

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



Winter 2026

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:

BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:

Thanks - for the faithful, collaborative ministry across churches, schools and organisations; for opportunities to catch up with overseas family and friends; for the encouragement and support of ministry partners over the years of ministry.

Prayer - that Julie and I will continue to be faithful and wise stewards of all that God has given us; that we will transition well to the next phase of ministry and family life; that God would continue to open the hearts of many across the Region to honour the word of the Lord and believe in Jesus.

ARCHDEACON Anthony & Jude Douglas:

Give thanks for the Regional Office team, and for our common joy in serving the churches in our region. Pray for our capacity as Peter finishes his time as Regional Bishop and the time beyond as we wait for his successor to begin.

ASSOCIATE TO ARCHDEACON FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY Stacey Chapman:

Praise God for the faithful ministry of women across the region and in a variety of roles, and for the leadership of Kara Hartley. Thank him for opportunities to talk with women seeking to make gospel decisions about their lives, and pray that God will continue to raise up women to serve him, and that he will equip them for the work he gives them to do. Pray for the Archbishop in the appointment of a new Archdeacon for Women's Ministry.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Pray for the regional council as we think about our role in supporting the diocesan goals agreed at Synod to grow churches and youth ministries. Give thanks for the resources entrusted to us and pray we will use them well.

DAY 2:

MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven

MISSION LEADER: Rev Marty Davis:

BERRY: Rev Simon & Amy Chaplin, Georgina Tasker (ptLM):

Please pray for our new Bible study group. Give thanks for answered pray, for those who have been coming along and the fellowship shared. Pray for our playtime group. Give thanks for the way people from church are able to connect with our local community. Pray that this will lead to evangelistic opportunities.

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

Give thanks to God for the fresh connections made over the Easter period. Pray for our follow-up and welcoming of newcomers. Please ask God to help us reach out to people within our community, especially those demographics we are not actively engaging. And join us in asking our heavenly Provider to make it possible to increase our staff team in 2027.

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail, Janine Prowse (Op Shop Community Chaplain):

Give thanks for the eight people who have joined us for 321 courses and will follow-on at Life Explored. Pray that they will be established

in the faith and among Jesus' people. Give thanks for Janine, our community chaplain, engaging with people through our Op Shop and the local retirement village. Pray that she will be sustained in witnessing to Jesus among us.

DAY 3:

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

Give thanks that handover of our church building is very close! Especially thank God for the many people who have been integral in the project. Pray for the process of fitout of the new building. Pray that we'll make the most of community interest, especially with our open weekend in September. Pray for community connections through our Anglicare Food Collection in June.

KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Andrew & Cecily Paterson:

Give thanks:

For all and each of the folk at the Church of the Good Shepherd to continue to be a shining light for Jesus in our community.

For our after school Kids Club for K-3 which has relaunched well this term after an absence. Over 25% of our local primary school now come along to either our Kids Club (infants) or Crossroads group (upper primary). Pray God would reap a wonderful harvest through these groups for his glory.

For our 'KV Community Choir' led by a church member which continues to grow. Thank God that people are coming to our church site who normally would not go near it, for the great connections being made with community members, and for the sense of joy and the aroma of Jesus being spread through KV as a result.

Pray for:

The parish council and leadership as they pray and collaborate on future ministry plans for Kangaroo Valley.

We are in the process of selling the KV 'Old Rectory' for the purpose of using God's resources far better for local ministry and making much needed improvements to our church site and facilities. Please pray that recent housing law changes will not cause any detriment to the sale outcome, and that God would provide what is needed.

Our KV Youth Group which has just launched, meeting on Sundays.

Pray for teens to become Christians and grow in their faith and love for Jesus.

**NOWRA: Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson, Mitch & Skye Walker (LM), 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):
Community Care/HopeCentre:**

DAY 4:

SCHOOLS:

Nowra Anglican College: Jodie Bennett (Principal), Brendan Gorman (Dep. Principal), Ben Bridges (Dep. Principal), Nathan Bell (Head SS), Rachel Watt (Head JS), Rev Cameron Watt (CH):

Please uphold our newly Commissioned Principal Mrs Jodie Bennett as she begins her term of service with our College. Praise God for her sincere faith in our Lord and her desire for all students to know and love Jesus. Pray for our upcoming Foundation Day celebration, that it would be a time of rich relationship building for our College community and a fun, positive end to Term 2.

