

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



Autumn 2024

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:

BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:

Give thanks to God – for sustaining Julie and me by his grace through the joys and challenges of ministry during 2023; for time with our family over the Summer season, and for being able to enjoy the refreshment of CMS Summer School with them; for ongoing good health and energy to serve; for the privilege of ministering in Hong Kong during January. Pray for God to – save and transform many lives across the churches and ministries in our Region; enable members in our churches to delight in Jesus more than success and achievement in life and ministry; provide wisdom in responding to the demands and challenges of competing responsibilities.

ARCHDEACON Anthony & Jude Douglas:

Thank God for solid rest and refreshment over the summer, and for the foundation it has given for the year ahead. Pray for family members taking on university and HSC study for the first time. Give thanks for the opportunities I have to partner with and serve the churches in the months ahead and ask for wisdom to manage my time and attention well.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Thank God for his provision of the resources for and the godly members of the regional council. Pray for wisdom in promoting and supporting gospel ministry in the region.

DAY 2:

MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven

MISSION LEADER: Rev Marty Davis:

BERRY: Rev Simon & Amy Chaplin, Cecilie Lewis (A):

Pray that we would find ways to encourage more people to join one of our small groups. Give thanks for some new members this year. Pray that this ministry would help grow people in their knowledge and love of Christ, and grow members in their service of each other. Pray for good connections with our community, family and friends leading up to, and after Easter.

BOMADERRY: Rev Toby & Carolyn Campbell, Lyndal Estherby (HonCM):

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail:

DAY 3:

JERVIS BAY & ST GEORGES BASIN: Rev Campbell & Mel Mackay, Debra Evelyn (ptPC):

We're thankful for well-attended Christmas services and the opportunity to hold out the hope of Jesus to many who are not usually in church. Please give thanks for enquirers who have done Hope Explored over January and are now moving into a basics bible study, and for three of our young people who were baptised mid Feb. Give thanks for our partnership in December/January with the Huskisson Beach Mission team, and pray that we'll continue to work together to

share Jesus with both holidaymakers and locals. Pray for Growth Groups as they begin for the year, and for the resourcing of our various ministries. Please continue to pray for the building committee and fundraising committee as we look at designs for our new ministry centre.

KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Andrew & Bron Heron, Anthony & Susanna Dumbrell (Interim ptCM):

Pray for Ben and Amanda Barber as Ben returns to working in a school and begins training to become a teacher. Give thanks for Ben and Amanda's ministry in Kangaroo Valley and the impact they have made with the message of Jesus, Lord and Saviour, in the lives of many children. Give thanks that Anthony Dumbrell has been willing to step into the children's minister role as we search for a permanent replacement. Give thanks for the number of people attending Christmas events from the local community, some of whom have started attending or returned to church. Pray for the successful search for a permanent Children's Minister.

NOWRA: Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson, Rev Rusdyan Cocks (AM), Rev Ray & Sue Beckman (OH), Hannah Shadlow (CM), Sandy Wade-Ferrell (Community Care/HopeCentre), Rev Gilbert & Ruth Page, Linda Staples (MCP), Narelle Stanbury (EFL), Vacant (A):

For All Saints Community Care/The Hope Centre, pray: for the team to be supportive, helpful and Godly as they serve so that we can be "a bright light" for Jesus!; that we will balance wisdom with grace and love as we hear people's stories and distribute food packages and offer other helps; that clients will join the courses and sessions we have set up this year, which have been designed to help people live life better (and hopefully with the Lord!) or that they will accept help from our Anglicare caseworkers such as counselling or rehab.

For Sandy's Chaplaincy role, thank God for the various teams of volunteers: Courthouse team (offering morning tea and a listening ear), Open House team (church for vulnerable folk), Hope Centre team (emergency food packages, courses/sessions, Mobily Pantry, Community Garden, Anglicare caseworkers/NILs/Financial counselling). Pray we will work well together and take every opportunity to live out & share God's love and truth. Pray more will come from court to the Hope Centre & on to Open House. Pray we will raise up our Open House community members to lead the Open House nights & to go out & share the gospel with people in their "social groups". Thank God our community garden is growing well. Pray that more clients from the Hope Centre will come and work it... as a way of "giving back to community".

DAY 4:

SCHOOLS:

Nowra Anglican College: Lorrae Sampson (Principal), Brendan Gorman (Dep. Principal), Ben Bridges (Dep. Principal), Nathan Bell (Head SS), Rachel Watt (Head JS), Rev James Vimpany & Debra Baker (CH):

**SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH (ShACC):
Brendon Garlett (Pastor):**

**SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rt Rev Gary & Christine Nelson (AR),
Amanda & Jonathon Stavert (Y&CM), Lyn Elsholz (Adm&SenM):**

DAY 5:

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis:

**MILTON & ULLADULLA: Rev Aidan & Jess Sibrava, Dave & Jane
Saunders (ptSLW):**

DAY 6:

MISSION AREA: Southern Highlands

MISSION LEADER: Rev Dean Reilly:

BOWRAL: Rev Gavin & Amy Perkins, Rev Graham & Naomi Schultz (AM), Rev Matt & Keren Jacobs (YM), Jaryd Hoffman (CM), Glenys Howarth, Kate Pearse & Sarah Bull (SLW), Allan Beavis (M), Ash McAulay & Catherine Nelson (A):

Give thanks: for a good start to the year, with new people joining us and good numbers, especially at contemporary services; for a full complement of volunteers for Kids Church; for meeting our budget for 2023, and for the faithful giving of our people; for the completion of the external renovation works on the traditional church building, to a very high standard; for a beautiful artwork by Brendon Garlett, illustrating the connection between our church and Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Church. Pray: for our AGM, that members will offer for the various roles, and that the people of God's choice will be elected/appointed; that new members will feel welcome and quickly connect to the St Jude's community; for a good response to the appeal for funds to renovate the inside of the traditional church; for the seminar on Mental

Wellbeing in March, that community members will respond; that we will seek ways to reach our neighbours, family and friends with the good news of Jesus; that Easter services will remind attendees of the truth of the gospel.

MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly:

Give thanks to God for a good start to the year and for the bible groups and ministry groups starting back. Praise God for our five church families that meet at four locations and for their different expressions of church gathering. Pray that we will continue to speak about Jesus with our family, friends, and community and that we will spend time with Jesus in word and in prayer.

DAY 7:

MITTAGONG: Rev Rob & Cass Sharp, Rochelle & Matt Fussell (CM), Josh Reilly (YM), Kathy Crawshaw (A):

Give thanks to God for the ministry leaders he has raised up in answer to our prayers: Children, Youth and Growth Groups. Pray for the upcoming AGM to be encouraging and for God to provide godly, gospel hearted and grace filled people for these important roles. Pray for the MAC Staff Team and MAC members to adjust to our reduced staff team and for greater gospel partnership to result.

PICTON-WILTON: Rev Ben & Kate Boardman, Rev Scott & Britt Williams (AM), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon), Jake & Ineke Pearse (MTS):

DAY 8:

ROBERTSON: Rev Dan & Jo Bidwell, Bek Glasson (Y&CM), Kirrilee Bracht (A):

SCHOOLS:

Tudor House: Adam Larby (HS), Richard Deck (Deputy Head):

Wollondilly Anglican College: Trevor Norman (HS), Paul Burns (Deputy HS):

We are thankful that God continues to provide faithful Christian staff. We pray that God will continue to send faithful believers to work at WAC. We thank God for many students who are involved in Christian outreach groups and/or Discipleship groups. Please pray that Christian students will be strengthened in their faith and that 'not-yet-Christian' students might submit their lives to Jesus.

DAY 9:

SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Rev David Milne (ptAM), Danielle Tonks (A):

WOLLONDILLY: Rev Stephen & Karen Swanepoel, Eileen Bicknell (SRE):

DAY 10:

MISSION AREA: Sutherland

MISSION LEADER: Rev James Warren:

ANGLICARE RETIREMENT LIVING:

Donald Robinson Village, Kirrawee: Jen Lewis (Mgr), Janine Cummings (Coord), Rev John Reed & Faye Hillier (CH):

Praise God that our 20th anniversary celebrations are giving us more opportunities to speak about God's loving kindness. We are thankful for Janine Cummings and Leonora Jones joining the office team. Pray for the appointment of a full time 'Wellness Coordinator'. Pray that God will guide us as we prepare for an ALPHA course later in the year.

**Woolooware Shores: Liz Fox (Mgr), Karen French (Ops Mgr);
Chaplaincy Team: Rev Garry & Jeanette Dawes, Rev Bronwyn Kyngdon (AsstCH), Rhonda Montgomery (PC), Margaret Spring (Hon ptPLW):**

Praise God for the appointment of the Rev Bronwyn Kyngdon as the next Assistant Chaplain at Woolooware Shores. Pray that the Lord will strengthen Bronwyn as she gets to know the village community. May the village community quickly come to appreciate Bronwyn's character, qualities and relationship with the Lord Jesus. Pray that the Chapel Community will be prayerful about the opportunities our Easter services and events present to invite their friends to consider the Lord Jesus. Pray that the new residents joining the village will be enfolded into our community life. Pray that the Lord will lead and guide the village community as it considers the increased amenities for the village that are being proposed by Anglicare.

Goodhew Gardens & Bay Breeze Care Team; Peter Jessing (Mgr), Quang Le (Ops Mgr), Sabitri Sapkota (Care Manager Bay Breeze), Laxmi Giri (Care Manager level 1 Goodhew), Preeti Upadhyay (Care Manager level 2 Goodhew), Vacant (Admin Assistant), Sharmila Neupane (Care Coordinator Goodhew), Will O'Reilly (Lifestyle Team

Leader), Chaplaincy Team: Chris Conyers (Lead Chaplain), Jeff Cover (Chaplain), Julienne Rowe, Kate Bainbridge (Pastoral Carers):

DAY 11:

CARINGBAH: Rev Eric & Vivian Cheung, Rev Peter & Steph Tuck (AM), Elise Paton (SLW), Rev Graham Crew (ptAM), Rev Kevin Engel (HonAM), Robyn Heeley, Janelle Ward, & Tracey Watson (ptA):

CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Greg & Michelle Ball, Dayna Flavin (A):

DAY 12:

ENGADINE-HEATHCOTE: Rev James & Di Warren, Rev Michael & Christina Dodd (AM), Rev Dan & Shannon Bishop (AM), Rev Brodie & Sharon Cutmore (AM), Rev John & Carolyn Lee (AM), Jackie Coffey (Adm), Eliza McLaughlin (SRE), Brendan & Glory Nelson (SM), Sophia Begg & Sarah Rathsam (MTS):

