

COMMUNITY MAG



Welcome

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

BEN MOLYNEUX



The urgency of mission – keeping it on the agenda...

Rosemary MacGregor has written a helpful article for our Community Mag this month that gives you an insight into the Reach Australia National Conference that our staff team attended last month. We are thankful to be a part of the Reach Australia network of churches. It's so inspiring to see what God is doing through the network in established churches and church plants all over the country! One thing this network does is it **helps us to keep mission on the agenda!** And as we think about our vision as a church, to see a *Northern Beaches that knows Jesus*, I'm excited to let you know that we're partnering together with the other Anglican Churches on the Beaches to pray for our region,

and to ask God to do a mighty, supernatural work, by his Spirit, in the lives of people in our community. So, I want to invite you to join us at the combined churches Prayer & Praise Night on Thursday 12th June, 7:30pm at St Luke's Grammar School. As we pray for our region, we will also be launching the Northern Beaches HOPE MISSION that will be happening during the month of August! Please set aside this Thursday night to join with Christians from all over the beaches to praise our God for his work in the world, to pray for our part of the world, and to be inspired about the extraordinary things God is doing through ordinary people in ordinary churches like ours!

Winter mission – on the horizon...

As the winter rolls in, it's our reminder to get praying for our winter mission, **Chillout!** It's just on the horizon (16–18 July). Please be praying for Lyndal, Renee and the army of helpers who are preparing to bring the good news of Jesus into the lives of the children and, we pray, to their families! Don't wait till July to pray – Chillout prayer booklets can be located in the foyer to start praying today!

Removing barriers to mission – one carpark at a time....

Our Parish Council has recently been discussing the growing challenge of parking at our 10am and 6:30pm services. If you've been to either service lately, you'll understand why—it's getting pretty full! Not long ago, I heard about a mum who comes to Gumtree's Playtime. She decided to give church a go and brought her child along with her. Amazing! That's exactly why Gumtree's exists—to help connect people to God. Praise God for that little step of faith! But when she arrived in the carpark, it looked full. She didn't realise it's normal to park around the back or double-park, so she drove around looking for a spot on the street. After a few laps, with a young child in tow, she gave up and went home.

That's hard to hear. A small barrier made a big difference.

So, how do we make sure our carpark isn't a barrier to mission? Sure, we could build an underground or double-decker carpark—but unless someone's sitting on a few million dollars, that's probably not happening any time soon. Those ideas might be part of a future master plan, but for now, here are some practical ways we can all help—especially if you come to the 10am, 4pm, or 6:30pm services

- **Live locally?** Walk or ride your bike.
- **On a bus route?** Consider public transport.
- **Coming as a family?** Travel together in one car, not two or three.
- **Catching up with friends after church?** Carpool and save the space for someone new.

They're small sacrifices, but one small step like this could make a big difference for a newcomer. If it means making space for just one new person to come and hear the gospel without feeling overwhelmed before they even walk in—then it's worth it.

I wonder what other barriers we have that might prevent mission in our church services? Or the ministries in our church? Or mission in our own families and individual lives?

In Christ,
Ben

REACH AUSTRALIA

CONFERENCE 2025

By Rose MacGregor

URGENT! The Necessary Task of Mission Before Christ Returns

Do you agree with this statement? Do you think that the task of mission is necessary and urgent? Well, this was the topic of this year's REACH Australia National Conference last month. REACH Australia is a growing network of churches who are all about "reaching Australia" with the gospel of Jesus and partnering together to help build and grow churches that are all about saving the lost and maturing the saved across Australia.

The pastoral staff had the opportunity to go along to this conference again this year to be encouraged and challenged about the urgent task of mission! Andrew Heard from EV Church on the Central Coast challenged us to think and dwell on the reality of heaven and hell, the importance of Jesus' death for our atonement, and then the implications of living under the cross, lives that are sacrificially pursuing God's desires and passions and not our own.