Praise God for the time of fellowship at our recent Community Prayer Breakfast. Thank him for the families who were able to come along and ask him to bless plans for continuing this new initiative.

Ask God for safety and times of fun and refreshment for our students at their Year Group Camps, especially Year 5, 6, 9 and 10 who will be attending camps in the next few weeks. Thank God for opportunities for our Year 11 students traveling to Cambodia and Vietnam on an annual Service trip, in the upcoming College break. Ask God for safety and protection as they travel far from home. Ask God for times of growth for our students and to use our students to bless the communities they visit.

Thank God for opportunities for our Year 10 students to travel to Gourindja, Northern Territory on an annual Mission trip in the upcoming College break. Praise God for the way he has changed the lives of students as a result of this experience in previous years. Ask God for safety and protection as these students travel and for impactful time with the local Indigenous communities they visit.

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

Pray for our elderly church members, especially during these changing of seasons. Pray for the children in our church who come along every week and hear the word of God, that eternal seeds will be planted. Thank God for the churches who have helped us with prayer and financial support with provides with the opportunity to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Shoalhaven.

SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Craig & Corinne Langstaff, Amanda & Jonathon Stavert (Y&CM), Lyn Elsholz (Adm&SenM):

Give thanks for Craig and Amanda's time away at the Reach Australia National Conference. Pray for help in applying the principles learned at the conference to our ministry situation. Pray for a clearer evangelistic pathway leading up to and following Christmas. Pray for the raising up and equipping of more leaders, and for the building of stronger ministry teams.

DAY 5:

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis:

Give thanks for the new families checking out Playtime this year. Pray that we would have families returning, and for tangible connections to church from this group. Pray for Robyn, our new coordinator, and Libby who is assisting. Pray for a new group of men willing to explore the Christian faith on Tuesday nights. Pray that we might build further connections with families through SRE. Pray that we would have the necessary leaders to recommence our youth group.

MILTON & ULLADULLA: Rev Aiden & Jess Sibrava, Rev Steve & Caitlin Klouth (AM):

DAY 6:

MISSION AREA: Southern Highlands

MISSION LEADER: Rev Dean Reilly:

BOWRAL: Rev Gavin & Amy Perkins, Kate Pearse (SAM), Rev Dan & Lily Budd (SAM), Rev Matt & Keren Jacobs (SAM - Youth), Sarah Bull (AM - Pastoral), Jaryd Hoffman (AM - Children), Allan Beavis (M), Ash McAulay & Catherine Nelson (A):

Give thanks for:

The Life Course, which has been well supported by congregation members in various roles, and for the people who came

The trivia night, with good attendance from all congregations

For general acceptance of the new service times

For good attendance at KYCK and the Big Day In

For Allan Beavis' many years of faithful service as Director of Classical Music

Pray for:

Young people and children who attended KYCK and the Big Day In, that the teaching will bear fruit in their lives

For participants in the Life Course, that they will hear and respond to the gospel

For a strengthening of parish prayer life

For enrichment of our partnership with the Mudgee Anglican Churches.

MITTAGONG: Rev Rob & Cass Sharp, Rowan & Emily Coull (LM), Rochelle & Matt Fussell (CM), Kathy Crawshaw (A):

Praise our Lord Jesus for the 12 guests attending Taste & See (youth and adults). Pray that they will join the following series of Christianity Explored. Pray they will be made alive with Christ. Give thanks for the wonderful and faithful ministry of our Mother's Union branch. Thank God for the fantastic time our youth had at KYCK. Pray for the teenager who made a commitment to Jesus, to endure and grow. Pray for the preparations for our 3-day kids Holiday Fun program in July. Pray for the speaker to be given great wisdom and creativity. Pray for the recruitment of team members.

