



- Ask God to help us be sensitive to the opportunities He gives us to share our faith with others and to be trusting in the Holy Spirit's equipping to speak it out.
- Give thanks for the teachers and helpers for Creche, Kids Church and Followers Inc; pray that this term the children will not only enjoy their time together but get excited about Jesus and being His friend.
- Pray for the youth Bible Study that happens after the 9.30 service; ask God to help Pete as he disciples these young people and begins training them for future service; that the training will be at a pace and level suited to their ages and level of maturity and that as they become involved in ministry, the church leadership will be careful not to over-burden them.

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

Please Pray for:

- Dianne Morphett has commenced 3rd cycle of Chemo and does not know how many more she may need; please pray she will not have the severe side-effects previously experienced; that she will remain trusting in God and His goodness.
- Mel Spurrier; continue to pray for her health and energy; that she will keep trusting God for His strength in her weakness.
- Those with ongoing health issues—Willow (Bev Wilson) with terminal lung disease; Ambika Buniya; Vicki Lowden's dad, Peter, with metastatic cancer; Catherine's mum recovering from spinal surgery; Elise Isaacs; Geoff and Heather Welsh; Eleanor Wood in a spinal brace 24/7.
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Those caring for elderly parents or children with special needs.
- For those in our church family who face anxiety, loneliness, financial hardships, have been victims of abuse, mental health issues....ask God to help us be sensitive and caring towards those known to us who are struggling; that we will be accepting, welcoming and practical.
- Those looking for work; praise God that Rita McDonnell has a new job, closer to home!
- For those who serve our country in the defence forces, particularly remembering James Francis (Greg Edward's cousin) serving in Afghanistan until October.



# St Marys Anglican Church

## Prayer Matters

### 7—13 May 2018

"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden." - Corrie Ten Boom

**Monday , 7 May Reading: Colossians 1:1-5**

- Give thanks for God's mercy and grace to us; ask Him to help us be people who set aside time to spend with Him in worship and praise each day; that we pray constantly and spontaneously about everything we encounter on a daily basis; that when someone shares something with us, we might be able to simply say, "let's pray about this right now."
- Pray for Peter as SRE resumes at Oxley Park, St Marys North and South and Central St Marys; for Penny Reeve as she teaches some classes; for Osea Taito working with ChASM at Dunheved and Shalvey High Schools. Pray for FATFISH fellowship group at St Marys Senior High and for Josh Matthews who attends. Ask God to be working in the lives of students (and staff); that as they hear from God's Word, they will be challenged to consider Jesus. Pray for SRE teachers; that they will be well-prepared with age-appropriate material; that they will be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit; that they will enjoy good relationships with the students and school staff.
- Pray for our Bible Study groups; for those who lead to have the time to spend in God's Word in preparation; that they will be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and challenge for their lives, so that they will be authentic as they seek to lead others to grow and mature; for all who attend groups to be committed in their attendance and preparation; that each will take opportunities to share.

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

**Tuesday, 8 May Reading: Colossians 1:6-8**

- Give thanks for Trent and his ministry at St Marys; ask God to help Trent remain focused each day on Him; that in any times of stress or discouragement, he will find comfort in God's Word, stand firmly on His promises and be encouraged by other godly Christian people. Pray for Catherine; for God's sustaining hand and equipping for all the demands on her time and ministry; pray for their children, giving thanks for their involvement in church life and increasing evidence of their love for Jesus; ask God to watch over them and protect them from all that threatens to undermine their growing faith in the Lord.
- Pray for Pete and Olivia; that they will individually continue to grow in spiritual maturity; that as a couple they will enjoy times of sharing God's Word and prayer; that they will be a godly witness to other young Christian couples.
- Pray for the gospel work at Ropes Crossing.

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

**Wednesday, 9 May Reading: Colossians 1:9-14**

- Coffee Break for Women; give thanks for the ladies who returned last week after the break; Please pray for a number of ladies who are going through some difficult times; one who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; another whose daughter-in-law has lung cancer; quite a few have other medical conditions that limit them; ask God to help the leaders be sensitive and supportive; that in these times of anxiety and worry they will be open to Jesus and His love.
- Please be praying for next Wednesday’s Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea; particularly for our speaker, Ian, who is currently being treated for cancer and has not tolerated treatment well; Ian (Heather’s brother) is a godly man with great faith; ask God to help him share that clearly next week and pray that there will be people present who need to hear his message. Pray also for the organising to go smoothly; for people to come and that it will be a positive witness to our local community.
- Pray for Ken and Sabrina as they meet today with the Heritage officer and architect from Penrith Council; that they will be pleased with the work carried out so far and sign off on the \$5000 grant we have been approved for (but not yet received) from Council towards some of the work.

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

**Thursday, 10 May Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**

- From Parish Council—work on the small hall continues and that means it is coming closer to completion; continue to pray that the remaining finances to complete this work will be available as our church members continue to give generously. It has been a long, difficult project that has consumed time and money, however, we can be thankful for God’s ongoing provision of not just money, but also voluntary workers to carry out the remaining work. Pray that it will be a great space for children’s ministry for a long time to come. Please also be prayerful about our offertories; we need to see an increase to reach our budget; again, God has been faithful in the past, He will always be trustworthy.
- Pray for Mark and Rachael Collins at Marsden Park; they will be attending a conference on church planting in Melbourne, from 14-16 May; Rachael will be speaking on the 15th; ask God to help her in her preparation and as she delivers that talk; that she will be honest about the hardships and encouraging about God’s enabling.
- Pray for the men’s breakfast on June 2; this is a combined event with St Clair and Kingswood Anglican churches; pray for the men from these three churches to be praying for others they would like to invite.

*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, 11 May Reading: Colossians 1:21-23**

- Pray for BLAST; that children will continue to come and invite friends; that the older ones will show care for the younger children; Pray for the senior leaders, Pete and Julie; that they will have energy and joy as they serve; for the junior leaders—that they will continue to grow in their love and service; that they will enjoy their time with the younger children and be godly role-models.
- Pray for PUMP youth group; this term they will be looking at Healthy Relationships—What does the Bible say about the way we should act towards other people? They will be exploring Biblical, helpful and practical ways to have healthy relationships. Ask God to equip the leaders; that they will have positive relationships with the youth; that they will know how to answer any difficult questions that arise. Pray for the young people attending to be open to hearing how God’s ways are best even when our culture might seem to offer more.
- Give thanks for the youth who attended KYCK (Katoomba Convention for high schoolers) and pray that their faith will continue to grow and not be choked by worldly pressures.

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

**Saturday, 12 May Reading: Colossians 1:24-27**

- Pray for our services tomorrow; this will be the second talk on Everyday Evangelism—How to help our family and friends; ask God to help us be eager to listen and take to heart how we can be missional with others, particularly our family and friends; ask God to help everyone involved in the services to be joyful as they serve and well-prepared, that all we do brings honour and glory to God.
- Christianity Explained course in June....be praying that any who attend our church and are not sure of their salvation in Christ, will attend and make certain that they understand and take what God offers.
- As we remember our link missionaries overseas, pray also for the organisation of CMS which facilitates the training, sending and supporting of many missionaries. On the praise side, CMS has had an increase in the number of people wanting to serve; to do this effectively, CMS needs to raise \$1.6 million dollars by the end of June. Ask God to move in the hearts of individuals and churches to consider giving extra to ensure the gospel continues to spread far and wide.
- Pray for the Davies, Lovell and Haddon families; that health will be good; ministry fruitful and that they will experience joy and contentment in the midst of all their circumstances.

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