We have new staff 2024: John Lee is now pastoring Heathcote Anglican, which avails Michael Dodd to be able to focus exclusively on Night Church and MTS. We also have 2 home grown MTS apprentices starting up and so keen to deepen our younger women discipleship (among many other things). We have the delight of 4 home grown Year 13s too. There is so much fresh enthusiasm for Christ in each of these people. Praise our God - lord of the harvest. We are aiming for a heightened "Meet Jesus" mission. we have 4 weeks of mission training embedded into our Growth Groups, Easter outreach, then a Growth Group outreach week, followed by a month of April guest services, then various "Explore" options going forward. Please pray for enthusiasm to be sharing the great news of Jesus with others and to be doing it together, excited for God given opportunities and gospel words of eternal life that we have. Pray for the 29,960 people living in our postcode 2233. Pray we'll long to be "that church" known for love in word and deed and that Jesus will be known by all in our area. Pray this is what excites us new every morning, great is God's faithfulness.

GYMEA: Rev David & Crystal Fell, Rev Craig & Kristy Stalder (AM), Rev Olivia & Matt Robson (CM), Rev Gordon & Jean Robinson (HonSnrM), Kim Cooper & Stephen Leitch (A):

HELENSBURGH & STANWELL PARK: Rev Michael & Alison Blake (AR), Matt Leach (AM), Ella Leach (ptWM), Rod Jefferson (ptMusic),

Rebecca Wagstaff (ptA):

DAY 13:

MENAI: Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Rev Andrew Hartman (AM), Rev Stefan & Helen Bull (AM), Margaret Icke (LM), Dave Jensen (LM), Connor Davaram (YM), Lauren Couri (ptCM), Sarah Willets, Mitch Dunne, Bill Walton (SM), Denise Gellett (ptA), Nola Betts (ptA), Melanie Lucas (ptA), Elise Cook (ptA):

JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Ross & Kristie Collins (AM), Rev James & Amy Sneddon (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Claire Walker (CM trainee), Lorraine Hiller (PW), Rebekah Lee (PW), Carolyn Woods (PW), Jeanette Donnan (AdM), Matt Bakon (SM), Oli Mullins (SM):

Give thanks for the encouragement of good numbers gathering for church in February. Give thanks for our new apprentice (Tiarne) training with us for 2 years. Ask God to raise up more adults to serve in Children's ministries. Pray that God would bring many to 'Meet Jesus' in our church gatherings through March, to Easter services and to our follow up "Life" series. Pray that people of all ages would be saved.

MIRANDA: Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton, Rev Jennifer & Don Everist (AM), Rev Samuel & Jess Morton (YM), Jess & Luke Moran (CM), Rev Russell Denten (AM), Luke Murray (AM), Nicole Murray (ptYA), Amie Lichi (ptCM), Jake Pettit-Young (MTS), Colin Contessa (Adm), Lisa Byrnes & Theny Johnston (A):

Give thanks and pray for new team members, Jake and Amie. Pray for a resolution to an ongoing dispute with our neighbours, Westfield, and that they may agree to fence areas overlooking our property. Pray that as we refresh our 'Explore Life' evangelistic course in 2024 we will see many come to Christ and renewed confidence in the gospel amongst our members.

DAY 14:

SOUL REVIVAL CHURCH: Rev Stuart & Louise Crawshaw, Rev Jai & Christine McMordie (AM), Paul & Lyndal Tait (ptM), Joey & Mary Cheng (LM), Brayden & Bek Wall (CA), Ethan & Katie Crawshaw (YM), Tim & Ros Beilharz (ptCM), Joel & Karen McMaster (COM):

SUTHERLAND: Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves, Rev John & Janene Reed (Chaplain DRV), Faye & Steve Hillier (Chaplain DRV), Tim &

Liv Griffiths, James & Ally Russell (SM), Sarah & Daniel Glynn (WM trainee), Robyn Field & Carly Nancarrow (A):

Praise God for James and Ally Russell joining our staff team as Student Ministers. Please pray for them as they settle into the role. Thank you to God for our SRE ministry and enabling us to teach at a new school (Bundeena P.S), along with Sutherland, Sutherland North, Woronora River and Loftus Public Schools. Praise to Him that he provided the additional teachers and helpers we need.

SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Rev Chim Ho (AM), Stephen Strongman (SM), Vacant (A):

Give thanks for: the ordination of Chim Ho as a deacon and her appointment as Assistant Minister at Sylvania; the appointment of Stephen Strongman as a student minister. Pray for: ongoing zeal in promoting and presenting the gospel - especially via our SRE Easter assemblies (with Quiz Worx) and our personal witness before and after our Easter services.

DAY 15:

YOUTHWORKS CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Chris Deacon (Head), Sam Hudson (Operations Manager):

YOUTHWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRES: Darren Robertson (Head), Norm Black (Shoalhaven Centre Manager):

YOUTHWORKS COLLEGE: Rev Mike Dicker (Principal), Rev Dr Andrew Spalding (Lecturer, Academic Dean), Dr Ruth Lukabyo (Lecturer & Dean of Women), Viv Cheung (Lecturer), Suzanne Bacon (Registrar), Mamie McLean (A):

Please pray for the start of a new academic year and the new cohort of students in both the parish Children's and Youth ministry programme, and the Centre for Christian Education at Youthworks College. Please continue to pray for strong healthy churches in our diocese raising up much needed parish children's and youth ministers, and for a growing partnership with Christian Schools to raise up and equip more Christian teachers. Pray for Mike as he prepares his talks for GAFCON in Brisbane, July 1-4, 2024.