DAY 7:

MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly:

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

Give thanks for a wonderful team effort putting on the Taste and See Course and for a dozen or so non-Christians participating, some of whom appear to have made a commitment to Christ and others who are willing to continue in our Christianity Explored course. Pray for negotiations to establish SRE in two new schools opening in Wilton 2027 and raising up SRE teachers to teach these classes. Pray for wisdom in developing our ministry and property plans in this growing area.

DAY 8:

ROBERTSON: Rev Dan & Jo Bidwell, Bek Glasson (ptY&CM), Madeline Batty (ptA):

SCHOOLS:

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

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

Thank God for Christian staff who are seeking to serve him. Thank God for many students attending lunchtime Christian Groups and Discipleship Groups. Pray for the 'still-seeking' students as they engage with God's Word, that he would lead them unto salvation. Thank God who continues to provide for all our needs at the College.

DAY 9:

SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Rev David Milne (ptAM), Rev Hugh Cox (Hon), 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 Craig Stalder & Faye Hillier (CH):

Praise God for his faithful witness at the Village since it opened in 2004, as we celebrate at our 22nd Anniversary Service on 5th July. Pray that he will grow us through the 'Prayer' sermon series, strengthen relationships with our mission partners (Macarthur Indigenous Church & Nungalinga College) through Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Sunday, continue to transform hearts of all who came to 'Christianity Explained' and 'Just for Starters' and keep us outward looking and welcoming as new residents join the DRV family.

Woolooware Shores: Liza Fox (Gen Mgr), Tyf Le Guennec (Ops Mgr); Casey Schaumkel (Care Ops Mgr), Emily Williams (Village Business Mgr) Chaplaincy Team: Rev Garry & Jeanette Dawes, Rev Mike & Fi Hanbury (AsstCH), Rev Chim Ho (AsstCH), Rhonda Montgomery (PC), Rosie Archer (PC), Margaret Spring (Hon ptPLW):

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), Alice (Care Manager level 2 Goodhew), Sharmila Neupane (Care Coordinator Goodhew), Raquel Howard (Lifestyle Team Leader)
Chaplaincy Team: Matt Olliffe (Chaplain), Jeff Cover (Chaplain), Julienne Rowe, Kate Bainbridge (Pastoral Carers):

DAY 11:

CARINGBAH: Rev Tim & Naomi Escott (R); Rev Graham & Jane Crew (ptAM), Rev Peter & Steph Tuck (AM), Rev Matt & Amy Richards (LM), Rev Kevin Engel (HonAM), Robyn Heeley, Janelle Ward & Linda Ong (ptA), Blake West (MA), Peter & Louise Black (CA), Eva Bell & Alex Smith (Y13):

Thank God for a formative time away for the ministry team for ministry training. Pray that we will continue to learn and grow

together as a team and as ministers. Pray for us as we focus on improving our Sunday services and our newcomer welcoming across the church.

CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Greg & Michelle Ball, Kiara Hearne, Jo Hunnisett (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), Sophie Begg, Aaron Berthon, Phoebe Edwards (SM), Emma Warren (MTS):

GYMEA: Rev David & Crystal Fell, Scott & Belle Balhatchet (YM), Rev Olivia & Matt Robson (CM), Alec De Gennaro (SM), Rev Gordon & Jean Robinson (HonSnrM), Kim Cooper & Stephen Leitch (A):

Give thanks for opportunities in our Centenary Year (2027) provides, especially a planned Moore College mission. Pray for wisdom as we develop our Centenary Vision, that our reflection on the past inspires faith for the future, and that God guides us as we discern how our mission impact will grow over the next 100 years, making our church more effective in loving and reaching our community. Pray for evangelistic ministries this year including Speak Life 321 Course and October FUSE camp.

HELENSBURGH & STANWELL PARK: Rev Graham & Naomi Schultz, Matt Leach (AM), Ella Leach (ptWM), Rebecca Wagstaff (ptA):

Give thanks for the life and health of our church community as it seeks to grow as disciples of Jesus in faith, maturity and love. Give thanks for the recent people who have joined our church, pray that they continue to be warmly welcomed, cared for, and find their place in serving Christ and his church. Give thanks for the staff and their tireless efforts to serve faithfully and ensure genuine gospel proclamation is taking place. Pray that God blesses this work and more people hear the gospel, repent and believe.