Phil Colgan challenged us to ensure that our lives as pastors are ones that are zealous for God's mission. Our hearts are to be after our Lord Jesus' heart - longing for the lost to come to know and love Jesus and live for Him - a deep desire to do everything we can to save people from hell! Whilst this will most probably involve change and feeling uncomfortable, it is what our Lord Jesus desires and so should be our deepest desire too!

We also heard from a variety of different speakers in shorter 'TED' style talks on different ways to get our churches on fire for mission, as well as hearing from others in ministry teams on Q&A panels.

There were opportunities to attend different workshops on a variety of topics, from kids and youth focused areas, to how our services can be 'deep and warm' in the way they are led, to developing missional leaders, how to make the most of opportunities to present Christ given the complexities of contemporary culture, championing local and global mission, and how to follow up new Christians - to name just a few!

There were a lot of people there - over 1000 - and at times this felt a little overwhelming, but it was also great to be able to catch up with old friends and colleagues and meet others who are also in similar roles to us in other churches across Australia. It was also a really valuable opportunity for us - the pastoral staff team, to hang out and spend some time together. We stayed in a house in Erina Heights for the 2 nights and so were able to get to know one another better from our time together.

Whilst it was a big few days and sometimes felt like we were drinking from a fire hose with the amount and speed of the information coming our way, we are extremely thankful to God to be able to go along to a conference like this! We hope you will see a renewed passion and fire in each one of us, to be on mission for Jesus - to be working hard together, with every member of St Faith's, to want to reach the lost - to see a Northern Beaches who knows Jesus and build disciples who grow to maturity in Christ for God's glory.





By Julianne Castle

ESL at St Faiths has now been running for eight years. Over this time, we have been blessed to get to know many beautiful people, to speak into their lives, and to have many opportunities to share Jesus with them.

We have an active team of twenty-seven teachers and helpers, though their involvement varies according to holidays, health, and other commitments. Each week we have a minimum of thirteen people rostered on to cover the three classes, assessing, minding children, morning tea, welcoming and set up.

Currently we have an average attendance of twenty-one students each week, with seventy students on our current roll. Over the past eight years we have had 331 students attending, representing 39 countries.

After the English lessons each week, we invite students to stay back for a Bible based class where we are able to talk about Jesus and the gospel. We give them the Bible passages in their own language so they can take them home and read them again. Many students come from Catholic backgrounds and have a knowledge of Christianity, but not necessarily a faith in Jesus.

Currently we have a number of Chinese students, a Taiwanese student, and a Tibetan Buddhist monk, who regularly come to the Bible lesson. The Taiwanese student told us that the Bible class was the best part of ESL. We thank God that some of our students have come to church, attended Discover, and made commitments to Jesus. We are also aware that on some occasions, we have the blessing of being able to sow the seed, and trust that in God's time and place, He will bring the students to a full knowledge and faith in Him.

God has brought these students to St Faiths from many corners of the world. Some of them have been tortured or traumatised in their home country... many of them are marginalised and struggling in this, our English-speaking community. It is a great blessing to work with them, and to show them Christ's love and our friendship. We thank Ben, and the Parish Council for supporting us as a team and pray that God will continue to guide us and lead us as we seek to minister to them, in Jesus' name.



June PRAYER DIARY

SUN 1	Pray that St Faith's would continue to be a WARM AND WELCOMING CHURCH for any visitor who walks through our doors. Thank God for our welcoming teams, their warm welcome and kindness, but pray that all our members would be warm and hospitable, go out of their way to meet new people, have encouraging conversations, and consider how to include new people in their lives.
MON 2	Pray for JESUS CLUB as they meet tonight. Pray for the spiritual journeys of our members and leaders at Jesus club. Give thanks for a new member coming to try out the group along with their mother and carer. May they see the love of Jesus through us and come to know God and trust Him with their lives. We uplift Ben, Brendan, Dylan and Kathryn; our regular members, and Bec, Dan, Nat, Steve as they prepare the Bible talk each month, sing worship together, enjoy games and dig a little deeper into understanding God's Word.
TUE 3	Pray for PHILIP SELDEN and JADON HORSLEY who are taking a holiday from their work this week. Ask that God would give them good rest and rejuvenate their energies to continue to serve the people God has placed in their care. Thank God for their work, teaching and example among us.
WED 4	Give thanks for the community of residents and Staff at WARRIEWOOD BROOK and for the opportunity that we, at St Faith's, continue to have to proclaim and promote the gospel in that Warriewood Brook Community. The 200 residents come from different backgrounds - some are ardent followers of Jesus while others have been indifferent to him or have held old prejudices toward the gospel. Give thanks for us being able to develop friendships that, in the Spirit, work towards building up believers and winsomely dismantling those old prejudices, so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be heard and lives changed. Pray the Gospel will continue to convict and convince Warriewood Brook Residents and Staff.
THU 5	Thank God for the PTC (Preliminary Theological Certificate) group that has been meeting on Thursday nights to study the Old Testament together. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he leads this group and for those participating in PTC. Ask God to give the group wisdom and discernment in discussion, to grow in their knowledge and love of God, and to deepen theological convictions as they participate in PTC.

