faith's. This committee will look to prepare something for St Faith's congregations by the end of 2024.

Our Parish Council is made up of the following members: Bob Saville (8am), Christina Wood, Jeanette Madden, Max Williams, Alan Madder (10am), Anthony McCausland, Luke Larrea (4pm) & Molly Jones (6:30pm).



# COMING UP...



A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a desert landscape. In the background, there are pyramids and a full moon. In the foreground, the word "EXODUS" is written in large, yellow, blocky letters. Below it, the subtitle "THE SECOND BEST RESCUE" is written in a similar style. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A small eagle is flying in the sky.

**SQUARE ONE WINTER**  
Friday 31 May – Sunday 2 June, 2024

**SQUARE ONE SPRING #2**  
Friday 8 – Sunday 10 November, 2024

**SQUARE ONE SPRING #1**  
Friday 1 – Sunday 3 November, 2024

Youthworks Conference Centres,  
Port Hacking

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We're heading to Square One again this November! All kids in Years 3-5 are welcome to come along for a weekend of fun, friendship and awesome teaching from the Bible. For more info go to <https://www.youthworks.net/squareone>. Registrations open on 1st August. Get in quick!



A stylized, colorful illustration of a lion's head. The lion's mane is composed of flowing, wavy lines in various colors like blue, green, orange, and red. The lion's face is detailed with intricate patterns. The background is dark.

Livestream | 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

# HOPE FOR THE WEARY

— † Revelation 1-5 † —

 EQUIP women 24

# MEET A MEMBER

VERITY &  
DAVE ANDREW



FAST THREE

## FAV HOLIDAY DESTINATION:

Verity - Europe (Italy). I would love to spend a month travelling through Italy as I've only spent a short time there so far.

Dave - Bali will always hold a special place in my heart as it was the first overseas adventure we had with our new little family.

## FAV COFFEE SHOP:

Verity - anywhere that does a good sticky chai as I don't drink coffee

Dave - 3 beans.

## FAV BEACH:

Verity - Dee why because I like being able to have a picnic on the grass and watch the ocean.

I really hate sand

Dave - Freshwater.

## What do you get up to during the week?

Verity - I am just finishing up maternity leave so currently I hang out with our 11 month old, Theo. I will be heading back to primary teaching part time from July.

Dave - I am a TAS teacher, mainly food tech at OFG, when I'm free I love spending time with family.

## What do you love about being a part of the St Faith's Church Family?

Verity - it's a great community that I've had the blessing of growing up as a part of. There are so many encouraging people with encouraging stories.

Dave - the faithful bible based teaching and the great friendships we have.

## What has God taught you through studying Leviticus?

Verity - I love seeing how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament through his sacrifice.

Dave - That even though we are sinful and rebellious, God makes a way for us to live in his presence.

## What can we as a church be praying for your family?

Verity - That we can raise Theo to love and serve Jesus and also grow in our own faith. We want Jesus to be the centre of our family and a common topic of discussion.

Dave - That Theo grows to love and know Jesus and that we can be a Godly example for him in everything we do.



# 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. 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**

**2. 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**

**3. 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**

# JUNE PRAYER DIARY

SAT 1	Pray for <b>THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL</b> in our congregation, including Larry Tolnay, Trish Clifton, Barbara Temperley, Anne Robinson, Max and Imelda Krause, Sandra Burgess, Jan Hall, Barbara Storey and Tracy Scarf (Sue and Eddie's daughter-in-law). Pray for God's comfort, strength and healing through their pain, sickness and difficult times.
SUN 2	Pray for <b>NEIL AS HE PREACHES AT ALL SERVICES AT ST FAITH'S</b> on how Jesus calls us to holy living. Pray for clarity and understanding in how to live a life devoted to God, that through our obedience and actions we reflect God's glory and draw closer to him. Pray for BEN PREACHING AT WAC this morning. Pray the message is clear and those listening will feel encouraged and continue to respond with open hearts.
MON 3	<b>JESUS CLUB</b> – Pray for God to raise up more members to come along, to enjoy fellowship and learn about God in a fun and engaging way. Pray for good health for the current members as winter approaches. Give thanks for the leaders and helpers and how they enthusiastically continue to serve the members well as they share God's message of hope.
TUE 4	Give thanks for the <b>WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUPS</b> who meet each Tuesday morning during term. Give thanks for the women who come along regularly each week to gather around God's word together. Thank God for the women who faithfully lead these groups including Bev, Sarah, Roz, Rosemary and Natalie. Give thanks for Monica Clarke who takes care of the children in the creche while the groups are meeting.
WED 5	Pray for the <b>CHILLOUT CAMP</b> running on 17th-19th July. Pray the SRE teachers, congregation members and the children will be diligent, bold and courageous in personally inviting children to

