

Sunday, 4 February

Reading: Psalm 51:5-12

- Pray that in the coming week we will seek to spend time with God each day; that we will grow to love His Word more and more and allow the Spirit to firmly plant it in our hearts and minds so that our words and actions reflect that we are part of His holy people.
- Pray for our multicultural lunch on March 4; that it will be a time of coming together across our 3 congregations; getting to know more about each other and rejoicing that we are all drawn together because we belong to God's family.
- Pray for our troubled world.

My prayer points/God's answers:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please continue to pray for people with ongoing health issues: Vicki Lowden's father with metastatic cancer; Catherine's mum who is recovering following spinal surgery; For Antwanet Jamous (Nashua's mum) with ovarian cancer; Elise Isaacs (more surgery is being considered in April); Geoff and Heather Welsh; Wil- low; 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.
- For a Coffee Break lady whose 12 year old granddaughter is facing serious illness.
- Heather Welsh's brother, Ian; give thanks that he is tolerating his chemotherapy treatment well; that this will continue and the cancer responds to treatment.
- Jacki's daughter, Sarah-continuing good health for her and baby for the remainder of her pregnancy.
- Dianne Morphett-doctors are waiting to see how she progresses before commencing chemo-pray it may not be necessary for her to have this treatment.
- 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 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.
- For those who have addictions; for their families.
- For Carers of elderly parents or children with special needs.
- Pray for those who serve our country in the defence forces, particularly remembering Greg Edward's cousin, James Francis, who is serving in Afghanistan with the Australian Army until October; ask God in His mercy to watch over these men and women and to strengthen those who are Christians to be a godly example to those around them; to treat all people with respect and compassion; that they will be helped to adjust when they return home as many will suffer from post traumatic stress, which affects them and their families. Pray for loved ones at home who will experience anxiety and fear for those serving in foreign lands.



St Marys Anglican Church

Prayer Matters

29 Jan—4 Feb 2018

Monday, 29 January

Reading: Romans 8:1-4

- Give thanks to God for all His mercies to us; for the rest and holidays many have enjoyed; for safety as people travelled; for opportunities to catch up with friends and family over this holiday period.
- Give thanks for teachers as a new school year begins; for those whose Christian faith shines out and their lives impact students and colleagues; for those who have a passion to help students learn and mature and do their best; pray that for those teachers who may have lost enthusiasm, they will be refreshed and encouraged to do their best for the students entrusted to them. Pray that parents will be supportive and helpful; that students will value the opportunities they have in this country and use them to their advantage now and for the future.
- Pray for SRE in government schools this year; for Peter Ray as he co-ordinates the work in our area; that more people would be willing to step into this ministry whilst there is opportunity; that Christians doing this work would be trained and reliant on the Holy Spirit's equipping so that schools welcome their involvement and do not see them as a bother.

My prayer points/God's answers: _____

Tuesday, 30 January

Reading: Romans 8: 5-11

- Pray for our Bible Study groups, giving thanks for the new opportunities we all have to join in; ask God to help us commit to a group; to be willing to prepare beforehand and so be ready to share and take part in discussions; pray for those who will be leading; that they will have the time for preparation and humble, ready hearts to learn new things from God, and to share them with their group members. Ask God to help us as we look at the work of His Holy Spirit, whom all believers have; that we will be challenged to allow Him greater control of our lives; that we will be truly Spirit-filled.
- Give thanks for Trent and his ministry at St Marys; ask God to help him walk close to Him day by day; that Trent will continue to rely on the equipping of the Holy Spirit so that his teaching, leading and pastoring will give glory to God and help us grow and mature in our Christian walk. Pray that God will protect his relationships, especially with Catherine and their children; that he will enjoy good health and be wise in balancing his ministry with the needs of family, rest and relaxation. Pray for Catherine and the many demands on her time; that she will enjoy time with God daily.