DAY 13:

JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Ross & Kristie Collins (AM), Rev James & Amy Sneddon (AM), Amy Jamieson (CM), Jacinta Deep (YM), Lorraine Hiller (PW), Rebekah Lee (PW), Jeanette Donnan (AdM), Michael King (SM), Justin Reynolds (MA):

Give thanks that youth ministry is being well led by leaders while we're in between youth ministers. Pray that those attending our current Life

series will turn to Christ. Pray that church members will bring many guests to our 'Meet Jesus' invitation season in August.

MENAI: Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Rev Andrew Hartman (AM), Margaret Icke (LM), Connor Davaram (YM), Kelly Peters (CM), Lauren Couri (ptCM), Denise Gullett (ptA), Simon McGrath (ptComms), Nola Betts (ptA), Melanie Lucas (ptA):

Thank God for the growth that we've seen in our new all aged morning congregations (8:30am and 10:30am). Pray for ongoing wisdom as we get to know each other, welcome those who are new and honour those who have been with us for ages. Pray for our July Holiday Kids Club that many would come and find out about Jesus.

MIRANDA: Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton, Rev Jennifer & Don Everist (AM), Jess & Luke Moran (CM), Rev Russell Denten (AM), Luke & Nicole Murray (AM), Amie & Brian Lichi (Sch&CM), Julie & Nathan Gray (ptYAM&YM), Jake Pettit-Young (YM), Lisa Byrnes (Adm), Colin Contessa (A):

DAY 14:

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

SUTHERLAND: Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves, Rev James & Ally Russell (AM), Rev Craig & Kristy Stalder (CH DRV), Faye & Steve Hillier (Chaplain DRV), Sarah Glynn (WM trainee), Robyn Field & Emma Stergio (A):

Give thanks for those undertaking 'Just For Starters' course at Donald Robinson Village, that they may be established in the truth, and pray for all newly arriving residents that they may feel welcome to join in the Sunday@5 service. Give thanks to God for his provision for us at St John's as we embark on minor property improvements asking that these will greatly enhance our welcome to newcomers, and more effectively facilitate ministry opportunities. Give thanks and pray for our Growth Group Leaders that they might have wisdom as they care for their groups, that they might teach and lead faithfully.

SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Ben Fraser (SM):

Give thanks for: The encouragement and witness of two Christian weddings within our church community earlier this year; our teaching series on the Book of Daniel; our faithful SRE team. Pray for: Wisdom for our Wardens and Parish Council; Zeal in promoting and presenting the gospel in everyday life.

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), Dr Viv Cheung (Lecturer), Emma Collett (Lecturer, Dean of Education), Suzanne Bacon (Registrar), Mamie McLean (A):

Give thanks for good attendance and interest at the May Open Day. Give thanks for the teachers studying a Grad Cert of Divinity through the Centre for Christian Education at Youthworks College. Pray for the expansion of this programme in partnership with more schools. Continue to pray that God will keep raising up more children's and youth ministers, chaplains, and school teachers who can effectively engage the hearts of children and young people.

YEAR 13 YOUTHWORKS GAP YEAR: Rev Steve Carlisle (Director), Kiara Meres (Assistant Director), Rebecca Wagstaff (Administrator), Fiona Fenwick, Fiona Dewhurst, Brad Vidilini, Jaedon Scott, Jaxon Brown, Tim Worton, Rhiannon Steer (ptCH):

Please pray for Year 13s 17th annual Fiji mission trip. Pray that we might be a support and encouragement to Fijian churches and believers and hold out the gospel of hope to all we meet. Give thanks for the nearly 40 volunteer leaders who will serve on this trip. Pray that God might sustain all students and that they may learn to rely on him in a new context which will serve them well for life-long trust in Jesus .

