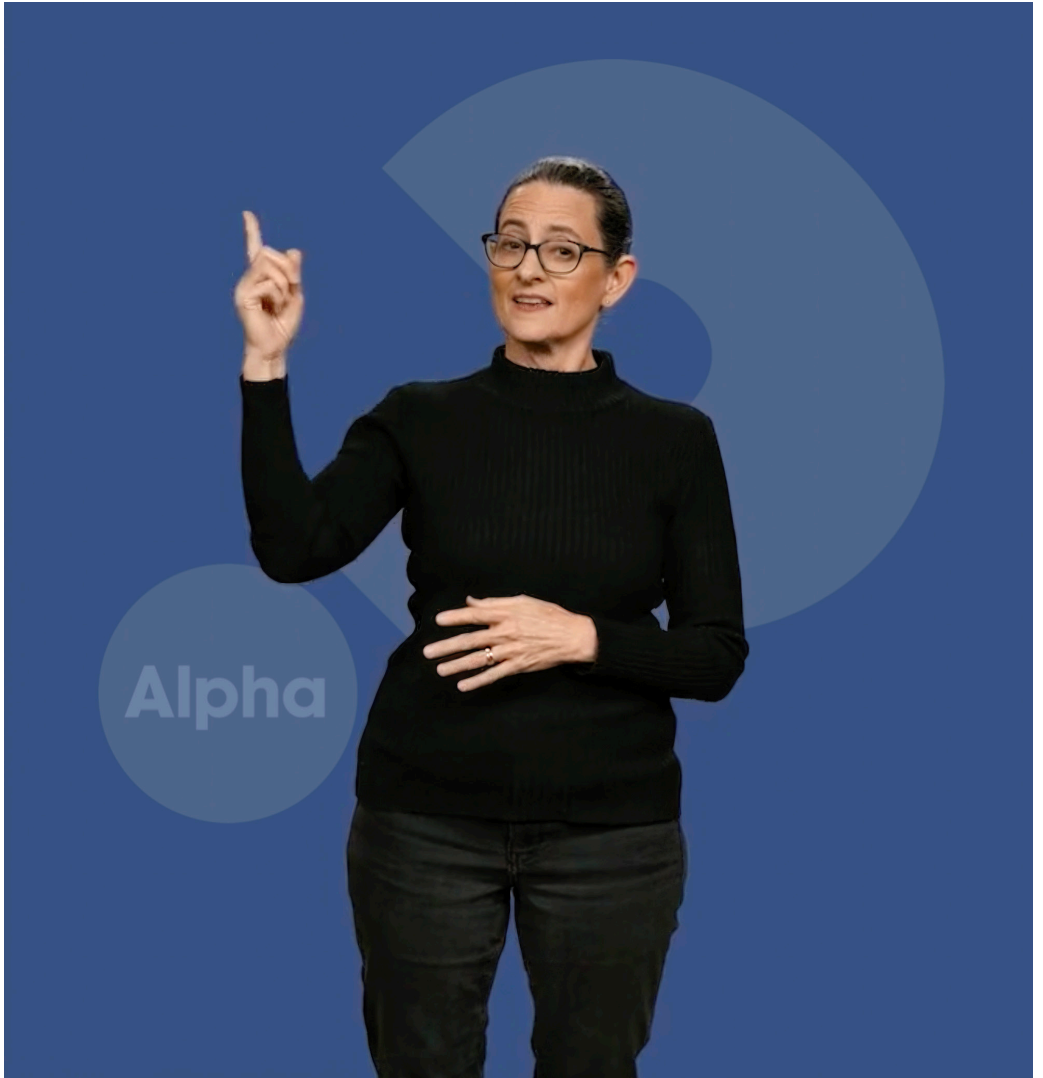


ST FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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COMMUNITY MAG



Welcome

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

Welcome along to St Faith's if you're visiting us or looking for a new church home! We're glad you've come along and hope that you find a warm and welcoming community of people here who really love Jesus!

If you are new, each term we run a couple of important events that help newcomers connect in and feel a part of our community. The first is our Newish Lunch, which is a low-key lunch that's designed for newcomers to get to know some other newcomers as well as some regular faces. Our next Newish is coming up on Sunday the 30th March, 12pm. Once you've been along to Newish, we'd love to invite you to a night called Belong.