FRI 6	Give thanks for the many years of service in ministry of the REV COLIN SHEEHAN on the occasion of his retirement, finishing up in early August as Chaplain to Warriewood Brook. Pray for Colin and his wife Trudie as they move into the next phase of their life and ministry that they will adjust well and that God will continue to use them to further His kingdom. Pray that a suitable replacement be found who will work well with fellow Chaplain Deborah Kellahan and volunteer Carol Stiles. Give Ben Molyneux great wisdom as he undertakes that selection process.
SAT 7	MISSION – DAN AND LIV WEBSTER – NAMIBIA EVANGELICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Pray for the students to prepare well for exams. Thank God for raising up people to take on new ministry roles and ask God that he would grow and use those who have taken them on. Give thanks that the logistics of leaving Namibia for Home Assignment are working well and pray for wisdom in planning Home Assignment, such that it is refreshing for us and a blessing to those we see. Give thanks for the good works that the Lord has prepared for us to walk in.
SUN 8	Pray for the SOULIES LEADERS TRAINING today. Pray the training will equip the leaders with knowledge in how to mentor and disciple the youth in their group. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they lead each Friday night during school term, for meaningful connections and fruitful ministry.
MON 9	Give thanks to God that we continue to gather for our regular MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING every second Monday of the month at St Faith’s at 7pm. As members from our congregations unite in prayer tonight, ask God to guide our hearts as we pray for our community, our church, mission partners and beyond. Give thanks for the privilege of prayer and that we can pray for all things to our God who listens and loves us.
TUE 10	Pray and thank God for the MINISTRY TEAM HERE AT ST FAITH’S , and the unity they share together in leading our church and serving Jesus together. Pray for God to raise up the right people to take on vacant roles in our parish, including our Associate Pastor role here at Narrabeen, Chaplain at the War Vets, and Chaplain at Warriewood Brook, and give wisdom to Ben Molyneux and those interviewing for these roles.
WED 11	Thank God for the opportunity that GUMTREES PLAYTIME provides for the local community of parents and carers along with the children to gather. Praise God for the special time shared on Wednesday mornings, for laughter and the joy of friendship they find here. Pray for the volunteers from St Faith’s who are faithful in their support, are patient, gentle and loving and show up each week to provide this space for the families.