My prayer points/God's answers: _____

Wednesday, 31 January

Reading: Romans 8:12-17

- Coffee Break resumes next Wednesday; pray that the ladies will return on a regular basis; that we will see new women coming; ask God to give leaders energy, enthusiasm and a genuine love and desire to see ladies come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour which will shape their attitudes, conversations and actions.
- Pray for Richard Ide as he continues in his role of pastoral care as well as involvement with the nursing home services; pray that he will rely on the equipping of the Holy Spirit so that he will be bold as opportunities come to share the gospel.
- Pray for the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday; that it will be a great time for our ladies and their invited family and friends; that it will challenge any who do not know Jesus as Lord and Saviour to consider what He means for their lives—now and for eternity. Pray for Dawn Hale who is our speaker this year; give thanks for her willingness to share her faith and ask God to equip her mightily through His Holy Spirit.

My prayer points/God's answers: _____

Thursday, 1 February

Reading: Romans 8:18-25

- Continue to pray for the small hall work to be completed as soon as possible so that the building can be used for ministry; give thanks for the hours Ken Williams continues to contribute to this as well as the various helpers who have joined in; for Andrew Stoermer's contribution in repairing the toilet walls. Pray that all the effort and money spent will enable many years of ministry to our young people to take place, to His glory as we see young lives transformed.
- Pray for the wardens and parish council as they prepare for the AGM in March; that all that needs to be done will be; pray about how God may be asking you to be involved this year.
- Pray for Pete and Liz Wood at Ropes Crossing; that this year will see much spiritual growth in that church plant and newcomers come and remain. Pray for their financial needs to be met; for the necessary leaders to step up as God leads; for Pete to be walking close to the Lord each day, resting in Him and trusting for the way ahead.
- Pray for each other, particularly those mentioned on the back page; there are quite a few who have significant health issues themselves as well as loved ones going through difficult times. Ask God to help them as they walk through these times; that they might see how we *typically experience the preciousness of God more in seasons of privation than in seasons of prosperity*. As C.S. Lewis said, **God whispers in our pleasures, and shouts in our pains**. Ask God to help them and each of us hear His voice in all our circumstances and find reassurance and peace.

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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, 2 February

Reading: Romans 8:26-30

- Children and youth groups resume this afternoon/evening; Pray for Peter Ray who is now co-ordinating all three groups; for him and Trent as they plan out the year; ask God to bring leaders and helpers who have a desire to share the love of Christ with our young ones; pray that the children/youth will return with fresh enthusiasm; that they might invite friends; that we will see a work of the Spirit in these young people this year.
- Pray for Christian parents of children of all ages; in this challenging culture, pray for each other, that as parents we will continue to nurture our relationship with the Lord and walk close to Him so that we will be wise in how we lead and counsel our children; that we would lead by example; that our words and actions match; that we would be faithful in prayer for our children and grandchildren; pray for our children who have wandered away from God; that we will trust Him to be at work in their lives and circumstances to bring them back.
- Pray for our local community; that we will have Christ's love for those who do not know Him; that we will seek His guidance as to how we can reach out effectively with the gospel; ask God to be at work in our community to bring people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; pray for visitation work in the coming year.

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Saturday, 3 February

Reading: Isaiah 63:7-12

- Pray for our services tomorrow; that as we continue in the series on the work of the Holy Spirit, He will be at work in our lives to challenge us when we are holding parts of our lives back from His control and transforming; that we will find comfort and encouragement for our Christian walk and service. Ask God to begin a revival in us that will spread throughout our congregations and flow out to reach others in our community, family and friends.
- Pray for all aspects of our worship together; that all involved in services will take time to pray, prepare and give their best to honour God and enable all who attend to join in the praise to God.
- Pray for other local churches and pastors; that they will remain firm in their faith, true to the Word and seek to reach out to others; ask God to help us work well together as opportunities arise.
- Pray for our Archbishop, Glenn Davies; that in all his dealings he will be gracious but firmly holding onto the truth; that he will not be discouraged when he finds rejection and ridicule; pray for his wife and family; Pray for Ivan Lee, our bishop; for his continued improved health; that he will continue to serve God and His Church as God gives him strength and guidance; pray for his wife and family.

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