YEAR 13 YOUTHWORKS GAP YEAR: Rev Steve Carlisle (Director), Jo Booker (Asst Director), Kiara Meres (Program Coordinator), Fiona Fenwick (ptCH), Brad Vidilini (ptCH), Jaedon Scott (ptCH):

Give thanks for the start for the new staff team under a new staffing structure. Pray the team may knit together in unity of spirit and purpose. Pray for the students as they begin O-Week on 19th February. Pray that they might learn much and grow in discipleship through the year. Please pray for the plans and preparations for the Fiji mission trip in July, that we might partner with the Fijian church in proclaiming the gospel. Give thanks for the network of graduates from Year 13, for the support, and richness they give the entire network.

DAY 16:

MISSION AREA: Wollongong (North & South)

MISSION LEADERS: Rev Roger Fitzhardinge & Rev Jodie McNeill

ANGLICARE RETIREMENT LIVING:

St Luke's Village, Dapto: Martin Silver (Mgr), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH):

Pray that through winsome conversations and various programs (eg Resolving Everyday Conflict) many residents might come to a living faith in Jesus and grow in Him; that the multi-faceted intergenerational partnership with Calderwood Christian School would bear gospel fruit both in the school and the Village; that our new buildings will be completed in July and we'll make excellent use of the new (and much-needed) community space; that the transition of many residents to new accommodation (very unsettling for many) would be managed with appropriate wisdom and care.

ALBION PARK: Rev Robin & Cathy Vonk, Steve & Lauren Inman (ptYC), Natasha Hansen (ptPC), Val O'Regan (ptA):

Praise God for the completion of our church renovation. Pray that God might bless us in this new season as we seek to bring him glory. Please also thank God for the many people that have come before us, whose contributions and vision provided us with our building in the first place. Pray that our scripture ministries would be effective at sharing the Bible with our local schools. Pray for a blessing upon the teachers and students. Pray that God may bring many children to faith through our efforts. Pray that our new chaplain in the Men's Shed (Don) would be welcomed in his new role by the guys, and that he would have important conversations with them. Pray that he would have the chance to deepen the connections between the church and the Shed, and that the men would be willing to explore faith with him.

PARK RAIL ANGLICAN CHURCH: Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott:

Pray that God would give us wisdom to care for the growing congregation through careful and accountable 121 discipleship; that he would provide cultural sensitivity and inspiration as Indigenous people craft a new discipleship tool to be used for Indigenous people in prison; that Jesus would be honoured in the newly planted 'Lake Illawarra Community Church' and he would draw his people to himself. Pray for God's sustaining grace upon John Delezio as he launches the church plant.

DAY 17:

LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev John & Kate Delezio:

Pray for the new church plant of Lake Illawarra Community Church which aims to reach into Warilla North with the Gospel of God, that people from the area who have quite a lot of mistrust for the church are brought to an understanding of the Gospel. Pray for John as he serves the community at the op shop, cheese toasty and also at the food bank and as he teaches SRE at Warilla North PS and also for Jaedon Scott as he finds ways to connect with youth in the community run youth group.

AUSTINMER/THIRROUL: Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (ptSAM), James & Erin Massey (CM), Liz McCoy (ptLM), Joshua Fullerton-Harvey (SM), Megan Whittington (A):

BERKELEY LIFE CENTRE: Rev Wayne Pickford, Glenn Prentice (SM), Sam Trotter (CM):

BULLI: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Kat & Steve Harris (0-20), Elliot Boswell (ptYW), Jonny & Jo Hann (ptSM), Izzy McPhail (ptCMI), Chris & Laura Baldwin (ptA), Kathy Nethercott (ptCRO):

Pray for the new team of office bearers elected at the AGM to honour Christ together and progress the Ministry Plan of BAC in concert with the staff team. Pray for refreshed and new opportunities to engage with the community around us through Bulli Mine Disaster Commemoration, Easter Services, SRE, Play Group, Youth & Kids outreaches, KYCK and Mother's Day. Pray for great engagement at our Church Day Camp (Mar 16) as we focus on Prayer with Archdeacon Simon Flinders and for deep discipleship with strong Christian growth in our Growth Groups. Pray that our in-depth study of Genesis 25-35

(T1) and Doctrine of Humanity (T2) will help us to overflow the grace and love of Jesus to one-another, the Northern Illawarra and beyond.

DAY 18:

DAPTO: Rev David & Marianne Rietveld, Rev Matt & Lisa Goodman (AM), Nathan Grey (NextGen), Sarah Doughton (CM), Linda Thomson (PC), Mel Lieschke (ptM), Christine Lane (A), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH), Amy David (ptA):

As we embark on the Lenten season and commit ourselves to the spiritual practice of prayer, we invite you to join us in seeking deeper connections and reflections on God's Word within our congregation. Please also uplift our Nominators, praying for their discernment and wisdom as they pursue the selection of a senior minister and for the reassurance and peace for the congregation throughout this process. Additionally, we ask for prayers for our Growth Groups, as some shuffling has occurred. Pray for forging strong bonds among members and dedicated exploration of scripture together. We engage with preschool and community families during the school holidays through our Family Adventure Days. Please pray for safety, meaningful connections, enjoyable experiences, and the creation of lasting memories.

FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Roger & Leah Fitzhardinge, Rev Rob & Vicki Mayhew (AM), Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell (ptSAM), Nathanael & Chloe-Jane Muscat (SM), Jenny & Stephen Bell (ptA&Comms), Jimmy & Marlee Knight (pt YAM/YM, SRE Keira High):

DAY 19:

FIGTREE: Rev Robin & Sarah Kinstead, Rev Shane (MatMin) & Rachel Dirks, Mary Pickford (CM), Scott Simpson (EM), Greg Bell (CA), Langdon Stewart (E), Ruth Barnes & Peter Lenehan (YM), Jo Brain (Conn&WM), Rev Ron & Alison Watts (HonAM—Mount Kembla), Adele Peteranec (Admin/Events), Carolyn Bengel (Accounts/ Compliance), Elise Cork (COM), Anny Cao (ptPW), Fay Brampton (ptPW):

Praise for a wonderful week of our IGNITE youth camp recently, which saw a number of young people commit their lives to Christ and many more make recommitments. Pray for our upcoming Gift Day (March), that people will respond with generous and sacrificial hearts as we launch new and continue to support existing ministries that

focus on taking the life-transforming message of the Gospel to our parish and beyond.

GERRINGONG: Rev Steven & Lorna Layson, Michelle Young (ptA):

JAMBEROO: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill, Brad & Liz Vidilini (YM), Rachel Bemmer (CM), Rev Graham & Lesley Errington (Hon SAM), Sandee & Michael Batelic (Hon PC), Rev Steve & Fiona Bligh (Hon SAM):

Join us in praising God for the arrival of Rach as our new Children's Minister, and pray that she and our Youth Minister Brad will work together well to help our children, youth and families know Jesus better and bring others to also hear about how to follow Jesus and why it matters. Pray that our sermon series 'The Spirit of Christ' from John 13 to 16 will help us know more about the mission we share with Jesus and the joy of having his Spirit as our Advocate. Pray for the people who have joined us in the past few months, especially those who appear to have followed Jesus, especially that their faith will grow and that they will be well-established in our church.

DAY 20:

KEIRAVILLE: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Jason & Paula McPhail (AM), Kathy Watson (ptPC), Alex Ngo (ptLM), Megan Whittington (ptA):

KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Steve & Nicki Stanis, Cameron & Helen Webber (AM), Lilyan Kearney (A):

We give thanks for the growing commitment to prayer across God's Church in Kiama. We have been working on evangelism over summer and are seeking to develop a current personal approach that is relevant today as we share the truth of Christ with Kiama and beyond. We are growing in our support for both local and global mission to be relevant and relational.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Rev Rob Meischke, 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 21:

OAK FLATS: Rev Sam & Susan Pursell, Valerie O'Regan (PA):

Give thanks for the connections we have into the community. Pray that these would open doors for the message of Christ to bring life to many who need it. Pray that we would tell of the Lord's works with songs of joy.

PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Michael & Vanessa Turner, Andrew & Courtney Russell (LSW), Jake & Clare Ashley (SM):

Praise the Lord for recent growth at Port, for the Community carols and gospel proclamation, for Good News Dinners and the glory of Jesus, and for growth in commitment for the saints who are using gifts to serve the body of Christ. Pray for a reliance on the Lord, not strategies; a pruning of sin, and growth in godliness. Praise the Lord for John, transitioning into ministry in a part time capacity (from full time work). Praise the Lord.

SCHOOLS:

TIGS: Julie Greenhalgh (HS), Rev James Rogers (DepHS), Rev Dave Binggeli (SC):

Praise: for the successful commencement this year of our new Principal Dr Julie Greenhalgh; for a suite of strong recent staff appointments who are already adding value to our school; for the opportunities available to us to provide a robust Christian education. Pray: that our new students for 2024 would settle in quickly and establish good friendships and positive learning habits; that our staff would continue to develop their professional knowledge and skills to serve our students' educational needs well; that students might respond positively to the teaching of the gospel.

Shellharbour Anglican College: Megan Hastie (HS):

DAY 22:

SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Jon & Sarah Thorpe, Peter & Beth Stacey (AM), Murray Border (YM/YAM), Amanda Grace (CM), Janelle Hutchins (A):

ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Glenis Boyle (ptA):

We praise God for his love and care for us as a fellowship through 2023 in our Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks good attendances at our

Christmas services and new people who have joined us, and praise God for leave refreshment for Nigel, Lyndal, and the family over New Year. Please pray for the Lord's blessing at this time of ministry commencement, the AGM, and the Easter season. Pray that our coming AGM would raise a united and gospel-focused team, and that our invitations to the lost would bring unsaved people to our Easter services.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob & Jo Copland (CH), Jon & Morwenna Baird (ACH/IS), James Kerr (Train), Marlee Knight (WM), Deb Earnshaw (WM), Matthew & Evelyn Meek (IS), Irwan & Catherine Lee (E), Luke & Briana Williamson, Ryan Gregory, Ethan Cosier, Luke & Caitlin Blanch, James Crosbie, Michelle Newby, Samantha Webb, James & Brigitte Squire (MTS):

Pray for the Lord to use the new Hub structure (replacing Faculty structure) of the Uni Bible Group. Pray this will allow us to contact many more of the 1000s of new students, international and domestic. Pray for us to have the opportunity to read John's Gospel with many. Ask the Lord to help us use the national AFES "Meet Jesus" mission well on campus and with local churches. Pray for the new MTSers starting this year, particularly those moving into Wollongong and finding new churches.