CONT'D	come along, especially those children who don't know Jesus yet. Pray the Holy Spirit will work in the children's hearts and minds in preparation for hearing the good news of Jesus and the families of these children that their hearts will be opened also. Give thanks for the music team and the design team as they begin to prepare for Chillout. Pray for creativity, skill and fellowship together as they plan and practise. Give thanks for Lyndal who oversees this camp and pray for energy and wisdom in putting it all together.
THU 6	<b>QUILTING AND NEEDLEWORK CLUB</b> - Give thanks for the group's commitment in meeting every Thursday, to provide an opportunity to share life and Jesus, with friends from church and the community. Give thanks for Judith Baker who coordinates this group and others who faithfully help each week. Pray new women will come along and feel welcome. Give thanks for funds raised last month for cancer research and the items the women make for charity every year. Ask God for protection from illnesses especially during the winter months.
FRI 7	Give thanks for the children from Yr3-5 who come along to <b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> each week during the school term. Pray the children continue to be encouraged and build friendships amongst the others. Pray many children from the local schools will want to come along and learn about Jesus. Give thanks for the faithful leaders including, Jonah, Lily, Molly, Laurie, Lizzy, Maisy, Sarah and Zoe, who disciple the children each week and give thanks for Jadon Horsley and Molly Jones who oversee this ministry. Pray God would appoint more leaders to partner with us to see a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.
SAT 8	<b>MISSION - DAN AND LIV WEBSTER - NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b> - Thank God for the privilege of meeting and serving excellent brothers and sisters on the other side of the world. Give thanks for the significant work God is doing here, equipping local people for ministry. Praise God for Romeo Tafadzwa, now a 'senior faculty in training' at NETS and recently ordained as pastor of our congregation that we both lead together. Give thanks for Romeo's life, faith, gifts and desire to serve the Lord. Ask God to give Romeo strength, humility and wisdom in how he divides his time. Ask God that we would be happy to fade into the background as locals step up.

SUN 9	<p>Pray for <b>BEN PREACHING AT ALL SERVICES AT ST FAITH'S</b>. Pray he will clearly and faithfully explain how Jesus fulfills the festivals in Leviticus. Pray we remember what God has done for us through Jesus, so that we respond in deeper faith, greater understanding and trust in Jesus. Pray also for <b>NEIL PREACHING AT WAC</b> this morning. Pray the message is encouraging and those listening will stay humble and dependent on Jesus, living a life that's pleasing to God.</p>
MON 10	<p><b>MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING</b> – Give thanks that members from all congregations from St Faith's can come together tonight, freely and openly, without fear of persecution, to pray for matters relating to our church, our community and our world.</p>
TUE 11	<p>Pray for <b>DISCOVER THAT'S CURRENTLY RUNNING ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS</b>. Pray that all our church members are convicted of the urgent need to share Jesus with those who aren't saved, so that God is rightly glorified and people find eternal life in His name. Pray for all the guests, that the Spirit convicts their hearts of their need for Jesus.</p>
WED 12	<p><b>MISSION – IRWAN AND CATHERINE AFES AT UNI OF WOLLONGONG</b> – Thank the Lord for saving three students: Prishanth from India, Dylan and Frank (east Asia). Pray as we follow them up, that we can encourage them to grow in their faith, in the short time they have with us. Pray for students as they prepare for final exams (10–20 June). Pray for the preparations of the Mid Year Conference to run smoothly. Pray for Irwan as he prepares and writes all the seminars for MYC this year on "The Holy Spirit". Pray for the AFES senior staff conference (17–21 June), that Irwan will have a productive collaborative work with other AFES staff in Muslim and Hindu ministry. Pray also for Catherine in looking after our four children. Thank the Lord for saving Tomomi, a Japanese mum who has been meeting Catherine for bible study over many years. Pray for her and her family to keep growing and connecting with Christians as they now move to Japan.</p>
THU 13	<p>Give thanks to God for the dedicated service of the <b>GUMNUT KINDY DIRECTOR STEPH REEVES</b>. Pray for Steph who has resigned from the position and today is her last day as Director. Pray that all will go well in her new role. Pray for the</p>