THU 12	Pray for the COMBINED ANGLICAN CHURCHES PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHT TONIGHT , being held at St Luke's Grammar School. As we hear testimony of God at work in people's lives across the beaches, and sing his praises together as God's people, ask God to deepen our heart and conviction to pray for and reach the lost in our region. Ask God to use this event to revive our own hearts for mission and to deepen our prayerful dependence on God.
FRI 13	MISSION - IRWAN AND CATHERINE - AFES AT UNI OF WOLLONGONG - Pray for the Mid Year Conference preparations for the seminar materials, electives and other logistics. Pray for endurance for students in their last week of this semester where it's usually full of assessments and preparations for exams. Pray they will trust in the Lord as they study and complete their assessments without neglecting to care for one another and encouraging each other to put Jesus as number one in their life. Pray for O (from ME, M background) as we discuss spiritual things and as Irwan helps him find the right medical help for his depression and anxiety. Thank the Lord for G from East Asian at International-house who is asking how he can respond to God appropriately after doing a bible study on Luke 15. Pray Irwan and others will follow up well.
SAT 14	Give thanks for the COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE and its commitment in providing help for those who need it. Ask God to bless the planning process of a possible new location, increasing access to mental help support for those in the community. Give thanks that some of our Counsellors attended the Domestic Violence Bystander Course to enable them to train others in the community with a focus on preventing violence in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities and to help bystanders become part of the solution, who often don't know what to do. Ask God to be with us as we are about to run a pilot course in one of our partner churches. Give thanks for the financial support The Cottage receives which enables us to make counselling affordable and accessible to those who need us and who don't have funds for expensive mental health help.
SUN 15	CHILLOUT MEETING - Pray for the Section Teams meeting today. Pray that this is a fruitful time of planning. Pray the team have 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. Pray for SRE teachers as they promote Chillout and encourage the children in their class to register.

SUN 15 (cont...)	Pray for St Faith's children and families to be bold in inviting and actively encourage their friends to register, especially those children who don't know Jesus yet. Give thanks that Adam Joliffe from Youthworks will be teaching God's word and will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with the children at Chillout. Give thanks for Lyndal Foote who faithfully coordinates Chillout every year. Pray for endurance and wisdom in all the planning.
MON 16	Give thanks for a great start to ESL classes for Term 2, for the returning students and new students hearing about the classes by word of mouth and coming along. Praise God for those staying back for the Bible based English lesson. Pray for our teachers and helpers as they run the classes, for the teachers running the Bible lessons and for all team members to be keen to build strong relationships with students. Pray that we will be diligent in prayer for God's leading and direction.
TUE 17	Pray for Phil Schouten as he seeks to minister to the students, staff and families at NBSC CROMER CAMPUS through the SRE program that he is running with Years 7, 8 and 9. Pray God continues to bless the logistical requirements for the classes, such as classrooms, facilities and that there are no obstacles that can get in the way of my classes. Pray as we plan for a Lunch Time SRE group that God will bless this program. Pray that God will allow our work to grow and to include Year 10 in 2026.
WED 18	Pray for other churches in our region as we partner together to see a NORTHERN BEACHES THAT KNOWS JESUS . Thank God for the partnership of our Anglican Churches on the Northern Beaches and pray for the planning of our combined efforts in August in the 'Hope for the Beaches' outreach. Pray that God would use these efforts to see people moved from darkness to light, and death to life in Jesus' name.
THU 19	Pray for the PARISH COUNCIL as they meet tonight. Ask God for guidance and wisdom regarding financial, property affairs and for any other concerns. Give thanks for those who serve in this way including Christina, Max, Al, Paul, Luke and Molly, and for our Wardens Sarah, Stuart and Tim.
FRI 20	THE VILLAGE CHURCH (TVC) IN JINDABYNE - Pray for God to raise up a passionate and godly team to run Alpha alongside Trent. Pray for gracious relationships between The Village Church and the Alpine Uniting Church to develop as they partner in Alpha this winter. After what was a terrible winter season in 2024, we ask you to join us in praying for God to open His storehouses for a long overdue, bumper winter, to give seasonal workers surety that their jobs and accommodation will last.