DAY 23:

WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Alex & Liz Zunica, Rev Craig & Corinne Langstaff (AM), Kaitlyn Dixon (ptCM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (HonptSenM), James & Jessica Ulrich (Y&YAM), Adam & Sarah Baverstock (MTS), Liz Stark & Janet Hunt (A):

Pray that in the coming year, God will help us live and grow as Christ's disciples, and generate new ones, as we live out and proclaim the gospel in our ongoing and new ministries. Pray for continued maturity towards Christ-likeness, manifested in prayerful dependence, love of God, love of each other and the lost, and boldness in sharing the good news. Give thanks for the sacrificial service of our outgoing parish council and wardens and pray God would give wisdom to the new ones. Give thanks for the generosity of our church and pray for continued generous giving to the work of the gospel at St Mark's and beyond.

WOLLONGONG WITH CORRIMAL: Rev Mark & Anna Smith, Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (SAM), Stacey Chapman (ptAM), Rev Matt & Ali Shannon (YM), Meaghan Gates (CM), Mitch Walker (ptLM), Justin

Blanch (MTS), Hosea Luy (AM) & Jess Luy (SM), Catriona Williams (ptAdM), Lauren Russell (ptCOM), Jodie Madry, Nicole Jameson & Morwenna Baird (ptA):

OTHER REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 24:

ANGLICARE CHAPLAINS & CHAPLAINCY TEAMS:

Rev Stephen Gibson (Health & Justice Chaplaincy); Rev Sarah Kinstead (Illawarra & Shoalhaven Hospitals); Lisa Russell (Sutherland Hospital), Geoff Boye and Jake de Salis (South Coast Correctional Centre):

Hospitals Illawarra and Shoalhaven:

As we head out of Summer we are hoping to leave the COVID spike behind and be able to have some of the hospital gathering restrictions removed so that we can plan to use the Chapel space more for services, meditation and/or Bible Study groups especially during Lent as we approach Easter. Please pray for God's favour upon these plans and opportunities. We give thanks for the new Chaplains on the wards bringing specialist skills with them like Millie our Macedonian speaking Christian Chaplain bringing Gods love to the large Macedonian Community. As well as Janice with expertise in Age Care and Dementia already visiting in Coledale she is now taking up the mantle to build a team to visit the new "Fig Tree Ward". This is a high needs transitional age care ward, and she has plans to provide a spiritually rich time for those waiting for placements to go into age-care facilities and facing some of the scariest times and largest changes of their lives. Janice is planning on running some specific training for age care called the Spiritual Care Series. Please pray for those who would benefit from this training to be able to attend. We still have multiple opportunities for regular pastoral care visitors to join the team – ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers to join the team. Please continue to pray for each of the hospital chaplain volunteers to be faithful and follow God's lead in their visiting. As well as to pray for Sarah as she leads the team to be Godly and wise in her advocacy for Chaplaincy across the District in each of the hospital settings as well as with individual executive she meets with.

Sutherland Hospital:

Give thanks for the 16 Volunteers Chaplains who serve on the wards each week. Please pray for them, their encounters with patients' and

their families and for good working relationships with hospital staff. Please pray for Lisa Russell, Anglicare Chaplain, who coordinates the service.

Justice - SCCC:

DAY 25:

ANGLICARE at HOME (AAH)

Give thanks: for our wonderful staff who give so much of themselves to serve others, value people and enrich lives; for the privilege we have to support older people to live independently at home and the opportunities to empower these people and their carers to achieve this goal.

Please pray: for the recruitment of dedicated, servant-hearted people to come and work at Anglicare and make a difference in people's lives; that a steady workforce will allow us to deliver continuity of care; for God's guidance and wisdom in decision making as we prepare to meet the growing needs of an ageing population.

ANGLICARE COMMUNITY SERVICES (CS): Family and Life Skills Educators (FLSE): Rev Steve Dinning, Jessica Deans, Trinette Stanley, Tilda Aquilina:

Give thanks: for the range of churches that have booked in for courses and seminars terms 1 & 2, 2024; for refreshment team members received from summer holidays. Please ask: for growth in wisdom, creativity & skills of our team as we prepare & deliver material; that in the opportunities we have to walk side by side with churches and individuals we'd listen deeply, plan thoughtfully and act humbly.

DAY 26:

ANGLICARE COUNSELLING, MEDIATION & YOUTH (CM&Y):

Maria Orr, Carolyn Bateman (Snr Program Mgrs C&M), Erin Colacino (Snr PM, Youth), Mary-Anne Fleeton (PM, Family Mental Health Support Service - FMHSS)

Mediation and Men's Behaviour Change:

Give thanks for the skilled, committed, compassionate and committed staff that walk alongside those who contact us at often the most challenging time of their lives. Pray for the families we engage with – that they will take up opportunities for change and seek to be the best parents they can for their children; that God will assist us to be agents of change in the places where we work so our Communities are safe

and respectful; that God will grant us the privilege of seeing Him work through us to see positive and sustainable changes in the families who trust us to engage with them.