DAY 16:

MISSION AREA: Wollongong (North & South)

MISSION LEADERS: Rev Roger Fitzhardinge & Rev Jonathon Thorpe

ANGLICARE SENIORS COMMUNITIES:

St Luke's Retirement Village, Dapto: Martin Silver (Mgr), New chaplain commencing soon (ptCH), Toni McClure (ptCH), Genie Cox (Vol visitor):

Our BIG Prayer: That God would powerfully energize senior saints in the Village to so Delight in Jesus, Display Jesus and Declare Jesus, that through their witness and loving service and other outreach activities (eg Christianity Explored and Village Church) many residents would

repent and come to a genuine living, saving faith in Jesus and be transformed into fruitful disciples of Jesus. Pray for God's blessing on the new chaplain as he commences ministry in the Village and for Leigh Roberts as he transitions from Village Chaplaincy and heads to WA (temporarily!) to do some locum ministry.

ALBION PARK: Rev Robin & Cathy Vonk, Rev Ian & Megan Morrison (AM), Steve & Lauren Inman (ptYC), Meagan & Michael Ho (CM), Val O'Regan (ptA):

Pray for the rollout of new services, for unity in the parish and for the services to be effective in growing God's Kingdom. Praise God for the love and gifting of so many church members and their desire to serve our church family. Pray for the ministry team, for God's continuing providence and love to sustain us through a challenging season.

PARK RAIL ANGLICAN CHURCH (including Lake Illawarra Community Church): Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott:

Pray God would give us wisdom as we seek to establish new churches in marginalised communities; that he would grow us in our prayerful dependence upon him as we seek to make disciple makers of the local people; that God's people in the Rail would display Jesus clearly and faithfully making the most of every opportunity.

DAY 17:

LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev John & Kate Delezio, Sam Lidden (CM), Jaedon Scott (YM):

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

BERKELEY LIFE CENTRE: Beejai & Sarah Abrahams (LM):

BULLI: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (AM); Kat & Steve Harris (0-20; LSL Apr-Jun), Cath Day (CF Apr-Jun), Elliot Boswell (ptYW), Lewis Cuckson (SCM), Chris & Laura Baldwin (A), Kathy Nethercott (ptCRO):

Thank God for the youth member who came to Christ at KYCK and another who separately came forward for Pentecost baptism prep. Pray for the preparation of Confirmation candidates as T3 begins. Pray for Lewis Cuckson and Kat Harris and their volunteer teams as they prep our massive outreach July Kids Holiday Club. Pray for Elliot Boswell and his youth team as they prepare for late July Youth Camp. Pray that we will grow in Christ together as we complete studies on the Apostles' Creed (T2) and begin Revelation (T3). Pray for wisdom and discernment for Parish Council as we continue pursuing site expansion options and for Liam Shannon as he leads our ministry remodelling to

better match and support the mission of our continually expanding Bulli church family.

DAY 18:

DAPTO: Rev Mark & Susan Boyley, Rev Craig & Sam McCorkindale (SAM), Rev Matt & Lisa Goodman (AM), Sarah & John Doughton (CM&YM), Linda & Michael Thomson (AdM&PC), Mel Lieschke (ptM), Misha & Belinda Mahendran (ptA), Rev Leigh Roberts (ptCH), Marianne & Tim John (ptCOM), Micah Sullivan (ptCMI):

Thank God for Leigh Roberts' Chaplain ministry at St Luke's Village. He retires end of May - please pray for a new chaplain and a great start in the role. As a church we are engaged in a process of working out 'Our Big Prayer' and some focus goals for 2030 - pray for God to direct our steps in this that we would be fruitful for him. Also please pray for people to become Christians from our current Explaining Christianity course and our July holiday kids club.

FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Roger & Leah Fitzhardinge, Rev Rob & Vicki Mayhew (AM), Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell (ptSAM), Jenny & Stephen Bell (ptA&Comms), Isaac Lovell (Yr13), Luke & Briana Williamson, Justin & Adelaide Blanch (SM):

Thank God for the dozen people at this term's evangelistic course (Taste & See) and pray for hearts to be changed. We've had several members go to be with the Lord in the last couple of months - thank God for the hope we have in the risen Christ and pray comfort for those who grieve, and that the gospel preached at funerals would take root in the lives of unbelieving friends and family.