Belong is designed to help people know a bit more about St Faith's, think through our vision and mission, our ministries, and what it looks like to Belong as a member of our church community. Our next Belong is coming up on Wednesday 19th March, 7pm.

To register for these upcoming events, jump onto our website, www.stfaiths.church, and click on the events tab! Everyone is welcome!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Parishioners is coming up on Sunday 16th March, 12pm at church. This is a chance to hear from our Senior Minister, Wardens, nominate congregation members for the important roles in our church community, and give thanks for all that God is doing in and through us at St Faith's. We'd love to see you there.

Also coming up in March (Sunday 23rd and the days following), we will have our CMS link missionaries with us – Chris and Karen Webb, along with their children. We will be hearing about and praying for the wonderful gospel work that is happening in Broome People’s Church, praying for the Webb’s together, and thinking through mission in our own backyard here on the Beaches! It’s going to be a great week together.

Finally, be encouraged by this edition of our Community Mag. In it you will find some encouraging articles about what God is doing through Alpha and our prayer diary to commit our church, ministries, and people to God in prayer.

Grace and peace,

Ben

Auslan

ALPHA ADVENTURE!



Hi there! My name is Anne Horton. My husband, Michael, and I attend the 10:00 am service at St Faith's. If we haven't met yet, we look forward to it!

I am an Auslan (Australian Sign Language) interpreter and it is truly a privilege to be the ears and voice of deaf people.

Recently, I have been working on a most exciting and purposeful interpreting project, **and if you fellowship at St Faith's, you are in this story!**

In 2024, Alpha Australia, in partnership with the Bible Society Australia and Wycliffe Australia, asked me to help create an Auslan version of the Alpha video series (2023 Australian edition) – a project called **"Auslan Alpha."**

More than 30 million people worldwide have participated in Alpha*, but exceptionally few of those people are signing deaf people. As far as "hearing the gospel" goes, deaf people are one of the most unreached people groups in the world.

Filming of Auslan Alpha began in September 2024 and continued over 2 wintery weeks at the Wycliffe studio in Melbourne. From the start, the entire project was soaked in prayer. During filming, God's presence was palpable in the studio and I experienced a supernatural ease in my role as the Auslan interpreter for Nicky Gumbel.

A couple of final filming days were scheduled for December, 2024. This time there were some extra challenges afoot, literally. Days before filming, I broke my foot. Melbourne was in a heatwave, and there I was in a moonboot and wearing winter clothes (for continuity with the September footage we had filmed). The heat caused a power outage at the studio. We were determined **"no weapon formed against us would prosper!"**, so with a generator running and an ice pack on my neck between takes, by the grace of God, WE DID IT!!!

The next step is to trial the videos. I offered to facilitate a soft launch of Auslan Alpha in Term 1, 2025, but there were many unknowns: Would the videos be ready? Where would we host it? Who would help? Would any deaf people come?

The request went out via our St Faith's February Prayer Diary: "Pray for Auslan Alpha as the invites go out to the Deaf Community. Pray they will respond with 'Yes! I'd love to come!' and they will want to return each week."

... and then the church began to pray...

Suddenly everything fell easily into place and every deaf person I invited said yes. I had the strongest sense I was simply walking in steps that had been established by the Lord even before the foundation of time. It was amazing!

On our first night of Auslan Alpha, the guests loved it so much they applauded at the end and asked, "How can we get more deaf people to see this?!"

One guest said:

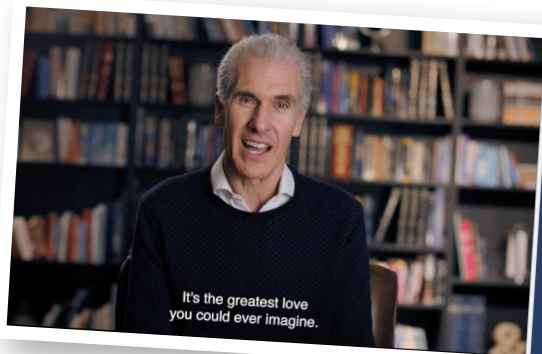
"I went to church, and I didn't understand any of it. I tried reading the Bible—it's rubbish! But THIS?! This is GREAT! I UNDERSTAND EVERY WORD!"

What a privilege for St Faith's to be the first church in Australia to provide the Deaf Community with access to the gospel through Auslan Alpha.

Auslan Alpha will continue throughout March, 2025.

Thank you for praying.