Counselling:

Praise God for the provision of government and donation funding which enables our services to be offered more broadly across communities. Pray that people experiencing distress in self or their relationships will reach out for assistance. Pray for positive outcomes particularly for the well-being of children and young people who will make an impact on their own families into the future.

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Give thanks that Renew- Australian Guide for Christian survivors of domestic abuse has been successfully reprinted- first 1000 copies having been sold or distributed. Please pray that survivors would continue to benefit from the support found in Renew.

ANGLICARE METRO MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

Give thanks to God for his provision of resources to our mental health teams, so we can continue supporting our clients. Please pray for the opportunities to establish “Suicide Prevention for Seniors” across Australia – a program to equip people to identify and address suicide risks in the older people they support. Pray for good take-up of this service across Australia. Pray too for a new Mental Health Initiative, to support and resources churches to provide and walk beside congregation members that are experiencing chronic mental ill health.

DAY 27:

FOOD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (FFA), including All Saints Community Care

Give thanks: for our faithful staff, who work tirelessly, that they can continue to provide a creative, warm and welcoming offer of Christian hospitality as a demonstration of Jesus’ love; for the generous food and financial resources made possible by donors, churches, communities and government. These ensure Anglicare has access to high quality food and goods to provide to clients.

Please pray: for wisdom to support and empower people and families in the community who are struggling due to the increased and difficult costs of living; that we will be able to partner with more Anglican churches to help reach more communities, especially those in greatest need; for wise management of our budget and staff capacity to ensure

that we can provide a meaningful and sustainable service to the community.

ANGLICARE HOUSING:

Seniors at Risk of Homelessness

Give thanks for all the things that have taken place so far for Anglicare Housing and the residents (the boost in growth in this area), and for residents safety and sense of security/belonging.

Please pray: for peace for all residents and staff – in their minds, day to day living, and in their relationships with others and God; for peace in the buildings/units they live in; for godly wisdom for staff and management; that we may be able to provide the best service to residents and staff; for an increase sense of purpose and sense of social wellness and belonging for residents at each of the Housing sites; for better attendance, participation in and hosting of social groups.

Families Starting Over

Please pray: for those clients who have recently left domestic violence and are seeking support and guidance for their families to work towards a safe and independent future; for the Family Workers in SHIFT as they take on the delicate task of supporting and nurturing these vulnerable families.

People Living With Dementia

Give thanks for the expertise and passion our staff have for serving and supporting dementia care sufferers and their families.

Please pray: for staff and clients who are experiencing illness, loneliness or disappointment; for our government, which is considering what reforms should be made to the home care sector to improve the care and services older people receive; for those suffering with dementia that they will experience the peace and love of God.

DAY 28:

ANGLICARE CHRISTIAN CARE, MISSION & PARTNERSHIP:

Wendy Potts (Learning Consultant—Gospel Communications):

Give thanks: for all our staff who live our vision, mission and values each day; that God's love will be shown and shared through Anglicare's work; for the ongoing creative opportunities to share Christ.

Please pray: for our courses, resources and various growth opportunities that support a deeper understanding of our purpose and the faith journey of staff, clients and residents; that people who don't

yet know Jesus personally will encounter him and the hope of the gospel through our staff and services.

David Lawrence (Partnership Dev.):

This year, Anglicare would like to focus and resource the following initiatives. Please pray that our wonderful Heavenly Father will guide and direct our efforts.

They include: our continuing journey to reconciliation; people in hospital; people in Residential Care Homes; the Community Pantry; Hope amid Disaster; vital research; emotional wellbeing for older people; disadvantaged young people; our parish partnerships; foster care and adoption; Cross Cultural Services; retirement living residents; health through counselling and mediation; the Take Love youth initiative; people in prisons; Family Life Skills; refugees and asylum seekers; seniors in the community; Op Shops; seniors at risk of homelessness; vulnerable children; people seeking food and financial help; families starting over; responding to domestic violence; pastoral care courses; people living with dementia; volunteers; Anglicare At Home; the Gospel in the Workplace; Community Care programs.

DAY 29:

ANGLICARE OP SHOPS:

Give thanks: for the individuals and local churches and schools who partner with us and donate pre-loved clothing and accessories to sell through the Op Shops; for our faithful Op Shop staff and the many ways they impact and enrich the community each day; for the many volunteers who choose to serve in Op Shops and practically apply their talents and passions.

Please pray: that more people will volunteer and see the opportunity to connect with their communities in a meaningful way; that we will be adequately prepared to serve those who come to us with material, emotional and spiritual needs; that our staff and volunteers will be ready to listen to those who walk through our doors and that we will have abundant opportunities to share the love of Jesus with many people.

ANGLICARE RESIDENTIAL CARE:

Eileen Armstrong House – Woonona, Jean Ross House – Nowra, Piper House – Dapto, Mildred Symons House – Jannali, Goodhew Gardens & Bay Breeze – Taren Point

Give thanks: for the dedicated staff and volunteers working in Anglicare residential care homes; for the many chapel services and Bible studies held across residential care homes and the opportunity the chaplains and

pastoral carers have to encourage residents in their faith; for God's incredible faithfulness in providing salvation to people of all ages, in the gospel of Jesus.

Please pray: that God will raise up new volunteers to assist the chaplains and pastoral carers in caring spiritually for people living in residential care; for the ability to care for residents who are increasingly frail and living with dementia; for opportunities across the organisation to deepen skills in palliative care, dementia care and mental health in older people.