DAY 19:

FIGTREE: Rev Robin & Sarah Kinstead, Rev Shane (MatMin) & Rachel Dirks, Scott Simpson (EM), Greg Bell (CA), Mary Pickford (CM), Langdon Stewart (E&M), Ruth Smith (YM&YA), Peter Lenahan (YM&YA& Men's), Jo Brain (Conn&WM), Logan Brailey (AsstCM&SRE), Adele Peteranec (Admin/Events), Carolyn Bengel (Accounts/Compliance), Elise Cork (Design/Comms), Lisa Jones (SRE), Fay Brampton (ptPW):

Praise for our Kids Day Camp in the Easter school holidays that attracted more than 200 children, all of whom heard about Jesus and his love for them. Pray for our Maturity Minister, Shane Dirks, and his family as they prepare to finish their time at Figtree ahead of taking up the rectorship at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Windsor. Pray for preparations for our annual World Missions Conference (August), which prayerfully and financially supports the work of our Missions Partners in Australia and around the world.

GERRINGONG: Rev Steven & Lorna Layson, Rev Ed & Rachel Happer (AM for Children & Youth), Rev Dane & Bron Courtney (ptHonAM), Michelle Young (ptA):

JAMBEROO: Rev Ron & Julie Irving, Brad & Liz Vidilini (YM), Rachel Bemmer (CM), Rev Steve & Fiona Bligh (Hon SAM):

Give thanks for those who have come to faith in Jesus recently, and for those who are curious about Christ and Christianity. Pray that their eyes may be opened to Jesus. Give thanks for growth in Children's and Youth ministries, and pray that new youth and children will find the hunger and thirst they experience in life fulfilled in Jesus.

DAY 20:

KEIRAVILLE: Rev Tony Galea (AR), Rev Jason & Paula McPhail (AM), Kathy Watson (HonptPC), Haebin Lee (ptA):

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

We give thanks for the appointment of our new Executive Officer, and pray that this will bring wisdom, balance, and support to the growing workloads and management responsibilities within KAC. We seek God's guidance and direction as we move forward with a renewed Mission and Vision, trusting him to shape our future according to his purposes. We also rejoice in the encouraging updates from our Mission Partnership Month this May, praying that through the work of the Holy Spirit and the faithful prayers of his people, we would continue to trust in God's plans and purposes for his church and beyond.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Rev Rob & Miriam 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-qwjgByHA>

DAY 21:

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

Thank the Lord for visitors and newcomers since Easter, and pray they would be integrated into the wider life of the church and we would be methodical about this work. Pray for peace and joy across the church, with the Spirit building us up into unity in Christ. Pray for the development of children and youth, and ministries with them.

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

SCHOOLS:

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

First, give thanks for God's provision of the new Hoskins Building: for the way it all came together, for Matt, our operations manager, who worked so hard, and for the fact that there were no incidents on site. Please pray that the building would be a place of effective learning for decades to come.

Second, give thanks for the success of our inaugural FISH camp. FISH is our lunchtime Christian group, and for many students this was their first experience of prolonged fellowship around God's Word. It was obvious how enriching it was for them, and they had a great time together.

Finally, please pray for our Junior School and Senior School chapel services: that the words said, sung, and prayed would truly cut through, and that the Spirit would work in hearts and minds to bring many into the grace of God.

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):

We are really excited to welcome lots of people who are exploring faith for the first time. Pray we might make the most of the opportunity and for God's to open eyes and move hearts.

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

We thank God for his leading and care of us as a body this year, for new people joining us, and for spiritual growth in our home groups and fellowship. Pray for the Lord's blessing on our individual and corporate witness in the area, that as God's called people we would be strengthened in our love and knowledge of Jesus to minister faithfully and winsomely to our neighbours, friends and community.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob & Jo Copland (CH), Rev Jon & Morwenna Baird (ACH/IS), Matthew & Evelyn Meek (IS), Irwan & Catherine Lee (IS), Deb Earnshaw (AFES), Marlee Knight (AFES), Peter Blowes, Terry Blowes, Josh D'Souza (MTS):

DAY 23:

WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Alex & Liz Zunica, Rev Jordan & Millie Smith (AM), Kaitlyn Dixon (ptCM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain

(HonptSenM), James & Jessica Ulrich (Y&YAM), Janice & James Ackland (pt Care & Connections Min), Peter & Melody Sun (SM), Liz Stark (A), Sarah Hutchinson (ptComms/A):

Give thanks for the commencement of major stage of the wall remediation project. The work is underway, and the estimated cost is lower than expected. Pray for our current Christianity Explored course. We have about 18 participants (seekers and people accompanying them). Pray the Holy Spirit would open their eyes and hearts, and they would come to trust Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

WOLLONGONG WITH CORRIMAL: Canon Mark & Anna Smith, Rev Kingsley & Veronica Box (SAM), Rev Hosea Luy (AM) & Jess Luy (CC), Rev Matt & Ali Shannon (YM), Rev Annika Jolliffe (CM), Benji & Courtenay Vaytet (p/t LM), Michelle Read (pt PW), Catriona Williams (pt AdM), Lauren Russell, Olivia Holley (pt COM), Jodie Madry, Stelyn MacWan & Morwenna Baird (ptA):

Praise God for providing for our staff, including two houses to move into and a new baby for the Luy family. Thank God for the ministry of the Word: people attending Christianity Explored courses, PTC courses, growth groups, children's ministry, kids' holiday clubs, women's and men's events. Praise God for ministry opportunities in the community at Bellambi, Corrimal, and through the mobile community pantries at Corrimal and now also Wollongong. Pray for the renovation plans for the church buildings, that they would serve the growth of God's kingdom well. Pray for wisdom, strength, and perseverance for all involved in ministry and service across the region. Pray that more people would come to know and follow Jesus through these ministries and outreach efforts.

OTHER REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 24:

ANGLICARE CHAPLAINS & CHAPLAINCY TEAMS:

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

Illawarra Hospitals:

Thank God for a great start to the year with pancake day and the new hospital priest helping the Chaplains to deliver 350-400 hot cross buns across the hospital. Pray that Sarah and Father Joseph can continue to work well together to bring services into the Chapel again for both Catholic and Protestant Patients and Staff.

Thank God that there are 18 doing the current Introductory Pastoral Care course at Shellharbour – ask that appropriate people might sign up to serve in the hospitals especially the Shellharbour team which is now reduced to 3 and the new hospital is due to open next year.

Continue to pray for Sarah as she helps to onboard Susan and embed helpful systems for the Chaplaincy Service, especially for wisdom with new multi-faith chaplains showing interest and for her ongoing relationships with the Executive.

Shoalhaven Hospitals:

Praise God for answered prayers! Susan Baumhammer started in March as the new part-time paid Chaplain for the Shoalhaven Hospitals: David Berry(DB), Shoalhaven (SMH, Nowra) and Milton Ulladulla (MUH). Ask for God's favour in her relationships as she seeks to support the chaplaincy teams in the area and make herself available to the patients their families and staff. Susan is based at the Shoalhaven Memorial Hospital (SMH) during a time of great flux as the staff get ready to transition to the new building and all the anxiety which that entails. Pray that God enables her to remain flexible while waiting for the new build to open without an office or base camp. Thank you for the difference she is already making in being available to see through the hospital systems by being closer to hand and working alongside the Executive to further the Chaplaincy Services.

Sutherland Hospital:

Justice - SCCC:

ANGLICARE IN THE CENTRAL WEST

DAY 25:

ANGLICARE at HOME (AAH):

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

ANGLICARE COUNSELLING, MEDIATION & YOUTH (CM&Y): Maria Orr, Carolyn Bateman (Snr Program Mgrs C&M), Erin Colacino (Snr PM, Youth), Mary-Anne Fleton (PM, Family Mental Health Support Service - FMHSS):

Please pray for the many touchpoints we have in the local schools, including counselling, youth programs and mental health programs. Pray that our Anglicare staff show patience, love and support for the students they connect with.

