

# WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



**1 DECEMBER 2017 — 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

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## WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

### DAY 1:

**BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:** Give thanks that God's mercies are new every day and that God's grace is sufficient for every task. Pray for refreshment over the summer break. Pray for sustained health and that "all may go well..., even as our soul is getting along well" (3 Jn 2). Give thanks for the extraordinary planning that has taken place in preparing for the 2018 Regional Mission. Pray that God will kindly bless our combined efforts in the 2018 Regional Mission and that many will come to know Jesus. Pray that our eyes will be focussed on God's glory above all else so our hearts will be stirred in joyful service of the Lord.

**ASSISTANT TO BISHOP Tony & Judy Willis:** (Chairman, Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation): Give thanks for God's sustaining power throughout 2017 and for the privilege of working together as God's fellow workers. Pray for refreshment over the Christmas and New Year break and spiritual refreshment through CMS Summer School. Pray for Judy as she retires from her part-time teaching position – that God will prepare her for new ministries and opportunities.

**WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL:** Give thanks and pray for the ongoing support that the Regional Council gives to Bishop Peter Hayward and to ministries across the Region. Pray for new members to the Council – Mr Adam Ellis (Wollongong South); Mr Jeff Reilly (Shoalhaven) and Rev Matt Jacobs (Highlands). Give thanks for the work and ministry over many years of retiring members: Mr Geoff Kyngdon (25 yrs); Mr Andrew Guile (13 yrs); Rev Stephen Fifer (6 yrs) and Rev Stephen Swanepoel (7 yrs)

**DAY 2:**

**ANGLICARE WOLLONGONG REGION: Matt Harden (Regional Manager, Wollongong & Shoalhaven):** Pray for all who give and receive care and support through Anglicare. Pray for our mission, of serving people in need, enriching lives and sharing the love of Jesus, to be realised.

**ANGLICARE CHAPLAINS & CHAPLAINCY TEAMS:**

**Rev Ian Rienits (Hospitals); Helen Willmott (Aged Care Woonona & Nowra); Ray Beckman (South Coast Correctional Centre):** Give thanks for the continuing ministry of Volunteer Chaplains, and for Graham McKay as Locum, while Ian Rienits was on Long Service Leave. Rejoice in the interest of people to be trained in Pastoral Care and particularly towards volunteering in local Hospitals and Age Care Facilities – a full course in November and another planned for January. Pray for resilience and love as we seek to care as Christ does.

Praise for new Aged Care pastoral team; Chaplain: Helen Willmott & Pastoral Carers: Marguerite Robson (Woonona) & Lynn Miles (Nowra). Pray they get to know residents and staff and form good relationships for deeper conversations. Pray that over Christmas many will hear the good news of 'God with us' and rejoice in God's love and find peace and hope in him.

**ANGLICARE AGED CARE: Tammy Clifford (Mgr Eileen Armstrong House, Woonona):** Pray for strength, peace and wisdom for management as they implement changes. Joy, energy and teamwork for a wonderful staff team as they work in a changing environment.

### **DAY 3:**

#### **ANGLICARE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMS: Maria Orr (Snr Program Mgr), Carolyn Bateman, Debbie Magyar & Michelle Wozatka (Program Mgrs) & Teams:**

Give thanks for the first Men's Behaviour Change group that has run for the past 13 weeks. Pray for the men who have attended the group and also for their families - for a continued focus on healthy relationships.

Christmas can be a difficult time for families, so please pray for the families that we have contact with, particularly separated families and parents trying to negotiate the best interests for their children. Prayer for Gods Glory to be demonstrated through staffs' work with their clients. That through action Jesus speaks and children's and adults lives are transformed. For those we see who are struggling with their thoughts and life that they find renewed hope, peace and joy. That people ask about our Lord and staff have an opportunity to share Jesus and more will come to know and love the Lord.

**Partnership Development—Dianne Hillier:** Praise God for new Mobile Community Pantries at Eagle Vale, Corrimal, Figtree and Berkeley! Thank God for the faithfulness of Anglicare staff who have enabled the launch of the Support and Housing Initiative for Families in Transition (SHIFT) and for churches interested in this program, especially Gymea who have been wonderful and patient pioneers! Pray also that we may raise SHIFT awareness and funds through Aquathon in January. Please pray that delays with a retail initiative may be resolved in God's timing and for Stephen Dinning's new work with churches in Family Skills equipping.

#### **ANGLICARE SHOPS: Bob Jessep (Bomaderry), Sarah Bennett (Campbelltown), Glenn Calica (Narellan):**

**Bomaderry:** Thank God for the faithful team of volunteers and may they continue to shine His love into the community

**Campbelltown:** Thank God for the increasing effectiveness of the community pantry within the shop and may it continue to be a blessing to the community

**Narellan:** Pray for stronger links with Narellan Anglican as the new shop regains traction within the community

#### **DISASTER RECOVERY: Esther Singenstreu (DR Mgr), Doug Philpott (Regional Coordinator – volunteer):**

Pray that volunteer teams will be empowered to provide distinctively Christian care that makes a real difference in the lives of people impacted by distressing events. Pray for safety for all our colleagues in the combat agencies such as Police, SES, RFS, etc.

#### **DAY 4:**

**ENGLISH FOR LIFE:** Give thanks for Keiraville, Sylvania, Warrawong and Wollongong classes all celebrating 25 years of faithful ESL ministry. Pray for all ESL teachers and helpers as they prepare and teach lessons leading up to Christmas. Pray that the message of Christmas will be clear and the students will understand that Jesus grew up and died for our sins and rose again. Pray that students would come to the various Christmas events at the churches, such as carol nights. Give thanks that a returning student walked into a local ESL class saying, "I am with friends." Classes are at Bulli / Keiraville / Wollongong / West Wollongong / Warrawong / Campbelltown / Ingleburn / Nowra / Jannali / Gymea / Miranda / Sylvania.

**MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE: Rev Jackie Stoneman (Director of Studies) and Staff:** Give thanks for the willingness of Dapto and Mittagong Anglican Churches to continue hosting our Courses in the region. Please pray that women in particular in the Wollongong region will catch the opportunity to be equipped for ministry through courses offered in 2018. Please pray for Lecturers as they prepare material for teaching in 2018. Thank God that our Courses offer a pathway for people to become Community Chaplains and that people will take up this exciting opportunity.

**MOTHERS' UNION: Joan Tasker (VP Wollongong Region):** Thank God for our MU members and please pray that God would bless and use them in their daily life as they seek to serve Him.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAPLAINS: Police (Rev John Reed): RFS (Rev Robert & Jenny Stubbs):** Pray that all Emergency Services to be well prepared both physically and spiritually for this current Fire Season. Pray for the safety of our community and all Brigades. Give thanks for the opportunities to contact RFS personnel and that Christ's message is clearly spoken when these opportunities arise.