CONT'D	families, children and staff who may find this a sad time and for Steph as she says goodbye to everyone. Ask God to raise up new educators and a new director at Gumnut Kindy. Pray the Management Committee will be wise and be led by God's Spirit as they navigate the way forward.
FRI 14	Give thanks for the <b>SOULIES LEADERS</b> - Monica, Jadon, Claire, James, David, Jen, Jack, Andy, Sarah, Izzy, Buffy and Jessica. Ask God to sustain them as they teach and disciple the young people in our church on Friday nights. Pray the youth will be bold in inviting their friends who don't know Jesus yet and that many more young people from the community will want to come along. Pray the youth will keep on trusting Jesus and learn about His love for them. Give thanks for Jake who oversees this ministry.
SAT 15	Pray for the <b>CHILLOUT SECTION TEAMS MEETING</b> tomorrow. Pray this is a fruitful time of planning. Ask God to give the team a passion for serving God with the children and for creativity and a willingness to share the load. Pray for our Junior Leaders as they join their teams for the first time. Ask that the Lord will be working in them to grow them as disciples of Jesus and that these Junior leaders will be loved, encouraged and built up in their faith by their adult teammates.
SUN 16	Pray for <b>PHILIP PREACHING AT 8AM CHURCH AND BEN PREACHING AT 10AM, 4PM AND 6.30PM CHURCH</b> . Pray for wisdom as they explain and teach from the bible on Sabbath rest. Pray it will encourage us to direct our thoughts and actions towards God, to bring us closer to him, giving us eternal perspective and perseverance in our faith. <b>PRAY FOR COLIN PREACHING AT WAC</b> on passages in Leviticus and Matthew. Pray for those listening to respond with gladness that God is always our refuge.
MON 17	Give thanks to our God for a good start back to <b>ESL CLASSES</b> . Give thanks for returning students and also for new students coming along. Pray for all our team members, that our Heavenly Father will continue to give us wisdom and perseverance as we seek to engage and teach the students. Pray that we might show the students God's love and care,



CONT'D	as they seek to not only learn English, but to adapt to the culture of Australia and specifically, the Northern Beaches. Particularly pray that students will stay back for the Bible lessons and that the Spirit will grow in them a desire to know Jesus.
TUE 18	<b>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> – Give thanks the Cottage has rooms in eight suburbs and for the great work of the counsellors helping people who are hurting. Pray for the Cottage as they make decisions on the possibility of introducing new locations, particularly for the churches who have reached out and would love to partner with the Cottage and the many blessings this would bring in parts of Sydney. Pray for wisdom in this decision, as they consider the need for more counselling rooms and the resourcing and staffing that is needed.
WED 19	<b>GUMTREES PLAYTIME</b> – Praise God for the wonderful space and resources we have for Gumtrees Playtime. Give thanks for the members of our Church family who bring their children and grandchildren. Pray they continue to build meaningful relationships with those people who come from our local community, and opportunities to share about our love for God and Jesus arise and are taken.
THU 20	<b>NPSRE CROMER CAMPUS</b> – Pray Phil can develop meaningful relationships with the students and for gospel-based classrooms. Pray Cromer High will continue to allow flexibility in making arrangements for scripture classes. Pray the students will consider the materials being presented in class and what it means for their lives. Pray the school will allow Scripture for Year 9 students next year.
FRI 21	<b>CHILLOUT</b> – Give thanks for the section coordinators, Linda Reynolds and Sandy Green (yrs K-1), Beck McCausland and Nat Berrill (yrs 2-3) and David Lawson and Nelle Green (yrs 4-5). Pray for team cohesion and connection as they work with their Section teams and that they will trust in God as they lead their teams with confidence and wisdom. Pray for Sarah Jones as she prepares to teach God's word and share the Good News of Jesus with the children. Give thanks for Sarah's creativity, her script writing skills and her willingness to serve.