Mediation and Men's Behaviour Change:

Counselling:

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

DAY 26:

ANGLICARE METRO MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK:

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

**ANGLICARE HOUSING:
Seniors at Risk of Homelessness:**

Families Starting Over:

People Living With Dementia:

DAY 27:

ANGLICARE CHRISTIAN CARE, MISSION & PARTNERSHIP:

Wendy Potts (Learning Consultant—Gospel Communications):

Brett Fahey (Partnership Dev.):

Give thanks to God for the amazing work that Anglicare and the churches are doing in partnership together for the community. In particular, pray for the Mobile Community Pantries across the region that provide people with food relief and community connection. Please pray that as we meet people's physical and social needs, they will also hear about Jesus and have their spiritual needs fulfilled through him.

ANGLICARE'S JOURNEY TO RECONCILIATION:

DAY 28:

ANGLICARE OP SHOPS:

**ANGLICARE RESIDENTIAL CARE:
Eileen Armstrong House – Woonona:**

Jean Ross House – Nowra:

Piper House – Dapto:

Mildred Symons House – Jannali—Stephanie Thill (M), Carol Lynch (C), Kathy Stirrup (PC); Sarah Wagstaff (PC):

Goodhew Gardens & Bay Breeze – Taren Point:

DAY 29:

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

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION:

**REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS:
Community Living Supports for Refugees:**

EVERYDAY ENGLISH: Susan Radkovic:

Thank God for all our volunteer teachers and helpers across everyday English. Pray that their words and lives will reflect Jesus so our students will want to know him. Pray for the three Roadshows at Hurstville, West Pennant Hills and Sydney city in the July school holidays. Each one will be a day of practical lesson ideas built around our senses. Pray for the logistics, the speakers at each venue and the people who come, that they may be energised, learn ideas to keep the students engaged and to help forge stronger connections.

ANGLICAN DEACONESS MINISTRIES: Mary Un (CEO), Dr Laurel Moffatt (Principal Mary Andrews College), Naomi Escott (Director of Programs & Partnerships), Amy Yeung (Head of the Mental Health Institute):

Pray that the women and men would desire to study theology at Mary Andrews College and those who are involved in our training and accredited courses will grow in their faith and bring the love of Jesus to a hurting world. Thank God for Nancy Guthrie's recent ADM session on Life, Loss and Theology. Pray for the many women who attended would continue to be sustained and shaped by the learning and encouragements from that time. Pray for the upcoming Mary Andrews College Academic Conference — that God would use it to deepen theological thinking and strengthen the community of women in gospel ministry. Thank God for Amy Yeung's appointment as new Head of the Mental Health Institute. Pray that God would grant her wisdom and grace as she steps into this role .

DAY 30:

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

Give thanks for the MU groups around the Illawarra and Southern Highlands. Despite the challenges of age and declining health, we are grateful to God for these men and women who proclaim Jesus as Lord to all those they have contact with. They faithfully and prayerfully bless our community with hospital and aged care visiting, craft gifts raising money in support of local, national and international projects, and practical care for vulnerable families. Please continue to pray for God to strengthen and encourage them in their service to him.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAPLAINS:

Police (Stacey Chapman, Rev Toby Campbell, Rev Geoff Webb & Rev Jennie Everist): Pray for this chaplaincy ministry that it 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), Meaghan Gates (Children's Ministry & Primary SRE Advisor), Rev Matt Bartlett (Youth Ministry & High School SRE Advisor), Rev Bec Baines (Youthworks Accessibility Ministry Advisor):**

Please pray for the regional Kids and Youth Leader Training Events happening around the region as we seek to help youth and kids' ministry personnel grow in their understanding and skills around mission to young people. Give thanks for the 30 leaders who were trained at the Shoalhaven area event in May and pray for the Shire event on June 27th and the Illawarra event on Friday July 17th – that these events would be well attended and beneficial in training leader for mission to young people in our region. Pray for Meaghan Turner (Gates) & Matt Bartlett as we organise these events, that we would make them helpful and relevant.

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.

**Peter Hayward will be retiring as
Bishop of Wollongong at the end of
August, after serving us for 16
years.**

A farewell service for Peter and Julie
will be held at Figtree Anglican Church
on Saturday 26th September at 2pm.

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), CC Community Chaplain, 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 Co-ordinator; YI Youth Intern; YM Youth Minister; YT or Y13 Youthworks Trainee.