**YOUTHWORKS TRAINING: Vacant (HS SRE & Youth Advisor), Rev Tim Beilharz (Children's Ministry & Primary SRE Advisor):** Praise God for a good end of year in our public schools with many SRE Coordinators being able to present at Kindy Orientations and deliver Christmas assemblies. A number of SRE Coordinators are looking at starting the year short of teachers; please pray for God's abundant blessing in the recruitment and accreditation training for new teachers over the school holidays and that no class in our region goes untaught due to lack of teachers. Pray also for the raising up of more children's and youth ministry trainees in the region and that people will be sent out from

their local parish to be trained and equipped to serve the many churches who are looking to employ trainees and PT vocational C&Y Ministers.

### **MISSION AREA: Macarthur**

#### **DAY 5:**

#### **MISSION LEADER: Rev Nigel Fortescue:**

**CAMDEN: Rev Tony & Debbie Galea, Rev Mitchell Herps (AM & 2018 YM), Tim Ash (YM 2017), Armen Nalbandian (AM 2018), Karina Edgerton (CM), Pat Burnett, Debbie Banister, Trish Harley, Jan Neville & David Henderson (PW), Cameron Mason (SM 2017), Sarah MacRaild (PA&A), Brian Peacock (ptA):** Praise God for providing new staff for next year – Mitchell Herps, Youth Minister and Armen Nalbandian, Associate Minister. Pray that they will have God's direction in working with St John's. Pray for our senior minister Tony, that he will have a strong recovery from knee surgery. Pray for the message of God's gift to impact many at our Carols and other Christmas services. Pray for God's guidance in the planning for 2018 that he would be glorified.

**CAMPBELLTOWN: Rev Nigel & Nicky Fortescue, Rev Leanne Burns (AM), Rev Simon & Gill Twist (AM), Rev Jason & Melissa Moss (AM), Rev Mick & Kat Bullen (AM), Rev Mark & Nicole Schroder (SC Broughton College), Rev Adam & Trudi Richards (HonAM—UoWS), Sarah Manning & Kylie Chapman (A), Jasmine Blencowe (Y13):** Praise God for the safe arrival of Emma Margaret Bullen. Please pray for Mick, Kat and big sister Sophie as they seek to serve God as a family of four. Praise God for new relationships made during recent outreach events and through our growing Friday Arvo Kids' Club. Pray for St Andrew's Carols on 10<sup>th</sup> December and St Peter's Carols on 17<sup>th</sup> December – that both events may be overflowing with visitors from our community, and that their hearts and minds might be open to the word of God. Pray that many children from surrounding schools will come to Christmas Kids' Club on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December to hear the truth about Jesus.

**COBBITTY: Rev Dave & Jo Barrie, Leah Dyason (Y&CM), Vacant (A):** We celebrated our 190th anniversary as a parish in October with a community Open Day on the Saturday and combined service/lunch on the Sunday. The event drew in many from the community and raised the profile of the church. Give thanks for continued growth at the evening service and pray that those who have recently joined us will feel at home. Pray that we will connect well with new residents over Christmas as we invite them to our Christmas Carols and Christmas Day services.

**DAY 6:**

**DENHAM COURT: Rev Nigel & Janene Webb, Vacant (A):**

**EAGLE VALE: Rev Craig & Sandra Hooper, Simon Owen (ptYW/YAM), Sashi Grayndler (ptCW&WM), Steve Thurgar (E), Jenny Blackburn (ptA):** Give thanks to the Lord that funding is available for Steve Thurgar to be full time as Evangelist next year. Please pray that: over Christmas and into the New Year, that many more hear the gospel and are saved, and more people are equipped to share the gospel, with the Staff and Church members we are blessed with; that the gospel keeps bearing the fruit of faith, hope and love in all members.

**GLENQUARIE: Rev David & Jacqueline Ould, Rev Stu & Trudi Woods, Jacquie Kinsey (Break the Cycle), Hayley Boag & James Vigar (SM), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for a healthy process of amalgamation with the parish of Ingleburn. Pray for the rector of the new combined parish, Joe Wiltshire (Ingleburn) and for all those affected by the changes. Pray for a smooth transition for David, Jacqui and family as he begins a role in Parramatta in 2018.

**DAY 7:**

**INGLEBURN (with GLENQUARIE): Rev Joe & Alison Wiltshire, Rev David & Edwina Blowes (AM), Rev Stu & Trudi Woods (AM), Matt Borg (SM), Vacant (A):** Pray for the proposed merger between Ingleburn Anglican and Glenquarie Anglican. Pray for good relationships to form as the two groups bond together. Pray for great gospel partnership into the future, particularly as we think through ministry to a very diverse and large parish. Pray for the new leadership as they have a lot of work to do to make this all happen smoothly. Pray for good planning and teamwork as we seek to church plant together in a few years time.

**LEPPINGTON (Hope Anglican Church): Rev Luther & Lenore Symons, Rev Cameron & Rachel Noakes (AM), Shanalle Wood**

**(MTS):** Give thanks for the first 9 months at Hope. Praise God for those who have come to Christ in the last few months and were recently baptised on November 12. Pray for those who are considering the claims of Jesus at our Fresh Look course. Pray for those returning to church after years away. Give thanks for those who have prayed for us, given to support our work and for those who have moved house and home to plant Hope Anglican Church. Please pray as we build towards our December Mission with an NTE Mission Team joining us from December 6-10. Pray in particular for Willowdale Community Carols on December 9. Pray that many in the new estate would hear of Jesus this Christmas. Pray for those new to the faith would be grow to maturity in Him and that we would continue to raise up leaders to teach and equip others.

**MACARTHUR INDIGENOUS ANGLICAN CHURCH: Pastor Michael & Mary Duckett:**

**DAY 8:**

**MENANGLE: Rev Chris & Judy Moroney, John Costin (SM), Brian Peacock (A):**

**MINTO: Rev Chris & Jenny Hanger, Rev Matthew & Jessica Bales (AM), Rev Hung-En Tien (pt Chinese Pastor), James Lui (Chinese SM), Evelyn Nicholls (Op Shop), David Withington (Y), Angela Bailey (A):**

Pray for courage and opportunities as we hand out gospel words and invitations at Minto Station Mon 4th -8th Dec. Give thanks for the growth in numbers in the Chinese Congregation. Pray for converts and a growing love for one another. Pray for converts from among our local Bangladeshi community. Give thanks for one man who has started doing the Word of Life course with one of our church members. Pray for our practical care and support for a number of church family members who are gravely ill. For enthusiasm and trust in God for the 'Jesus is' mission.

