

# COMMUNITY MAG



# Welcome

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



Dear Church,

Easter was a blast here at St Faith's with so many family, friends and other visitors coming along to one of our eight services across the weekend! What a blessing to freely be able to preach the gospel and call people to respond in faith to Christ! Thank you so much if you assisted by serving in some way across the weekend - big or small, it made a difference with so much happening!

### **The month of May is a monster!**

We have so much happening at church and would love your help as we continue our mission of making disciples and growing them (us) to maturity in Christ. To that end, let me commend some of these events to you here as we seek to grow in our knowledge and depth of our love for Jesus, and seek to serve the wider community as we do it!

### **Diocesan Day of Prayer - Sunday 4th May - all services.**

This weekend in church, we'll be joining together with Anglican churches all over Sydney for a day of prayer focussed on mission in our city and the spread of the gospel. Here at Narrabeen, we will also be farewelling our War Vets Chaplain, Tony Bradford.

### **PTC Launch - Thursday 8th May, 7:30pm**

I've written a short article in this additional of the Community Mag on PTC. It's so worth diving deeper into God's word if you can make the time. Ten Thursday nights spread across two terms. You'll find all the details you need in that article.

Register: [www.stfaiths.church/events](http://www.stfaiths.church/events)

**Trivia Night -  
Saturday 10th May, 6:30pm.**

We've got all the entertainment covered for Saturday 10th May at our annual trivia night! This year, as we raise money to go towards Maisy Jones' Year 13 mission trip to Fiji, we're running with a "South Seas" theme! Get your outfit ready, pull together your table (maybe your Community Group) and get registered for a fun night tonight. \$15 per person, all proceeds go towards the mission trip.

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**Mother's Day -  
Sunday 11th May**

As usual, we'll be making a big effort to celebrate and thank our Mum's together as a church community. Why not invite Mum along, or if you're a mum, invite your family along!

**Chillout Launch Meeting -  
Sunday 18th May, 12:00pm.**

Our first meeting together as a Chillout team will be an opportunity to hear the vision, consider the big picture, pray, and commit to be involved in particular areas of this church-wide mission effort. There is something for everyone to do and your involvement in this is crucial to its success! Please set aside this time, and if you haven't yet registered your interest in being involved, please sign up below:

**Register:**  
<https://stfaiths.co/Chillouthelp>

**Webb's Commissioning Service - Saturday 24th May, details to follow.**

If you'd like to continue to practically support our CMS missionaries, Chris and Karen Webb, please mark your diary for this date and I will seek to provide more info once it comes to hand.

**Parenting Seminar - Sunday 25th May, 12:30 - 3:00pm.**

How do we model Christ to our children and raise them in God's word? Raising kids to know Jesus is the role of both Dads and Mums so we would love to invite BOTH Mum and Dad along to this parenting seminar at church! Guest speaker: Anne Cunningham.

Child minding for ages 1-12 and a sausage sizzle lunch provided.

**Register:**  
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**Foster Care: Love in Action (Anglicare) - Monday 26th May, 7:00pm.**

Tonight, across the Northern Beaches, more than 30 children will go to sleep in emergency accommodation, without a stable home environment or foster carer to walk alongside them.

That doesn't have to be the end of the story...

You're invited to join us on Monday 26th May, 7:00pm at St Faith's, where we'll gently explore how the church community can stand in the gap. You'll hear from local foster carers, learn about the urgent need for safe and loving homes, and discover the many ways - big and small - you might be part of the solution. We've invited people from church across the beaches to come along to this.

Register: <https://www.anglicare.org.au/community/events-courses-training/foster-care-information-session-narrabeen/>

**Numbers Series**

Finally, the beginning of May marks the start of our sermon series in the Old Testament book of Numbers. For those who are keen, we decided to open our Community Group Leaders meeting to everyone on Monday 28th April, 7:30pm, as I seek to provide a helpful overview of the book of Numbers for our leaders. Everyone is welcome to come along. I hope and pray that this series continues to serve the purpose of helping us to grow more and more to maturity in Christ. Why not get a jump on the series, and start reading it this week!

Grace and peace,

Ben

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

# CHILLOUT

## Kingdom Quest



WED 16TH-FRI 18TH JULY 2024

8.45AM-12.30PM

\$60 (sibling discount  
code 2ORMORE)

Chillout is a holiday program for kids in Kindergarten to Year 5 at St Faith's Anglican Church, Narrabeen.