SAT 22	Pray many women come to the livestream of the <b>EQUIP WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT ST FAITH'S</b> today. Pray everyone has a great day of fellowship together to hear God's Word from Revelation 1-5, offering hope for his weary followers. Give thanks for the speakers Di Warren, Mathea Yeung, Karen Lawson-Smith and Annabel Nixey. Pray the message is clear and encouraging to all the women. Give thanks to Rosemary and others who organised this event.
SUN 23	Pray for <b>MARCUS PREACHING AT ALL SERVICES AT ST FAITH'S</b> . Pray for clarity as Marcus explains the passages in Leviticus and Revelation on two ways to live. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide us to live obediently and draw us closer to Jesus. Pray for <b>PHILIP PREACHING AT WAC</b> . Pray the message will be clear to those listening. Give thanks to God that we can enter His rest to refocus, reflect and renew us.
MON 24	<b>PRAY FOR THOSE EXPECTING</b> , including Jessie Ok, Fiona Kirsop and Kelly Madder. Pray for good health for the mothers, especially as we head into the winter months and for protection of the new babies.
TUE 25	<b>THE VILLAGE CHURCH (TVC) in Jindabyne</b> – Give thanks a few of The Village Church leaders attended the Reach Australia Conference last month. Pray God will encourage them in the Gospel, unite them in missional strategy, and their ability to work together for the good of the church in Jindabyne.
WED 26	<b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> – Give thanks for the wonderful community that is TCP. Pray for the guests who attend every week, and those who come when they are able, and those who are new, that they feel part of this Community. Pray we show Jesus' love with every interaction as we serve our guests. Pray for God's guidance for the team that oversee this Ministry, and for more people to be led to volunteer. Pray for God to lead a person to replace Neil and they connect with and love the guests as he did. Pray for the physical, mental and spiritual health of everyone.
THU 27	Pray for the <b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> as they meet tonight. Ask God for guidance and wisdom regarding financial, property affairs

CONT'D	and for any other concerns. Give thanks for those who serve in this way including Al, Bob, Christina, Jeanette, Luke, Max, Molly, Tones and for our Wardens Sarah, Stuart and Tim.
FRI 28	Pray for wisdom, clarity and efficiency for the <b>CHILLOUT TEAMS</b> as they continue with their preparations with only a few more weeks till the camp. Pray the preparations run smoothly and for the teams to seek God's will as they make decisions and organise the schedule for the camp in July. Give thanks for all the volunteers, including those on catering, set/design, welcomers and Chillout café, who are giving up their time to help with this annual children's event.
SAT 29	Pray for good preparations for <b>NEIL PREACHING AT ST FAITH'S AND COLIN PREACHING AT WAC</b> at the Sunday services tomorrow. Pray that as we listen to what is being taught from the bible, that we are reminded of God's love and mercy and to give thanks in all circumstances.
SUN 30	Give thanks for <b>NEIL AND LOU AND FOR THE MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE HERE AT ST FAITH'S</b> . Ask God to give them comfort and strength as they deal with the emotions of leaving. Give thanks for the opportunity they have to continue serving our God at St Mark's Avalon. Ask God for a smooth transition into the new church and to help them to connect well with other families there. Pray for Sam, Ivy and Eli to settle in well as they adjust to their new environment. Pray they will build new meaningful relationships.



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INVITED**  
TO COME HELP...

# *farewell the Souters*

**Billarong Reserve | 12pm | Sunday 30th June**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Pray for those expecting-**  
Fiona & James Kirsop and  
Jake and Kelly Madder.

**Congratulations-**  
Jessie & Jono Ok on the birth  
of Josiah (10am Church).

**Those unwell-**  
Larry Tolnay  
Trish Clifton  
Barbara Temperley  
Anne Robinson  
Max and Imelda Krause  
Sandra Burgess  
Jan Hall  
Barbara Storey  
Tracy Scarf





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