**Alpha is a series of videos that explore the meaning of life and faith from a Christian perspective.*



ALPHA:



Alpha

Youth

Over the last 12 months, God has brought incredible growth to Soulies. We've seen heaps of new people come, and stay, to hear about Jesus and His love for them. Many have arrived from contexts where the Bible, the person of Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit and the overall idea of God were entirely unfamiliar. While we talk about these things each week at Soulies, we've had the chance to turn up the mission heat, and get a few of our newer Soulies crew up to speed with the all new Youth Alpha Course.

Alpha is a great space for conversation about big things - namely life, faith and purpose - and focuses on the foundational aspects of the Christian faith. Each week, there's a short video presentation that's punctuated by small windows of conversation around a relevant question. It's a course that's great for non, new and old believers, as the Gospel is not only clearly presented, but taken to bat against some of the big questions of our contemporary youth culture.

We're three weeks in, and we've already tackled the idea of God, the historicity of Jesus, the problem of evil in the world, and the possibility of real forgiveness. Praise God that we've already seen one person respond by giving their life to Jesus!

With around 50 youth from Years 6-12 (and a few sneaky Year 13ers) attending across our 2 sessions each week, it's been great to have James and Chloe Cason step into leading our Juniors through Alpha at Sunday Sessions at 4pm Church. These guys have done a great job of preparing and facilitating the content and conversations each week, and I'm incredibly thankful for their partnership in discipling and ministering to our youth.

Alpha will wrap up towards the end of Term 1, and we're hoping to run it again later in the year. Please be praying for those who are attending each week - that the Holy Spirit would be working in hearts and minds to connect what's discussed in the videos and in conversation with real life. Please also pray for our youth leaders who are in the mix each week - that they'd listen well, and point people to Jesus with grace and kindness.

We're looking forward to seeing what else God will do as we continue to investigate Christianity together this term - thanks for your prayerful partnership! If you'd like to know how you can be further involved, please feel free to get in touch.

Blessings,

Jake

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ST FAITH'S YOUTH



March

PRAYER DIARY

SAT 1	Give thanks for all our SRE TEACHERS AND HELPERS . Ask God for guidance for the teachers as they prepare and deliver lessons to the children in their classes each week. Pray for the children who will be learning about Jesus. Pray they will be attentive, engaged and have hearts that are open with a desire to know more about Jesus and his love for them. Pray the schools and their administrators will be welcoming and supportive of the scripture teachers. Give thanks for Peggy King and Christine Lanceley who work tirelessly in co-ordinating scripture.
SUN 2	Give thanks for the NPSRE ASSOCIATION and their ongoing leadership and support of SRE at Cromer Campus. Pray for Penny Hunter as she continues to lead the board and for those serving on the board including Sandy, Crystal, David, Simon, Ben and Jean. Ask that God would continue to provide the material needs for this ministry so that the spiritual truths of the gospel continue to be proclaimed at Cromer Campus.
MON 3	Give thanks for the volunteers who support JESUS CLUB and keep it a welcoming vibrant community for adults with disabilities, to come and learn more about Jesus. Give thanks for the leaders including Dan, Nat, Bec, Anne, Michael and Steve. Give thanks to the many caterers who provide thoughtful suppers for the group. Pray that God blesses the members of Jesus Club including Kathryn, Dylan, Brendan and Ben.

TUE 4	Continue to pray for OUR CHILDREN as they begin a new school year. Pray they settle into their new routines, especially those who have started in kindergarten or those going into high school. Pray for a smooth adjustment to new classrooms and teachers.
WED 5	Continue to pray for the AUSLAN ALPHA on Wednesday evenings throughout March. Pray for the deaf guests to enjoy, understand and complete the entire video series (unto salvation), and for Anne and Michael Horton as they facilitate the course.
THU 6	Thank God for Al, Bob, Christina, Jeanette, Luke, Max, Molly, Tones who served on PARISH COUNCIL and WARDENS Sarah, Stuart and Tim. Give thanks for their faithful service over the past year. Pray for our upcoming AGM (16th March). Ask God to raise up wise and godly people to serve on Parish Council, as Wardens and Nominators.
FRI 7	RENEE MILES - Praise God for the lovely welcome back to St Faith's. Give thanks that the leaders and the children are pumped for Lighthouse again this year. Pray Renee will disciple the leaders well and they (along with the children) will grow into maturity in Christ.
SAT 8	NPSRE CROMER CAMPUS - Give thanks that Scripture has been offered in Year 9 for the first time this year and that there are over 100 students in Year 9 doing Scripture. Give thanks also for the 45 students in Year 8, 40 students in Year 7 and that the list is growing. Pray for the school, the teachers and Phil himself and especially for the timetabling and planning of classes for Term 1.
SUN 9	Praise God for a great start to the year with most of our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY team returning along with a few new faces. Thank God for our enthusiastic and committed team - Alex, Victoria, Nicole, Jeremy, Yo, Monnie, Jen, Bec, Hannah, Renee, Jadon, Lily, Maisy, Jas and Isy.
MON 10	Pray for the MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING happening at church tonight, where members across all congregations can come together openly and pray in unity for matters relating to our church, our community and our world. Give thanks to our loving God, who welcomes us to come before Him with all our worries, cares and concerns.