There will be games, activities, crafts, songs, stories from the Bible, friends and lots of fun.

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**CHILLOUT@STFAITHS.ORG.AU**





# PTC

## @ST FAITH'S

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 - this time over two terms.

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. This time around we're studying Pentateuch (Old Testament 1) which covers the first five books of the Old Testament, examining some of the foundational events in the Bible such as creation, the fall, the promises to Abraham, exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Law.

The themes of sin, covenant, redemption, sacrifice and blessing all emerge from this and the subject shows how these point forward to the work of Christ.

### **Commitment**

This subject will run for ten Thursday evening sessions over May (8th, 15th, 22nd), June (5th, 12th), August (7th, 14, 21st), September (11th), & October (2nd), 7:30pm to 9:00pm starting on Thursday 8th May. Each session will include time to work through the content, as well as some 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).

- 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.

### 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

### Further Information

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



# May PRAYER DIARY

THU 1	Pray for our <b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> teaching series in Term 2 on attributes of God. Pray that the children will remember what they learn from the Bible, and that the crafts and games would be helpful for this too. Pray for Renee, Zoe, Molly, Catherine and Maisy who will be giving Lighthouse talks in Term 2. Especially for Molly and Catherine who will be writing a talk for the first time. Pray the children will be keen to invite their friends and that their friends will come along.
FRI 2	<b>SOULIES</b> - Week 1 Launch - Pray that this Term's 'Before It Starts' Series would be helpful in teaching our youth about what God's Word says relationships that honour Him look like, and that a greater awareness of the factors that contribute to domestic violence and unhelpful relationships would be fostered within the Soulies Community. Pray for wisdom for our leaders as they seek to lead and love our youth through this term.
SAT 3	<b>ST FAITH'S KIDS</b> - Give thanks for the many dedicated leaders and helpers as they teach and disciple the children at 10am and 4pm Church. Pray the children will grow in their understanding and love for God. Give thanks for Lyndal who oversees this ministry.
SUN 4	Pray for the <b>NEWISH LUNCH</b> today. Pray that this is a helpful time getting to know one another and that newcomers are warmly welcomed. Today is also the <b>DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER</b> with every Anglican Church in Sydney praying for mission! So, please stop and pray for mission in our region on the Northern Beaches. In particular, pray for our efforts, uniting with other churches on the beaches, to bring the hope of the gospel to all who live in this area, asking that God would use different events, people, services, resources and anything else getting the message of the gospel out!
MON 5	Give thanks for <b>JESUS CLUB</b> and its members and carers who meet each month to enjoy activities and fellowship together. Pray the message of Jesus' love to be clear and comforting for all members and leaders.



TUE 6	Pray for Ben Molyneux as he oversees the employment of a <b>NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR</b> here at Narrabeen, along with <b>NEW CHAPLAINS</b> for the War Vets and the Anglicare Village in Warriewood. Ask God to raise up the right people for these roles, who will continue the good gospel work happening in each of these places.
WED 7	<b>SCRIPTURE</b> - Give thanks for the faithful service of our scripture teachers who share God's love and word with students in our local schools. Pray for our scripture teachers as they begin another term of teaching, that they retain their enthusiasm and passion for teaching and may they be encouraged by the impact they're having on young lives. Give thanks for Peggy King and Christine Lanceley who co-ordinate scripture.
THU 8	Please pray for Ben as he leads the <b>PRELIMINARY THEOLOGICAL CERTIFICATE (PTC)</b> that starts today. Pray for those that will attend that their time together will help lead them to a greater understanding of what the Bible teaches us.
FRI 9	<b>MISSION - IRWAN AND CATHERINE - AFES AT UNI OF WOLLONGONG</b> - Thank God for Louis and Alex who responded to the call to give their life to Jesus at Koolobong Bible Study. Pray they will grow firm in faith and they connect well with local churches in Wollongong. Pray for the residential college's bible study groups at: Koolobong (about 16 students - 4 inquirers/non-believers), International House (7 students - 5 inquirers), and Campus East (5 students - 2 inquirers). Pray for wisdom and insight in training ministry apprentices (Luke and Caity at Koolobong, James and Bridget at Campus East, Samantha and Ethan at International House) in preparing and leading the bible studies that will dig deep in God's word with discussion questions and applications that is relevant and answering non-believers/inquirers, and in so modelling and training Christian students to engage their non-believing friends. Pray for wisdom in preparing and training students in Christian doctrines (such as Sin, Redemption, Resurrection, Trinity, Jesus' nature, Church and many more). Pray students not only understand their core belief but that they will grow in their love and trust in Christ share the gospel. Pray for God's mercy to R and his family (Muslim from Middle East) as we share not only His word to him but also caring for his family practically. Thank the Lord for Lyndon (believer) who is convicted to reach out to Muslims and for wisdom as I encourage and train him in engaging with Muslims.