SAT 21	Give thanks for EQUIP , a large Bible teaching conference for women by women, being livestreamed into hundreds of churches and homes across Australia today. Give thanks that last year, more than 10,000 women joined the livestream event to learn from Revelation 1-5 and that this year we continue with Revelation 6-22, with the theme 'Safely Home'. Give thanks for speakers Di Warren, Caitlin Orr and Annabel Nixey. Pray God's word speaks directly to the hearts of those listening, bringing peace and encouragement to all women. Give thanks to Rosemary MacGregor who co-ordinated this event and for the volunteers who helped with catering and tech desk.
SUN 22	Give thanks to God for the many years GUMNUT KINDERGARTEN has nurtured and taught the children in their care, providing a Christ centred education, shaping young hearts and minds. Give thanks for the teachers and staff who love and teach the children with patience and wisdom each day and the good relationships they have with the families. Pray for those children who are still finding it difficult to settle in their new environment. Pray for wisdom and endurance for Director Bec Lawson as she oversees the running of the kindergarten.
MON 23	Pray for BEN MOLYNEUX as he spends time in the coming days on a small conference with some other Senior Pastors from Sydney. Pray that the time together in God's word, the reflection on ministry, and the collaboration and sharing together is useful for our church here at St Faith's, the ministry team, and our overall effectiveness in reaching more people with the good news of Jesus.
TUE 24	CHILLOUT - Give thanks for the Section Coordinators, Sarah Jones and Jen Jameson (K-1), Beck McCausland and Nat Berrill (Y2-3) and David Lawson and Nelle Green (Y4-5). Pray they will trust in God as they lead their teams with confidence and wisdom, for team cohesion and connection as they work towards preparing for Chillout. Pray for the Section Leaders to prepare well for any tasks allocated, to be active and involved members of their teams and to encourage each other. Pray for the Junior Leaders to find their confidence in Jesus, support their teams in all that is planned and prepare well for any tasks they have been allocated.
WED 25	PRAY FOR THOSE EXPECTING including Ebony Forsyth, Buffy Stanbrook, Nicole Hutchinson, Tilly Cantrill, Cassia Iglesias, Katie Oldfield, and Ellie Post. Pray for good health for these mothers, especially as we head into the winter months and for protection of the new babies.

THU 26	WORLD - Pray for peace, love and unity around the world. Ask God to bring comfort to those suffering, hope to those struggling and guidance to those seeking direction. Praise God that there are humanitarian organisations that support families who are caught in conflict, poverty or are displaced. Give thanks for organisations who provide these families with food, shelter, medical care and the means to re-establish homes.
FRI 27	Pray for BEN AND YVETTE MOLYNEUX (and their family) as they take some leave over July. Pray for their safety in travel, refreshment and time together as a family.
SAT 28	Pray for THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL in our congregation, including Trish Clifton, Anne Robinson, Max and Imelda Krause, Sandra and Albert Burgess, Barbara and John Storey, Tracy Scarf, Lyn Foley, Ross King, Bill Hall, Bev Spinks, Joseph Scoon and others. Pray for God's comfort, strength and healing through their pain, sickness and difficult times.
SUN 29	Ask God to sustain PHILIP SELDEN PREACHING AT ALL SERVICES AT ST FAITH'S TODAY . Pray the Spirit will guide Philip as he speaks on the passage Numbers 31:1-24. Pray for those listening to respond to the gospel message in a positive way and trust in Jesus in all things.
MON 30	Pray for wisdom, clarity and efficiency for the CHILLOUT TEAMS 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. Pray for the children who don't know Jesus will quickly register. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the children's and family's hearts and minds in preparation for hearing the Good News of Jesus. Pray for good weather at the camp so it won't impede on the outside activities.



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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

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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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

To the end of March 2025, total offertory is **down 5.7%** compared to budget (and down 0.8% compared to same period in 2024).



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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.