TUE 11	<p>MISSION - IRWAN AND CATHERINE - AFES AT UNI OF WOLLONGONG - Pray for the Uni Clubs Day tomorrow (12th March) and pray that we might meet more people and make new contacts. Ask that we are loving yet bold in evangelising our campus. Weekly Uni activities (classes and tutorials) began on 3rd March and will run through to 17th April. Pray for wisdom and insight as Irwan prepares training materials (Foundation in Theology and Ministry) that students will be equipped to understand their own faith and other worldviews they might come across especially in their time at university. This training will help them to engage with their peers with a Biblical perspective when grappling with the issues that life brings. Pray that we will encourage and train students to evangelise and encourage one another to grow in Him. Pray for the preparations for the Annual Easter mission in April.</p>
WED 12	<p>Pray for THE VILLAGE CHURCH (TVC) IN JINDABYNE AGM. Ask God to raise up leaders for the various roles needed for us to continue growing as the church God wants us to be.</p>
THU 13	<p>Give thanks for the ongoing work and partnership of ANGLICARE as they seek to help people in our local community. Thank God for Anglicare's work in supporting domestic and family violence victims. Pray for members of St Faith's attending a fundraising dinner tonight with Anglicare that, not only is it informative but that it helps us raise the profile of this important ministry in our community. Thank God for the ongoing partnership with Anglicare and the Anglican churches on the Northern Beaches.</p>
FRI 14	<p>Praise God for the influx of youth that have been coming to SOULIES this year. Praise God that we've had close to 100 on average this term so far and that so many people are hearing the gospel and experiencing God's love at Soulies. Pray for the upcoming training days for Youthworks Training and internal Soulies training in the next 2 months. Pray that the time spent training and tackling internal aspects of our nights would be fruitful and helpful towards our vision in seeing a Northern Beaches that knows Jesus.</p>
SAT 15	<p>Pray for our PARENTS as they seek to raise their children to know and love Jesus. Ask God to give them discernment and guidance as they navigate the challenges of parenting and fill them with wisdom as they make decisions for their families.</p>

SUN 16	Pay for the ST FAITH'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING that meets at 12pm today. Thank God for those who have faithfully served in the roles of Wardens, Parish Councillors, Nominators and Synod Reps through 2024. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we elect people to these roles for 2025. Also give thanks for our church Treasurer, Stuart Neilson, and those who assist Stuart manage the finances on our Church's behalf. Pray that God would continue to provide for our needs as we seek to grow ministries that reach more people with the gospel.
MON 17	Give thanks to God for our gifted MUSICIANS, THE CHOIR AND ORGANIST who share their talents and passion with us each Sunday. Give thanks for their commitment to rehearsing, planning and preparing in leading us in worship through music.
TUE 18	GUMNUT KINDERGARTEN - Give thanks for the educators and the Director Bec who teach and care for the children in their care. Pray for guidance as they plan and prepare activities and lessons for the children each week. Pray the children learn and develop well in a secure and nurturing environment. Ask God to bless the staff and the children with good health.
WED 19	Some of our staff are attending the SMBC PREACHING CONFERENCE over the coming few days. Pray that this time will be useful in further equipping our team to handle the word of God well, communicate it effectively and honour God as we seek to do these things.
THU 20	MISSION - DAN AND LIV WEBSTER - NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Thank God that we are able to connect people so that good things can be done. Give thanks that God's mercies are new every morning and that we will be on the lookout for them. Ask God that the recent heavy rains will continue to fall and there is much need for water. Pray that we can establish good patterns of work and rest in this busy time.
FRI 21	Thank God for our mission partners OPEN DOORS . Spend some time praying today for Christians in some of the most dangerous places in the world, including North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Libya, Sudan and Eritrea. Ask that God would continue to grow his church despite such severe opposition and for strength and comfort for Christians who suffer greatly in these regions for the sake of the gospel.