**NARELLAN: Rev Jim & Vanessa Douglass, Meagan McGilvray (SM), Rachel Snell, Wendy Thomas & Heidi Longley (ptA):** Give thanks for the work of our Christmas planning team and the volunteers at our events. Give thanks for our ministry co-ordinators. Pray that visitors will become members and disciples of Christ. Pray for wisdom for site redevelopment plans. Pray for a new High School SRE teacher and for additional helpers for our primary SRE, Kid's Club, Youth Group and Sunday School programmes. Pray that we might be deliberate in proclaiming Christ and that he would grow his church.

**DAY 9:**

**ORAN PARK (NewLife Anglican): Rev Stuart & Carolyn Starr, Rev Michael Mak (AM), Rev Geoff & Kathy Leader (AM):**

**PICTON-WILTON: Rev Ben & Kate Boardman, Rev Phil & Pamela Parker (AM 2017), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon), Matt & Molly Borg (SM 2017), Stuart McConnell (SM):** Give thanks for growing congregations and pray for grace towards one another in the 'growing pains'. Give thanks for 9 fruitful years of ministry in the parish from Phil and Pamela Parker. Pray for the Parker's and the parish as we adjust to their absence. Pray for the effective training of lay leaders in all areas of ministry. Pray for wisdom for wardens and parish council managing building works at Picton and Wilton. Pray that we can maintain focus on evangelism today incoming residents and for Christ to be honoured through Christmas and 'Jesus is' missions.

**PS Thanks & 'Farewell-for-now!':** For my 1st Prayer Diary entry in Autumn, 2009 I wrote, *"Please pray for **consolidation and lively revisioning** across Picton/Wilton ... as we enter a **new phase** under God."* Thank the Lord - who has continued to answer that prayer during the last 9yrs! My personal thanks to each of you who have faithfully supported me and the ministry here in prayer. May God now mightily bless Ben Boardman as he continues leading the parish into its next phase! Every Blessing to you all as I move into my next journey of 'revisioning' in 2018! ... *Phil Parker*

**ROSEMEADOW with APPIN: Rev Brett & Von Hall, Rev Michael & Helen Kinsey (AM), Collette Wise (ptA):** Give thanks to God for Mark Delbridge's time as Student Minister. Pray that God would bless his marriage to Tess (18/11), and give clarity to their future ministry together. Give thanks to God for Brett's ordination and induction (30/11), and for bringing Brett & Von and the parish to this point. Pray that our mission with Sydney University students, along with Christmas activities, would be fruitful. Give thanks for baptisms happening over summer & pray that God would preserve those being baptised.

## **DAY 10:**

### **SCHOOLS:**

**Macarthur Anglican School: Dr David Nockles (HS), Rev David & Romaine Hayman (SC), Chrissy Wong (ptASC):** Praise the Lord for Christian students who are willing to 'stand tall' for Jesus at school. We have just completed a week of senior students leading and speaking eloquently, personally and powerfully in Chapels. We continue to pray for those who have just completed their HSC exams and for their 'journeys' beyond school; we pray that they may come to know the Lord Jesus or continue to walk with him as their guide. We pray for the Year camps for 7-12 in January and for 3-6 in February; that they will be times of bonding between students and opportunities for a gospel message. We give thanks for the recent Dads and Daughters weekend and pray for positive, strong and loving families.

**St Peter's Primary: Brendon Gorman (HS):** Give thanks for another tremendous year at St Peter's. Praise God for the ongoing opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. Give thanks for our Whole School Services this year. Give thanks for the community response in attendance and for Peter Tong (Wahroonga) for his clear and spectacular message. Give thanks for the excitement for Learning with the PYP framework being well supported by staff, students and families. Pray for us as we continue to explore the best way of embedding our biblical perspectives into each and every unit we teach. Give thanks for our annual Music Festival and the many opportunities for students to showcase their skill sets. Pray particularly for the effects of loss of family members, serious illness and hardship. Pray for the godly leadership and wisdom in decision making for our Executive Team. Pray for ongoing wisdom for the Schools Council as they work through the complexities and challenges of governance.

**Broughton Anglican College: Don O'Connor (HS), Rev Mark Schroder (SC):**

**Wollondilly Anglican College: Dr Stuart Quarmby (HS) Ian Croger (ActHS):** In God's grace we continue to seek to serve our community through the provision of quality Christian education. With an influx of 160 students and Christian staff ready for 2018, plans for expansion to a new sister campus at Wilton are very timely. Our three evening Family Chapels were well attended this year with between 600 and 800 people hearing the gospel at each service, many for the first time. Please continue to pray for this front-line authentic Christian ministry as we seek daily to serve God and to glorify Him together.

**DAY 11:**

**SOUTH CREEK (HARRINGTON PARK & GREGORY HILLS):** Rev Jono & Jenny Squire, Rev Gavin & Lara Oram (AM), Rev Ben & Stacie Pakula (AM), Mel Gillies (CM), Vacant (A):

**THE OAKS:** Rev Jess & Denise Larrea (AR):

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UWS - Rev Adam & Trudi Richards (pt):**

**WOLLONDILLY:** Rev Neil & Anne Mayhew (AR), Rev Robert & Miriam Meischke (AM&RFS Chaplain), Michelle Wales (Y13), Eileen Bicknell (SRE), Naomi Touzel (YT), Rae Dutton (A): Praise God that a recent camp for our Evening service went well with good numbers attending and good teaching. Pray for the Wollondilly Youth camp in December. Pray for good preparations for our various Christmas outreach Carol services and Christmas day services and mission 2018. Pray that God may provide the Parish with a new Minister soon.

**DAY 12:**

**MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven-Southern Highlands**

**MISSION LEADER:** Rev Marty Davis & Rev Dean Reilly:

**ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Bay & Basin Community Aged Care Program: David Neal:**

**BERRY:** Rev Neil & Leanne Percival, Cecily Lewis (A):

**DAY 13:**

**BOMADERRY:** Rev Sean & Linda Heslehurst, Wicky & Louise Ochieng' (C/YM), Liz Hylton-Cummins (A): We pray for an amazing time of fellowship for our church camp. Pray for safety for our congregation during the holiday period. Pray that we can fulfil God's plan for Bomaderry leading into Mission 2018 and our Towards 2020 strategy.

**BOWRAL: Rev Stephen & Sharon Fifer, Rev Graham & Naomi Schultz (AM), Rev Dr Vic & Delle Roberts (SenM), Rev Matt & Keren Jacobs (YM), Carmen Williams (CM), Glenys Howarth (PW), Allan Beavis (M), Felicity Ray (A):** Thank God for the many blessings our Parish has received through the faithful ministry of Stephen and Sharon Fifer & pray for them as they retire at Christmas. We are thankful for our nominators & the appointment of the Rev Gavin Perkins & his wife Amy who will join us in January. Pray that they with their 3 children will quickly settle into the Parish. Pray for all our Christmas Services including the family carols on the 7th December. Pray for planning & enthusiasm for the 2018 Regional Mission.

**CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail, Rev Sue Fisher (ptAM):**

**DAY 14:**

**HUSKISSON: Rev Ray & Louise Goldman, Trish Vaughan (A):** Pray that we will be a church marked by faith, hope and love, especially as we pursue property matters. Pray God will bless us with growth in spiritual maturity and new members across our congregations. Pray the gospel will spread in the Jervis Bay and Basin area, especially through Mission 2018, that the church is strengthened, and above all we bring glory to Christ in all we do. Thank God for new members who have joined us this year.

**KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Andrew & Cecily Paterson, Vacant (A):** Praise the Lord for his provision for his church here in KV, that the church could be reclassified as a parish commencing January 1 2018. Pray the church would continue to grow in Christ, and that there would be a rich harvest for Christ here. Andrew and Cecily are on long service leave from 6 November through to January 29 2018. Over that time Bishop David Mulready is the locum minister. Pray for David as he leads the church over that time. March 2018 is a key month with the 'Jesus is-' mission taking place. Please pray that KV prepares well for the mission and that our church really gets on board with starting conversations with our community about who Jesus really is.

**MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly, Rev Dr Hugh & Barbara Cox (pt SenM), Sianna Caddy (ptCM&YM):** Give thanks to God for his continued blessing of our Parish in various and interesting ways. Praise God for all the men, women and children who serve our churches and for a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. Pray for the big change of moving our 10am service into the hall and for the new possibilities that this will give us for ministry and for connecting with our community. Pray for our other services and for our ability to reach different people groups through different styles of ministry.

**DAY 15:**

**MITTAGONG: Rev Richard & Rev Marge Mills, Rev Matthew & Cathy Brooks-Lloyd (AM), Rev Steven & Julia Mackenzie (AM), Rev Canon John & Jan Livingstone, Rev Dr Ian & Zara Pennicook & Rev Don & Lesley Taylor (HonAM), Kathryn McIntosh (SM), Di Roki (FM), Julie Marks (A):** Please pray for our Walk Thru Bethlehem interactive event on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of December. Pray for preparations for the Jesus Is Mission training in February 2018. Pray that people will become better equipped and more motivated through this training.

**NOWRA: Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson, Rev Josh & Brittany Murphy (C&YM), Rev Ray & Sue Beckman (CH), Kath Emerson (Community Care Vols), Jan Booth (A), Rev Gilbert & Ruth Page, Jan Tillott, Barry Hatter (Past Care), Phil Miles (ShACC Past Asst), Helen Mairinger (Coord COACH), Katlyn Herdman (A):** Give thanks for the growth in our church this year, especially at the 5pm service. Give thanks for Rev Jai McMordie's work and time at All Saints, and for his settling into a new ministry in Woollooware. Give thanks for the energetic work of Rev Josh Murphy, our children's and youth minister—pray he rests well after Christmas! Please pray for us after a tiring back end of year with reduced team. Pray for a new assistant minister to join us. Pray for our Christmas outreach and Summerfest mission in Jan. This year is the first Summerfest staffed entirely by All Saints members, without the help of an outside team. Pray people come and respond to an invitation to follow Jesus. Pray for Kath Emerson at ASCC and our future plan to bring the ministry back on site. Pray for ShACC and Phil Miles. Pray for Helen Mairinger who is overseeing our new COACH Mentoring program. Pray for us as many undergo significant illness, mental health challenges and grieving.

**ROBERTSON: Rev Graham & Michelle Thomas, Kirrilee Bracht (A):**

Thanks to God for a wonderful church weekend away. We had a excellent turnout, studied God's word in the Psalms and had an encouraging fun time together. Please pray for our search for a youth / children's worker, pray for doors to open so someone with the relevant gifts can come. We are thankful for God for the generosity of the church in this regard. Please pray for the preparation of Christmas services and for boldness as we invite friends.

**DAY 16:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**Tudor House: Anni Sandwell (HS):**

**Nowra Anglican College: Lorrae Sampson (Exec Principal), David Hamaty (Dep. Principal), Susan Pearson (Head JS), Rev Jim Dayhew (SC), Debra Baker (ptAC):**

**SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH (ShACC): Phil**

**Miles, Rev Geoff Thompson:** Give thanks for the Aboriginal Church and their ongoing ministry in the Shoalhaven. Thank God for the partnership with All Saints Nowra. Pray for Phil Miles as he works in support of the ShACC ministry.

**SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Anthony & Jude Douglas, Amanda Stavert (Y&CM):**

**DAY 17:**

**SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis:** Please pray: for our connections with the community this Christmas through Christmas Scripture Assembly and Carols in the Car Park, 17 December; for awareness of opportunities to 'gossip the gospel' with friends and neighbours; for our preparation for the 'Jesus is ...' Mission in 2018; for renewed energy for our evening service; that we can move closer to our goal of purchasing a rectory. Give thanks to God for our improved financial position.

**SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Rev Matthew Taylor & Cathy Harris (AM), Rev Cyril Turner (Hon), Rev Colin Reed (Hon), Danielle Tonks & Jackie Bonham (A):** Give thanks to God for a wonderful Reformation Dinner attended by 115 people and for Marge Mills' clear presentation. Pray that our three community carol events (Tallong 13/12, Bundanoon 17/12 and Exeter 24/12) will be well attended and that Jesus will be clearly proclaimed. Pray for the ever present need for more SRE teachers while giving thanks for the brilliant work done by our teachers across 5 schools in 2017. Pray especially that our parishioners will embrace the 'Jesus is \_\_\_\_' mission and want to be trained and prepared.

**ULLADULLA: Rev Ross & Leanne Maltman, Dave & Jane Saunders (ptSLW), Vacant (A):** Give Thanks for: Our gracious God who provides us with the one & only, perfect Saviour, Christ. The fantastic ministry service of our wardens, parish councillors & all ministry leaders across the parish. The privilege of having opportunities to grow in Christ and share Christ throughout the year. The positive response (*to the recent commencement*) of immunotherapy treatment for Ross' N.H.Lymphoma. Pray for: Preparation for all Christmas ministries (carols, services...). Open hearts and effective communication of the gospel. Gospel opportunities with so many visitors to our area during school holidays. All our ministry leaders to be refreshed over the holiday period.