RETIREMENT LIVING

Donald Robinson Village Kirrawee, Woollooware Shores, St Lukes Village Dapto

Give thanks: for our residents, each uniquely made in God's image; for Christian residents who encourage and look out for their neighbours with a desire to point them to Jesus.

Please pray: that the Anglicare staff who work in retirement living will ably identify individuals who are feeling isolated and support them to find joy in their community; for ongoing opportunities to share Jesus' love, grace and mercy with those who don't yet know him; that residents who follow Jesus continue to be amazed by his love. And for more opportunities to share the gospel.

DISASTER RECOVERY: Magnus Linder (DR Mgr), Kevin Cassanego (Asst DR Mgr):

Please pray: for more volunteers to be ready & available when a disaster strikes; volunteers are needed throughout Wollongong region (register your interest at disasterrecovery@anglicare.org.au if you would welcome a short presentation in your church about Disaster Recovery); for favour and collaborative working relationship with Government and Welfare partners; for wisdom, peace and protection when working with disaster affected communities; for stable weather conditions across NSW.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

Give thanks: for Synod's decision to direct the diocese's focus to supporting foster care; for the wisdom and expertise of our clinical care team that support Anglicare foster carers; for all those teachers who have taught children in out-of-home care this year with understanding.

Please pray: for churches to plan Foster Care information sessions to explore how they can take part as a faith community; for individual Christians to decide to take the next step in their journey – either by

becoming part of a Foster Circle or by starting to explore becoming a carer.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Community Living Supports for Refugees

Give thanks: for our dedicated team providing Christ-like care to people in distress; that we have been able to reach many in the community through our service. Please pray: for people seeking asylum who have lost employment and certain government financial support and that their needs will still be provided for and met; that our service will assist in relieving some of the mental distress experienced by refugees and people seeking asylum; for the peace, hope and love of Christ to be experienced and that they won't feel forgotten.

ENGLISH FOR LIFE: Susan Radkovic:

Classes are at Bulli / Keiraville / Wollongong / West Wollongong / Warrawong / Nowra / Jannali / GyMEA / Miranda / Ulladulla / Shellharbour Village.

ANGLICAN DEACONESS MINISTRIES: Mary Un (CEO), Dr Laurel Moffatt (Principal Mary Andrews College), Rachel Ciano (Dean Academic Development), Louisa Raggatt (Community & Engagement Manager):

Pray for 2023 ADM Fellows as their fellowships end so that God would continue to bless their efforts to engage our world with the gospel. Pray for the 2024 ADM Fellows as they begin, that they would settle in well, feel supported by ADM, and make good progress with their projects. Pray for Greenhouse Guilds as they get up and running in February/March, that they'll be places where Christian women feel genuinely supported and encouraged and are able to grow in the specific spaces that God has placed them in this year. Pray for Mary Andrews College students as they return to classes, that God would be at work in them to grow them in their love and knowledge of him and ability to serve the people he gives them. Please pray for the lecturers, that they would continue to teach with compassion and excellence. Please pray for the Mental Health & Pastoral Care Institute's new 'Spotlight' initiative in 2024 – monthly evening events (in-person & online) where a mental health professional provides information on various mental health related matters and how church communities can provide support. Praise God for the whole team at Mary Andrews College, for the unity and collaboration in bringing glory to Christ as they work together. Give thanks for the 2023 ADM Fellows. Thank God for eight women who have stepped up to serve as Greenhouse

Guild Coordinators this year, particularly for their willingness to share their time, expertise and wisdom with others in similar situations.

DAY 30:

MOTHERS' UNION: Simone Boswell (VP Wollongong Region):

Many thanks to our Lord Jesus for the precious MU ladies who serve their members and maintain contact, encouragement, teaching and care through regular phone calls, visits, care packages and emails. Please pray for the good health of our presidents, secretaries and treasurers, as well as the members. May they continue to shine a light for Jesus in our community.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAPLAINS: Police (Rev Geoff Webb): Pray for Geoff's ministry that he will be effective in supporting police in their highly stressful role in the community.

RFS - (Rev Aiden Sibrava):

YOUTHWORKS MINISTRY SUPPORT & SRE OFFICE: Andy Stevenson (Head MST), Rev Tim Beilharz (Children's Ministry & Primary SRE Advisor), Rev Matt Bartlett (Youth Ministry & High School SRE Advisor), Rev Bec Baines (Youthworks Accessibility Ministry Advisor):

Praise God for the 1500 SRE Teachers who were trained, encouraged and equipped for the year ahead at one of the eight SRE Conferences at the start of Feb, as well as the capacity to live stream the event to regional hubs across greater NSW. Pray for the promise of higher engagement from parents, leading to higher enrolment of SRE students, due to the roll-out of the Online Enrolment System in public schools. Praise God for the Regional Youth and Kids Training Day in February, that teams of leaders will be equipped for effective ministry in our churches.

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 Kanishka Raffel, 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, **CL** Cleaner, **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; **MM** Mothers' Minister, **Mis** Lay Missionary; **MTS** Ministry Training Strategy; **pt** Part time; **PA** Personal Assistant; **PC** Pastoral Care, **PV** Pastoral Visitation, **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 Coordinator; **YI** Youth Intern; **YM** Youth Minister; **YT** or **Y13** Youthworks Trainee.

