



# St Marys Anglican Church

## Prayer Matters

### 25—31 December 2017

#### Please pray for:

- Praise Point—Mel Spurrier’s scan results show that the tumour in her liver has decreased by 1cm and does not look healthy—please continue to pray that it will die completely, leaving her kidney healthy.
- Congratulations to Sandra and Steve Joynes on the arrival of their grandson last week.
- Please pray for Vicki Lowden as she supports her parents—her father has been diagnosed with inoperable metastatic cancer; ask God in His mercy to open his heart to the truth of the gospel.
- Catherine’s mum who is recovering following spinal surgery.
- For a Coffee Break lady whose 12 year old granddaughter is facing serious illness.
- For Antwanet Jamous (Nashua’s mum) who joined us last week for the service and lunch; she is being treated for cancer.
- Heather Welsh’s brother, Ian; he has commenced chemotherapy treatment as the first step, to be followed by surgery; a recent scan revealed more lesions on his liver; ask God to undertake for him at this time; for his wife Debbie, who is suffering from leukaemia, as well as facing significant other family issues; pray their faith remains firmly grounded on Him who can do all things.
- Megan Oliver who is suffering from painful rheumatoid arthritis.
- Jacki’s daughter, Sarah, is 5 months pregnant; she has had serious issues in the past; pray for God’s protection on her and her baby and for peace and trust in God for Jacqui.
- Dianne Morphett as she has more chemo treatment.
- Pray for Julia Kingsley and her need for a back operation.
- Those with chronic health issues, including Elise Isaacs; Geoff and Heather Welsh; Willow; Eleanor Wood (there has been an improvement in her scoliosis with the brace she has to wear!)—that each will know God’s comfort and peace in their situation.
- Those grieving loss of loved ones.
- Pray for those who are looking for work—Tim Haynes.
- Pray for those who have suffered abuse in their lives; Christmas can be a time of great stress and hurt; ask God to bring healing to lives; that for those who have been hurt, they will find in Christ, the peace and love they seek. Pray that they will find strength to not remain or place themselves in situations that may be harmful; pray that as a church family we will be sensitive to any who share their pain with us; that we will be an accepting, welcoming church and reach out with genuine love to those hurting.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. **He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.**

#### Monday, 25 December

Reading: John 1:1-8

#### Happy Christmas Day.



O come let us adore Him...

• Thank you God for sending Your Son on one glorious night to be born to a virgin, to live a perfect life and to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you that He rose from the dead three days later and that this Christmas and every Christmas we can celebrate the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen

• Ask God to help us come to Him today with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of Jesus and that every day we will remember that we have peace with God “if you confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved.” Rom 10:9

• Pray for our Community lunch today.

• Pray for time spent with family and friends; that we might be witnesses to those who do not believe in Christ and peacemakers if there is any stress.

Prayer: *You are the Sovereign Ruler, the Mover of mountains, the Victor of impossible victories. You are Lord over earthquakes and tsunamis, over nations in turmoil and terrorist plots, over starving children and fleeing refugees and prisoners tortured for their faith. You speckled the sky with stars and set the earth spinning like a top. You own everything, control everything. Your hand allows each mind to think and teaches each heart to beat. There is nothing you can't do. So we pray, even though it seems impossible:*

#### Give us peace.

*Bring an end to violence and hatred and discord. Steady the feet that rush into war and the finger poised on the trigger. Bring justice to the downtrodden, restoration to the marginalized and abused, hope to the hopeless. Guide all those in positions of power—whether that power is political or physical or social—and give them wisdom to use their power wisely. Give them, and all of us, the grace to admit when we are wrong and to seek forgiveness. Give us the grace to forgive.*

*Help us see your face in the faces of the people around us. Give us courage to love one another even when love seems like a risk. Give us compassion for those who are unlike us. Teach us to listen to those we disagree with, to hear stories that make us uncomfortable. Heal the hatred in the world around us by healing our own hearts first. AMEN*

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tuesday, 26 December**

**Reading: John 1:9-13**

- Pray for our link missionaries.
- Pray for our community and for those who may have visited for Christmas services or community lunch.
- Pray for the Trent, Catherine and their family.
- Pray for Pete and Olivia.

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, 27 December**

**Reading: John 1:14-18**

- Pray that we will enjoy rest and refreshment; that we will spend time with God each day; reading and meditating on His Word and enjoy close times of prayer with Him.
- Pray our families to enjoy the break; for safety for those travelling; for good family relationships.

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, 28 December**

**Reading: John 1:19-28**

- As we head to a new year, the following prayer may help you in praying for many different things for yourself, others and our church's mission:

Dear God,

*Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.*

*We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of the New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire within our hearts.*

*We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.*

*We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.*

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

For inclusion of prayer requests, please contact Sabrina Mellor—9625 8764 or email: mellors2766@gmail.com. If you are submitting a request for someone else, please remember to ask for their permission.

**Friday, 29 December**

**Reading: John 1:29-34**

*We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight through the Holy Spirit, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.*

*We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.*

*Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your Spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living far from your presence.*

*We confess our need for you... We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.*

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, 30 December**

**Reading: John 1:35-42**

*Keep your words of truth planted firmly within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defence and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.*

*We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favour. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us succeed in every endeavour you have placed on our hearts; that our ministry would bear fruit for your glory. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and mercy and we would not be slow in giving you the credit and praise for what we know you are responsible for.*

**My prayer points/God's answers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, 31 December**

**Reading: John 1:43-51**

*Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.*

*May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.*

*To you be glory and honour, in this New Year, and forever.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen.*

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