stfaiths.church/events or for more info contact

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SAFELY HOME

REVELATION 6-22

LIVESTREAM FROM
21 JUNE 2025

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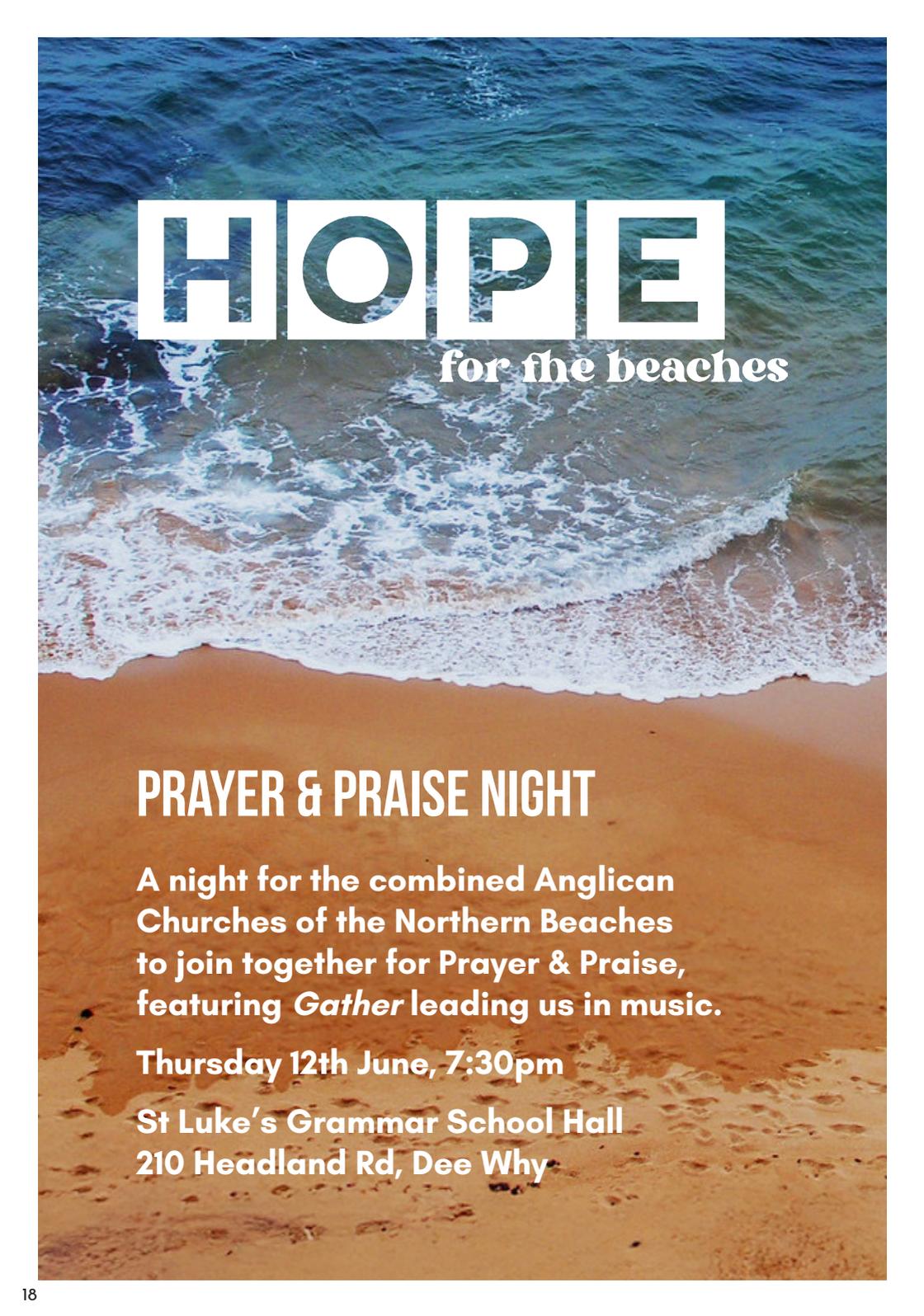


Congratulations



JOHN & NETTIE

(10am church)
on their recent marriage!



HOPE

for the beaches

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

A night for the combined Anglican Churches of the Northern Beaches to join together for Prayer & Praise, featuring *Gather* leading us in music.

Thursday 12th June, 7:30pm

St Luke's Grammar School Hall
210 Headland Rd, Dee Why

Congratulations

LIBBY & CHARLIE

on the birth of their baby girl Hayley - born 6 May 2025.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pray for...

Those expecting -

Ebony & Dan Forsyth (4pm)
Buffy & Nick Stanbrook (6:30pm)
Nicole & Luke Hutchinson (6:30pm)
Tilly & Finn Cantrill (10am)
Katie & Lachie Oldfield (6:30pm)
Cassia & Matt Iglesias (10am)
Ellie & Jarrod Post (4pm)

Those unwell -

Trish Clifton
Anne Robinson
Max and Imelda Krause
Sandra and Albert Burgess
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