**YOUTHWORKS OUTDOORS SHOALHAVEN: Norm Black (Venue Manager), Jeremy Thomas (Catering Coordinator), Leanne Warner (Hospitality and Conference Coordinator), Matt Roberts (Program Team Leader):**

**DAY 18:**

**MISSION AREA: Sutherland**

**MISSION LEADER: Rev Neil Fitzpatrick:**

**ANGLICARE RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Donald Robinson Village, Kirrawee: Greg Murphy (Mgr), Jen Lewis (OpMgr), Carolyn Jamieson (Coord), Rev Andrew Hudson & Faye Hillier (CH):** Praise God for a great Spring Harvest Festival and reconnecting with Rev. Michael Duckett. God's mercies are new every morning! Pray that residents will draw hope and strength from Jesus as they age. Lord, give us wisdom in employing a new nurse as more residents "age in place". Give us fresh ways of communicating the gospel message at Christmas through the carols, Sunday@5 service, and letter box drop. Pray we will be reinvigorated in our serving in 2018.

**Woolooware Shores: Greg Murphy (Mgr), Karen French (Ops Mgr); Chaplaincy Team (Woolooware Shores): Rev Garry Dawes, Marion Woodhouse, Nicole Smith:** Praise God for his working in people's lives through our recent sermon series "If I could ask God a question". Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to stir people to reflect on the foundations of their lives. Praise God for Nicole Smith joining the Chaplaincy Team 2 days per week. Give thanks for the relationships she is already forming and the opportunities this is affording her to hear people's stories. Pray that our village Carols Service at 7pm on Friday 22 December will be a time for people to hear afresh the message of Christmas and respond afresh to Jesus love for them. Pray that God will bless Bishop Chris Edwards talk that evening.

**Goodhew Gardens: Mark Aros (Mgr), Janmar Delicana (Clinical Leader); Chaplaincy Team (Goodhew Gardens): Martin Symons— Pastoral Carers: Clint Beattie & Robyn Williams:**

**CARINGBAH: Rev Eric & Vivian Cheung, Rev Alex & Liz Zunica (AM), Rev Garry Dawes (AM Woolooware Sores Chapel), Marion Woodhouse (SLW), Jordan Smith (SLW), Matt Stanley (SLW), Amy Thomason (SLW), Rod Dale, Robyn Heeley, Nicole Smith & Tracey Watson (ptA):**

**CHESALON LIVING: Sutherland, Jannali:**

**CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Rich & Juliet Wenden, Rev Peter & Lyne de Salis (AM), Robyn Masters (VolptYM), Beth Gould (A):**

**DAY 19:**

**ENGADINE-HEATHCOTE: Rev James & Di Warren, Rev Michael & Christina Dodd (AM), Rev Mike & Emily Leite (AM), Scott Williams (MTS), Michelle Mellows (SRE), Mathea Au (SM), Margaret Chapman & Anne Cook (A):**

**GYMEA: Rev Graham & Jane Crew, Craig & Kirsty Stalder (AM), Olivia & Matt Robson (CM), Matt Steele-Smith & Aaron Smith (SM), Kim Cooper (A):**

Thank God for: record number of students attending our holiday Primary aged camp; Deep love & commitment of members; continued growth of ESL classes; for strong LIFE groups & high member participation; wise & godly Parish Council; great connection built through 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary & Springfair. Please pray for: Our partnership with Anglicare to host a refugee family arriving 9<sup>th</sup> December; Unity in truth & in love with prayerful dependence on God; salvation of youth & adults through ESL & outreach; care for marginalised & poor in the Shire; strong, godly family and married life; disciplined, joyful devotional lives among all our members; God to raise up more young men and women among us to train for fulltime gospel ministry.

**SOUL REVIVAL CHURCH: Rev Stuart & Louise Crawshaw, Rev Matt & Lauren Redmond, Dan & Renee Gale (SM):**

**DAY 20:**

**HELENSBURGH & STANWELL PARK: Rev Steve & Kelly Carlisle, Rev Matt & Alicia Hall (AM), Ellyce Forster (SM), Rachel Peach (ptA):**

Please pray for the contacts and conversations had over the Christmas events in the life of our church, pray they may lead to conversion. Give thanks for the faithfulness of God's people in Helensburgh and Stanwell Park as they consider ministry opportunities for 2018. Please pray for the planning for the annual church mission in April 2018. Give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout a tough and emotional year for the church family in 2017.

**JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Josh & Sara Maule (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry (AM), Lorraine Hiller (WM), Sean Balhatchet (ptPW), Mel Balhatchet (A):**

Give thanks for every volunteer at our church who contributes time, skills and abilities, to serve together as the body of Christ. Pray for Summer Camp & Ignite, for our youth in January, that many friends of our youth would come along and hear the message of Jesus. Pray that we all would be seeking to grow in our knowledge of God and in our relationship with Him, through regular bible reading and prayer. Pray we will be active missionaries in our local community.

**MENAI: Rev Bruce & Judy Dingwall, Andrew Hartman (LM), Rev Stefan & Helen Bull (AM), Margaret Icke (LM), Chris Beckman (YM), Mary Pickford (CM), Britt Cicognani (ptSM), Connor Davram (MTS); Taylor Cook (ptYI); Peter Crowther (Hon ptLM); Denise Gellett (ptA), Nola Betts (ptA), Melanie Lucas (ptA):** Thank God for a great staff team and that we will continue to handle the pressures and difficulties of ministry together. Thank God also for the 6 adults who have come to Christ this year plus a large number of youth, and for our successful Kid's holiday club. Please pray that our upcoming season of outreach and our focus in the coming months on personal devotions will bear a lot of fruit.

**DAY 21:**

**MIRANDA: Rev Stephen & Susie Gibson, Rev Mike & Amelia Begbie, Rev Tim & Shona Goldsmith, Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton (AM), Rev Samuel & Jess Morton (YM), Rev Cameron & Katrina Harte (CM), Rev Jennifer Everist (PW), Russell Denton (MTS), Sharyn Perry (PA), James Peters (SM), Zack Hankin (SM), Joshua & Jordan Roberts (Y13), Gabby Pearson (A):** We give thanks for our wonderful Staff Team and God's provision of **Samuel Morton** our new Youth Minister and 7pm pastor and **Tim Goldsmith** our new Miranda North & Local Mission Pastor this year and how well they have begun. Pray for **Mike Begbie** our Music Director and 5pm pastor as Mike & Amelia head off to take up a position as Rector of Hornsby Heights in the New Year. Pray for the many opportunities Christmas brings esp outdoor Carols (Dec 3) with Yowie Bay and Miranda Nth Primary schools; final scripture assemblies and Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Pray for SYNC, our Youth and Children's ministry training in January 22-24.