SAT 10	Pray for a fun and fruitful time at the <b>ST FAITH'S TRIVIA</b> event being held at church tonight. Pray it will be a great opportunity of fellowship and community building. Ask God to bless the efforts of the Trivia night to raise funds for Maisy Jones' mission trip to Fiji with Youthworks. Give thanks to those who have helped organise tonight.
SUN 11	Give thanks for mothers everywhere as we celebrate <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> today. Give thanks for their love and sacrifice and may they be filled with God's love, wisdom and peace as they nurture and care for their families. Pray for comfort for those for whom Mother's Day is a time of sadness and regret.
MON 12	Tonight, we gather for our regular <b>MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING</b> . Pray that God will guide our hearts, open our minds and unite us in purpose and love as we pray for the needs of our community here in Narrabeen and afar.
TUE 13	Pray for <b>TONY AND GINA</b> as Tony retires from his Chaplain's position at the 'War Vets' on the 18th May and prepares for 'grandparent duty' and other duties God will lead them on too. Pray for a suitable Chaplain to replace Tony to help continue the Christian mission at the War Vets along side Rev Keith Walker and Chaplain Michelle. Pray God will strengthen and equip Chaplain's Keith and Michelle and our church members and pastoral team as they help with the extra load while waiting for a new chaplain.
WED 14	Praise and give thanks to God for walking with us at <b>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY</b> and ALWAYS providing for all our needs. Give thanks for all our amazing volunteers who cook, serve, love and care for our guests each week. Give thanks for our amazing musicians Rob, Kate and Scott. Pray for those who are sick in our TCP community. Pray for healing and for them to know how much God loves and cares for them. Give thanks for Dave's Easter message at our Easter dinner. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill hearts with the knowledge of Jesus and understand what Jesus did on the cross for everyone.
THU 15	Give thanks for the opportunity to study God's word together in our <b>SMALL GROUPS/COMMUNITY GROUPS</b> at St Faith's. As we study the book of Numbers this term, ask God that we will continue to grow in our understanding of His love and plan for our lives. Pray His word will be a source of guidance, comfort and strength for us all. Thank God for those who lead our groups, who dedicate time each week in helping others to grow in faith and understanding of God's word.

FRI 16	<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> - Give thanks for the Lighthouse leaders. Ask God to continue to sustain them in their service to the young children who come along each Friday afternoon. Pray the children keep coming along, be encouraged to tell their friends the good news of the gospel and build friendships. Give thanks for Renee who oversees this ministry.
SAT 17	<b>WAC</b> - Give thanks for the Easter and ANZAC Day Services held in April, which celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ and honoured the sacrifices of those who served our nation. As we proceed towards the conclusion to Colin's chaplaincy role beginning in July, pray for the recruitment process that is required to find and interview a suitable person as the July locum and then the on-going longer-term replacement for the village ministry with Deborah Kellahan (co-chaplain) and Carol Stiles (the village's half-day per week and very much appreciated volunteer). Ask God to also prosper the pastoral care that continues to be carried out week by week.
SUN 18	<b>LAUNCH DAY FOR CHILLOUT</b> - Chillout will be running from 16-18 July for children in kindy to year 5. Pray for many to be involved as leaders and helpers in areas such as children leaders, prayers, caterers, welcomers, baristas, musos, sound and lighting, carpark coordinators, artists, carpenters, designers set up/pack down team for our mid-year outreach. Pray God will bring many new children and families along to Chillout.
MON 19	Praise God for the wisdom of His Word and the instruction it gives in all matters of life and faith. Pray as we work through the book of Ruth that God would show our <b>SOULIES</b> youth His wisdom and goodness, equipping them to put it into practice in their relationships.
TUE 20	Pray for our staff team who are heading away to the <b>REACH AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b> on the Central Coast this week, along with more than a thousand other church leaders from around the country. Pray that this time together as a team would be useful to equip, encourage, strengthen, comfort and build us up as Christians, and as leaders serving God in the local church. Thank God for the work that Reach Australia is doing all over the country in supporting church leaders and planting new churches.