SAT 22	Give thanks for the work of THE COMMUNITY PANTRY providing hot meals, friendship and love to those in need in the community. Give thanks for the volunteers, who cook and serve food each Wednesday night. Pray for the guests, that God would open their hearts and minds to receive the gospel message well and for the Holy Spirit to convict them of their need for salvation.
SUN 23	Pray for CHRIS AND KAREN WEBB as they spend the week with us at St Faith's, starting today. Pray that our time together would be mutually encouraging, useful in equipping us to support and pray for their ongoing ministry in Broome and a time where we can lift our eyes as a church to the mission beyond the Northern Beaches.
MON 24	Pray for our ESL TEAM this month, that our God will give them energy and passion to teach our students, with gentleness and love, as they care for them and befriend them. Pray for our lead teachers: Jeanette, Jenny, Carol, Natalia, Jo, Caroline, Guy, Marjorie, Sue and Chris as they prepare lessons and run the classes on Mondays. Pray for their assistants: Ruth, Pru, Nick, Jacqueline, Cathie, Anson, Silvie, Sandra and John, as they get alongside the students to help them in the classes. Also pray for Rowena, Kay and Pat, who with their helpers, provide a loving and stable environment for the children of our students. In all their roles, and in all the myriad of extra tasks that come their way, pray that our team will reflect Jesus in all they say and do, that in God's time, the students will all come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
TUE 25	Pray for the WEBBS as they continue to encourage Community Groups and spend time with staff during the week. Pray that their time with us is useful in understanding more about their work and ministry in Broome, so that we can commit to pray for them effectively during the year.
WED 26	Thank God for a great start to the year at GUMNUT PLAYTIME . Praise God for the families that have returned and also some new families. Pray for the new families to feel welcome and to make connections quickly. Give thanks for the new volunteers and also for all the volunteers who have returned from last year. Pray for energy for them all so that they can keep serving and to continue this wonderful outreach.

THU 27	QUILTING AND NEEDLEWORK CLUB - Give thanks for the incredible blessing of over 30 years of fellowship and gathering together. Praise God for the women of this group who meet weekly to share their skills to make items for the various charities they support. Pray their time together is filled with encouragement and the items they make for charity bring comfort and joy to those who receive them. Pray for stamina for Judith as she serves and coordinates this group. Pray the Christian members will show Jesus' love and character to the women from the community who come along.
FRI 28	Pray for SOULIES tonight. Thank God for our team of leaders and their commitment to make Jesus known among the youth of our church and community. Pray for godly wisdom in their conversation, example and teaching among our youth community.
SAT 29	Pray for the counsellors at THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE that God will grant them wisdom and guidance as they work with their clients. Pray the clients will experience healing and restoration to their lives and have lasting hope and change.
SUN 30	Pray for the students at St Faith's who are attending a short term mission trip to YARRABAH IN NORTH QUEENSLAND mid-year. Pray for their preparation and ask God to help this time to grow them as mature disciples of Christ as they take the gospel into that community.
MON 31	Pray for the preparations for the EASTER services next month. Pray the services will be an opportunity to reach out to the community, sharing the life changing message of the gospel. Pray we will reflect on the true meaning of Easter and the sacrifice of Jesus who gave his life to save us.



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ST FAITH'S WOMEN:



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FOOD FRIENDS FUN

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
BRUNCH OR DINNER

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Congratulations

BEN & LIZ BAXTER

on the arrival of
their little baby girl!

Allegra Gabriella Baxter
born 18/02/2025.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pray for...

Those expecting -

Hannah & Blake Dwyer (4pm)
Libby & Charlie Osborne (4pm)
Ebony & Dan Forsyth (4pm)
Buffy & Nick Stanbrook (6:30pm)
Nicole & Luke Hutchinson (6:30pm)

Those unwell -

Trish Clifton
Barbara Temperley
Anne Robinson
Max and Imelda Krause
Sandra & Albert Burgess
Barbara Storey
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