**SUTHERLAND: Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves, Rev Andrew & Keena Hudson (Chaplain DRV), Faye & Steve Hillier (Chaplain DRV), James Vigar, Ben Ko & Lyzzi Donnelly-Coode (SM), Graham Johnson (AdM), Carly Nancarrow (A):** Give thanks for the answer to prayer of the provision of student ministers for 2018. We're delighted to have James Vigar (entering 3<sup>rd</sup> year MTC) & Ben Ko (entering 1<sup>st</sup> year at MTC) joining the team, and having Lyzzi Donnelly-Coode remain with us as a student minister as she begins full time study (entering 1<sup>st</sup> year SMBC), please pray for them. Please pray for the four local school that have Quizworx presenting them the gospel for Christmas, that it will impact them and help them to know Jesus. Pray for opportunities to meet people through our Christmas outreach time, and that God would give us follow up opportunities with them and bring many to know Christ. Please also pray that our preparations for the 'Jesus Is

\_\_\_\_\_’ mission in Mar 18 will result in us being ready to make the most of every opportunity.

**SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Rev Andy & Nicole Clark (AM), Ian Cartwright (SenM), Karina Brabham (SM), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for: our Christmas Quiz Worx assemblies across four primary schools in November-December and pray for lives to be changed by the gospel. Also, praise God for our three new link missionaries: CMS (two) and BCA (one). Please pray for: one of our new CMS link missionaries (Erin Moorcroft) as she visits our church (12-17 December); the development of our young adult ministries and younger leaders through NEXT GEN; cheerful and sacrificial giving for the Kingdom - both locally & globally; and most importantly, for a genuine hunger for God's Word with a commitment to prayer.

**DAY 22:**

**YOUTHWORKS CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Chris Deacon (Head):**

**YOUTHWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRES: Darren Robertson (Head), Robyn Enthaler (Catering Coordinator), Cameron Blacker (Maintenance Coordinator), Matthew Wallace (Hospitality Coordinator), Chris Bernase (Deer Park Team Leader), Sophie Fenner (Rathane Team Leader):** Pray for our new Christian Outdoor Education Trainees as they settle in. Pray they will wholeheartedly serve the Kingdom as they minister to school groups. Pray for energy and focus for all camping ministry leaders in a busy first term, as they safely manage lots of activities and the spiritual nurture of young people attending camp.

**YOUTHWORKS TRAINING COLLEGE: Principal: Rev Dr Bill Salier, Academic Dean: Rev Michael Hyam, Lecturer & Dean of Women: Ruth Lukabyo, Support Staff: Registrar: Renee Gale, Accounts Administrator: Theyn Johnston, Caterer: Esther Croft:** Thank God for a good group of students who are involved in important ministries while they study. Pray for wisdom as we deal with an ever-changing regulatory environment and the frequent challenges this brings to our programming and operation. Pray that the Lord will raise up more youth and children's workers to send to us for training in their ministries and for a growing sense of the importance as well as the urgency of training for the work of children's and youth ministry amongst churches.

**YEAR 13 YOUTHWORKS GAP YEAR: Rev Michael Williamson (Director), Trinette Stanley (Student Dean), Rev Michael Hyam (Academic Dean), Kiara Meres (Pastoral Asst), Matt Steele-Smith (SM), Cassandra Rigby (MTS), Jo Booker, Renee Gale & Theny Johnston (Admin), Esther Croft (Catering), Pete & Vini Riches (Pastoral Support):**

Praise God for an excellent completion of the year for the 2017 student cohort. Please pray for staff rest, recuperation and preparation for the students to arrive in early February. Pray for new volunteer baby-boomer disciplers, new part time lecturers and new trainee staff to be located, recruited and trained over December/January. Pray for lots of last minute enrolments so that God will be honoured in many new students and churches in 2018.

**DAY 23:**

**MISSION AREA: Wollongong (North & South)**

**MISSION LEADERS: Rev Steve Dinning & Rev Jodie McNeill**

**ALBION PARK: Rev Steve & Trish Roberts, Rev David & Janelle Traill (AM), Natasha Hansen (PC), Ying Chang (Preschool), Lin George & Beryl Nash (A):**

Praise God for the appointment of Ying Chang as our new Preschool Director. Ying began on 13 November. Pray she continues to settle in quickly. Pray for: Interviews over the coming weeks for our new Secretary/Administrator; Planning and preparation for our Community Carols on Tuesday 12 December; Discussions with people about leadership roles in 2018; Planning and preparation for our SUFM outreach week from 15-19 January 2018; Planning for our leadership and ministry training week from 19-24 Feb 2018.

**ALBION PARK RAIL (Park Rail Anglican Church—PRA): Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott:**

That God would move on the heart of the person He wants to join the ministry at Albion Park Rail. He would resource his Kingdom's work in Park Rail Anglican in His timing and His way. God would continue to create one to one opportunities with the community through the upcoming Carols & Christmas service.

**ANGLICARE RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Dapto: Jennifer Arkwright (Mgr), Kate Gallagher (Care Mgr), Lyn Miles (PC), Rev Rick Miller (CH):** Give thanks for opportunities in the village to share the good news of forgiveness through Jesus. Pray that each resident would take the opportunity to get right with God, trusting not in their own goodness but in Jesus' death on their behalf. Pray for the Village staff, as we undergo 'Christian Care' workshops, that the gospel would be clearly explained and understood. Pray for good working relationships amongst all staff.

**AUSTINMER: Ven Dr Geoff & Cathy Huard (AR until 23/1), Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon (R from 24/1), Rev Paul & Zoe Gaetjens (AM), Wendy Potts (ptCW), Elliott & Meredith Gordon (ptCM from 22/1), Megan Whittington (A):** Give thanks for answered prayer for Lord's provision for two new staff, a new Rector and a new Children's Minister. Pray for their moving and settling in and for gracious adjustments for all parties. Pray for Christmas Outreach events (Gingerbread Youth 7/12, Adults 11/12 and 12/12 and Carols by the Sea 17/12) and for Christmas Services at Austi and St David's Thirroul. Pray too for good follow up with contacts made. Pray for good start ups in January and preparations for 'Jesus is....' Mission especially as new staff come on board.

**DAY 24:**

**BERKELEY LIFE CENTRE: Rev Wayne Pickford:**

**BULLI/WOONONA: Rev Leigh & Merrilyn Roberts, Andy & Kirsty Callow (AM/YM), Sarah Oste & Bridget Mather (Temp ptCM), Kat & Steve Harris (ptCM—maternity leave), Dianne Williams (PA), Chris Baldwin (A):** Thank God for the healing Leigh has had from his Melanoma and pray for wisdom and grace in every form needed as he returns to work. For the process of culture change across the church so that EVERY member is growing in maturity, and joyfully and faithfully fulfills their roles to help others come to know and grow in Jesus. That the "*Jesus Is ...?*" mission and the Summer lead up would equip and encourage disciples and make new ones. At least 12. Ongoing prayers for the congregation that we'd be prayerful, godly, of one mind, and gospel-driven in our considerations of our Property Master Plan and the potential implications, and that we would look to and trust God to provide the spiritual, people and financial resources for His plans at BAC.