WED 21	We lift up <b>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE</b> and all who seek a safe space where hearts and hope can be restored. Give wisdom and compassion to the counsellors who support this ministry provided here in Narrabeen and throughout Sydney.
THU 22	Pray that many in the community have accepted the invite for the second <b>AUSLAN ALPHA</b> starting tonight at St Faith's for the local Deaf Community. Praise God for the gift of Auslan that he has given Ann and for the part she is playing in bringing this course to churches in Australia.
FRI 23	<b>SOULIES</b> - Praise God for the team of people who prepare and serve dinner at Soulies each week! Pray that their example of love and service would continue to enable great ministry to youth, and encourage others to consider how they might be involved in the life of God's people here at St Faiths.
SAT 24	<b>MISSION - CHRIS AND KAREN WEBB - BROOME PEOPLES CHURCH</b> - Pray for Chris and Karen Webb today as they are sent again back to Broome to continue the good work of gospel proclamation and discipleship among the people in that region. Ask God to give them an encouraging time at their commencement service, that they would know his presence and blessing upon their ministry, and that God would be glorified in the work that they are involved in. Thank God for the partnership we're able to have with the Webb's and ask God to move in our own hearts so that we regularly think of them and pray for their work.
SUN 25	Pray for the <b>PARENTS SEMINAR</b> that is happening today between services. Ask that this seminar would serve the purpose of equipping our parents well in the important job of raising their children to know and love Jesus. Thank God for the work of MU who are leading our seminar today.
MON 26	Pray for our staff team today who are receiving some training from <b>ANGLICARE</b> on family and domestic violence. Pray that this training equips us better to love, care and shepherd God's people. Pray also for the <b>ANGLICARE FOSTER CIRCLE EVENT</b> happening at St Faith's tonight. Ask that this will not only be informative but serve to bring change in this region in supporting those with a foster care child, or others who might be thinking about getting involved in this work.

TUE 27	Give thanks for and pray for the <b>MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM</b> in our office as they meet deadlines each week and support our Ministry Staff in their busy roles.
WED 28	Pray for the team of volunteers who help run and coordinate <b>GUMTREES PLAYTIME</b> weekly on Wednesdays during school term. Pray for openings in conversations where they might be able to speak about the love of Christ to those who don't know Jesus yet. Pray for opportunities in how to connect these families with church.
THU 29	Pray for <b>GOOD HEALTH</b> as we approach the winter months. Pray particularly for our little ones, the elderly and those in our congregations whose immune system is compromised. Pray also for <b>CHRIST OUR REFUGE CHURCH</b> in Brisbane, led by Dave Miers. Ask that God would continue to grow his church and people in Brisbane will find refuge, security and hope in Jesus through this church.
FRI 30	Pray for <b>THE VILLAGE CHURCH (TVC)</b> in Jindabyne as they prepare for the Winter Ski Season when the town of Jindabyne sees a very large growth in numbers of visitors and also staff for the ski fields.
SAT 31	<b>EQUIP 2025</b> - to be held on Saturday 21st June - Give thanks for Equip, which has grown into a large Bible teaching ministry for women by women in Australia, since it began in 1999. Pray many women will join us at St Faith's for the livestreamed program looking at the book of Revelation 6-22 (this year's theme Safely Home), in a world that often feels chaotic.



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PARENTING SEMINAR:

# YOU, CHILDREN AND GOD.

**How do we model Christ to our children  
and raise them in God's word?**

Sunday, 25th May 2025, 12:30-3:00pm  
Sausage sizzle lunch and  
child-minding provided



# CHILLOUT



# Kingdom Quest

**JOIN THE TEAM!  
MEETING 1  
SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
12PM  
ALL WELCOME**



# Congratulations

## JOSIE PENN & DOUG BECKINSALE

on their recent marriage – held on  
Thursday 24th April in Mittagong!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Pray for...

### Those expecting -

Libby & Charlie Osborne (4pm)  
Ebony & Dan Forsyth (4pm)  
Buffy & Nick Stanbrook (6:30pm)  
Nicole & Luke Hutchinson (6:30pm)  
Tilly & Finn Cantrill (10am)

### Those unwell -

Trish Clifton  
Barbara Temperley  
Anne Robinson  
Max & Imelda Krause  
Sandra & Albert Burgess  
Barbara & John Storey  
Tracy Scarf  
Lyn Foley  
Ross King  
Bill Hall  
Bev Spinks  
Joseph Scoon

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