**CORRIMAL: Rev David & Carol Esdale, Nathan & Claire Zorn (YM), Leanne Begg (ptCC), Cathy Wynn (A):** Give thanks for the community Hub and the commencement of the mobile community pantry. Pray for increasing connections with our local community. Pray for planning for next year and that we will be rested and well prepared for Mission next year. Give thanks for a successful marriage course that was run recently, pray for strengthened marriages.

**DAY 25:**

**DAPTO: Rev Stephen & Leigh-anne Semenchuk, Jamie & Amy McKenzie (AM), Jason & Paula McPhail (SM/AM), Rev Rick & Lorraine Miller (ptSenM), Ian & Megan Morrison, Matt & Trinette Stanley (CM), Di Whittaker (ptCA), Jill Pearce (Café), Linda Thomson (PC), Dave Langley (EM), Christine Lane (ptA), Hilary Brown (ptA), Kelsie Hall, Amanda Murphy, Matt Bailey, Lachlan Davis & Zoe Vesey (MA):** Give thanks for our Children's Minister and the great connections Ian has made within our community and schools. Pray for the Morrison's as they move and for arrival of Matt Stanley in the New Year. Pray for our Christmas Festival with Carols and Gingerbread Event that we connect with many in our community. Pray for opportunities to proclaim the gospel clearly at all Christmas Services. Pray for Staff and Parish Council as they continue planning DAC strategy of mission, community and growth in Dapto & beyond.

**FAIRY MEADOW (CrossRoads Christian Community): Rev Roger & Leah Fitzhardinge, Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell (ptSAM), Alison & Martin Knight (ptC&YW), Alisoun Larkin (A):** Thank God for the work Alisoun Larkin has done as our parish administrator over the last many years. Pray for the appointment of a replacement. Praise God with us for the recent sermon series and small group video studies on the truths rediscovered in the Reformation period. Many have begun reading writings and biographies of the Reformers. Thank God with us for the steady trickle of individuals and families joining us on Sunday mornings and new contacts through our Friday kids and youth programs. Praise God for a number of enquirers meeting with church members. Pray they will be saved. Thank God for the revamped "PlayPatch" playgroup ministry meeting on Friday mornings – it's growing steadily! In the lead up to Christmas we'll have a student team from the National Training Event with us – December 6-10. Pray for their involvement with kids' ministry Christmas gatherings, the Café Market and Gingerbread House making on December 9. Christmastime sees a Kids Church on Christmas Eve and a major gathering on Christmas Day. Pray that family and friends of members and the wider community will come and join us in celebration of the Saviour's birth. Pray for plans to re-commence a Sunday night gathering in February- musos are practising and a team is gathering.

**FIGTREE: Rev Ian & Rhonda Barnett, Rev Ron & Julie Irving (AM), Karen Dixon (EM), Greg Bell (CA) Jane Major-Smith (Integration), Langdon Stewart (E), Fay Brampton (ptPW), Rev Thayil John (IS), Rev Myles Elton (YM), Peter Lenehan (YI), Jenny Horsley (CM), Hayley Macfarlane (ptPC), Ruth Langton (ptCC), Ruth Barnes (I), Jordan McIntosh (I), Jack Thomas (I), Denise Roper (AO), Adele Peteranec (A):** Pray we would continue to be a **faithful** people, seeking to continue to grow as devoted disciples; a people who connect others to Christ through personal engagement & being prepared to speak openly about our faith. Praise God for the generosity of His people at Figtree over the past year with their resources; time, talents & finances. Pray for hearts to respond generously to financially support our Gift Day projects & the ministry of 2018. Pray for our Figtree Community Carols & Christmas Services; that the local community would respond to invitations; that the message of hope found in Christ would be clearly presented. Pray for Myles & the team organising our youth camp IGNITE for January; that God would use the leaders to encourage, support & speak into the lives of our youth; that many would respond to the invitation to follow Christ.

**DAY 26:**

**GERRINGONG: Rev Andrew & Liz Glover, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (AM), Kaylie Thomson (ptCM), Simon Godden (ptComs):** Please give thanks for: committed 8am, enthusiastic 10am and growing 7pm services, growing enthusiasm for evangelism, Parish Council & Committees; children's, youth and family ministries; developing focus on mission. Please pray: for prayerfulness, spiritual growth & evangelistic enthusiasm; preparation for the 2018 mission, children's, family, pastoral care & welcoming ministries; energy, unity & joy; wisdom in property development planning and sufficient finances & donations.

**HARBOUR CHURCH SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Rob & Cass Sharp, Rev Tom & Madeline Batty (AM):** Give thanks to God for bringing many new people to join Harbour Church this year and pray that we would establish them well. Give thanks for the launch of our second service and pray that God would use it to build his kingdom and his people. Give thanks for our second Pastor Tom Batty and his wife Madeline, as they have settled in well their first year with us and served faithfully. Pray for our evangelistic mission in January, SummerENGAGE to see our members inviting people along to services and events and for the gospel to change lives for eternity. Pray for more members of Harbour Church to be spending time in God's word and prayer so they may grow as disciples and disciple makers. Pray for the Pastors of Harbour Church, Rob Sharp and Tom Batty to 'keep their heads in

all situations, endure hardship, do the work of evangelists and to discharge all the duties of their ministry.'

**JAMBEROO: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill, Rev Graham & Leslie Errington (ptSAM), Rayne Orange (SM/CM), Val O'Regan (PA),**

**Jemimah McNeill (Y13):** We're thrilled to launch our new youth group on Saturday nights after church, which is called 'Alive!' Pray for our new student youth minister, Rayne, as she connects with the youth and our church members, and pray that unbelievers would join the youth group. We thank God for all he's taught us from 2 Samuel about his king and his kingdom. We thank God for the encouraging growth in the numbers of families. We praise God for our new, monthly midweek service. We pray that our role in the regional 'Jesus is' mission might see people in our village and valley come to know Jesus.

**DAY 27:**

**KEIRAVILLE: Rev John & Janine Reed, Owen Silvester (ptYM), Dianne Arnold (A):**

**KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Stephen & Nicola Stanis, Rev Chris & Alysia Anstiss (AM), Vacant (SenAssoc), Rev Steve Inman (YM), Sarah Nette (C&FM), Rachel Aitken (COM), Michele Thornton (A), Jacob Mierendorff (Y13):**

**MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Louise Del Rio (Office Mgr), Volunteers:** For a video clip of the work of Missions around the World see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5N-qwjQByHA>

**DAY 28:**

**OAK FLATS: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill, Rev Simon & Amy Chaplin (AM), Val O'Regan (PA), Jemimah McNeill (Y13), Vacancy (MTS):** We thank God for what he has taught us in 2 Samuel about his king and his kingdom. We rejoice in the way the children from our midweek clubs have now successfully moved to join us regularly at the new time of Sundays at 5pm. Pray that more of their parents/carers would also come with their kids to church. Praise God for the three new 'serve team' small group fellowships, and for the growth in discipleship and community. Pray that the connections with Oak Flats through the street fair would result in people coming to Jesus and joining a church like ours. Pray that the regional 'Jesus is' Mission in March would result in people becoming Christians as we join with believers in our Mission Area and other organisations for this time of focused, evangelism.

**PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Michael & Vanessa Turner, Rev Tim & Biana Riley (ptAM), Nada Appleby (SLW):** We continue to pray for the saints at Port Kembla and Warrawong, in their effort to reach out to the parish. Thanks be to our gracious Father for continued growth and new people joining and investigating Jesus. We continue to thank God for the many opportunities with our children's and youth ministry, especially to the socially disadvantaged - may we be a light to them as we speak the saving words of the gospel.

**SCHOOLS:**

**TIGS: Stephen Kinsella (HS), Rev James Rogers (SC), Rev Mark Grieve (AsstSC):** Give praise: for the 2017 academic year and the many accomplishments of our students; for the exemplary way our 2017 Year 12 cohort finished the year; for the dedication of our staff. Please pray: for a refreshing break for staff and students over the summer; that Christ might be proclaimed and honoured at our Christmas Celebration; for our Council as they lead the transition to a new Headmaster.

**Shellharbour Anglican College: Tony Cummings (HS), Dan O'Dell (CH):**

**DAY 29:**

**SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Jon & Sarah Thorpe, Rev Matt & Gemma Bartlett (AM), Peter & Jude Stacey (AM), Amanda & Pat Grace (CM):** We are so thankful for God's grace in gathering together a committed community of Christians who love Jesus and want to see him glorified. Last quarter I asked everyone to pray that we might be united in Christ and it has been wonderful to see that prayer answered over the last couple of months. Please pray for wisdom, and continued unity, as we restructure our services with the hope of strengthening our existing ministry and outreach into our community.

**ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Vacant (C&YM), Glenis Boyle (ptA):** We thank God for His leading and care of us as a body this year. We would ask for ongoing prayer as we seek a new children's and youth minister. We thank God for spiritual growth in our home groups and fellowship. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on our SRE Christmas assemblies, nursing home services and all our Christmas services that they will each be a clear proclamation of the gospel to the many visitors that join us at this season.

**DAY 30:**

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob Copland (CH/CD), Richard Chin (AFES), Jeanette Chin & Amy Mackenzie (WM), Matthew Meek (IS), James Kerr (T), Irwan Lee (E), Jon Baird (IS), Joe Radkovic (V), Caitlin McMillan, Adam Friend, Varun Varghese, Divya Jacob, Owen Silvester, James Chen & (MTS):** Give thanks for the local and international students who've become Christians this year. Pray that they may continue to be established in Christ. Pray for the AFES National Training Event (NTE) 2-6 Dec. NTE mission 6-10 Dec. Pray for that the conference of about 1700 uni students from around Australia would grow God's kingdom throughout the world. Pray for students to live gospel-shaped lives. Pray for MTS apprentices leaving us for Moore College in 2018 (James Chen, Varun and Divya). Pray for staff and students to have a restful break over Christmas and New Year.

**WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Craig & Corinne Langstaff (AM), Kaitlyn Dixon (ptCM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (HonptSenM), Matt & Elizabeth Carmody (MTS), Liz Stark & Janet Hunt (A):** We give thanks and pray for Ed and Jess Sowden who are moving to serve the Lord in Bathurst. Please pray for God's provision of a new part-time youth worker. Both praise and prayers for our building project scheduled to begin around Easter 2018. We give thanks for interviews with incoming and outgoing students and the Lord's work in their lives. We seek your prayers for the food ministry, our partnership with Anglicare, and opportunities to take discipleship among this group further in 2018.

**WOLLONGONG: Rev Sandy & Karyn Grant, Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (AM), Rev Jon & Morwenna Baird (ptAM&AsstCHUoW), Andy & Kim Stevenson (Y&CM), Stacey Chapman (ptWM), Bp Reg & Dorothy Piper (ptSenAM), Joe & Sue Radkovic (ptE), Josh Hayward (ptYT), Lauren Russell (ptCOM), Julie Clark, Samantha Johnson & Morwenna Baird (ptA):** Praise God for committed young Christians who undertake ministry traineeships and learn to serve local churches, and ask God to bless those who will begin new traineeships with St Michael's in 2018 (names to be confirmed at time of writing). Ask God to help our efforts over summer to engage with residents in new apartment blocks. And pray for our current efforts to help us prepare to give the reason for our hope via the "Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_." month of mission in March.

## **DAY 31:**

**REGIONAL CHURCH FAMILY:** Pray and give praise for our Regional Church family, in particular our church families in each parish. May we reflect God's light of love to all those who walk in the darkness around us. Also give thanks and pray for our Archbishop Dr Glenn Davies, his Assistant Bishops, and other staff in "Head Office" as they lead and support the ministry of our Lord's gospel message throughout the Diocese.

### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

**A** Administration; **AAM** Acting Assistant Minister, **AdM** Administration Manager; **AR** Acting Rector; **AM** Assistant Minister; **ACF** Assistant Children's & Families; **ACH** Assistant Chaplain, **ACM** Assistant Children's Minister; **AO** Accounts Officer, **CA** Creative Arts (& Worship), **CF** Children & Families, **CH** Chaplain, **CM** Children's Minister; **CMI** Children's Ministry Intern; **CPE** Clinical Pastoral Education, **COM** Communications, **CRO** Community Relations Officer; **E** Evangelist; **EM** Executive Manager; **FM** Family Minister; **GAI** Graphic Arts Intern; **HC** Head of Campus, **HCA** Healthcare Chaplains Association, **HJS** Head Junior School, **Hon** Honorary, **HR** Human Resources, **HS** Head of School, **IS** International Students, **KC** Kid's Church, **L** Locum; **LSL** Long Service Leave; **LM** Lay Minister; **M** Music; **MA** Ministry Apprentice; **Mis** Lay Missionary; **MTS** Ministry Training Strategy; **pt** Part time; **PA** Personal Assistant; **PC** Pastoral Care, **PW** Pastoral Worker; **SAM** Senior Assistant Minister; **S** Scripture; **SC** School Chaplain; **Sch** School Ministry, **SGM** Small Groups Minister; **SenM** Senior's Ministry; **SG** Small Groups **SLW** Stipendiary Lay Worker; **SM** Student Minister; **SS** Site Supervisor; **T** Technology, **TSS** Technical & Site Supv, **WM** Women's Minister; **WPC** Women's Pastoral Care, **YAM** Young Adults Ministry; **YC** Youth Ministry Co-ordinator; **YI** Youth Intern; **YM** Youth Minister; **YT or Y13** Youthworks Trainee.



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