

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



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1 MARCH 2011—31 MAY 2011

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:

BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward: We thank God for the first year of ministry in the Wollongong Region – for new friendships and the privilege of partnering with wonderful brothers and sisters in the cause of the gospel. Pray for: good health, energy and unfailing joy in undertaking all the various responsibilities; for wisdom in developing the ongoing mission of Jesus to all parts of the region; for the raising up and training of the next generation of leaders for ministry.

ASSISTANT TO BISHOP Tony & Judy Willis: Thanks for good health and a good start to a new year for us personally and across the Region. Please pray for Tony's balance of time across the Sydney Anglican School's Corporation (¹/₃) and the Wollongong Region (²/₃). Pray for safety in the numerous kilometres travelled in both of these roles.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL: Thanks for the members of the Regional Council who give of their time so freely. Pray for the Regional Council as it works to set directions for support of ministry throughout 2011.



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DAY 2:**CONNECTforLife:****ANGLICARE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS: Rev Ian Rienits & Chaplaincy**

Teams: Give thanks for the appointment of Ian Rienits to this full-time ministry, and for the committed teams of Volunteer Chaplains covering the Illawarra and Shoalhaven Local Health Network. Pray that Ian may quickly grasp the dimensions of the position and may benefit greatly from the CPE training in the first half of this year. Pray that our Lord may raise up more Volunteer Chaplains for this valuable ministry.

ENGLISH FOR LIFE: Thank God for the hard work over the past years of Marilyn Clerke and Jean McLean. Pray that their retirement will enable ongoing opportunity for ministry. Pray for the English for Life Coordinators who “hold this ministry together” across our parishes.

DAY 3:

MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE: Jackie Stoneman and Staff: Thank God for increased enrolments this year – particularly for the many people who are taking up the opportunity to be trained in Pastoral Care. Pray for wisdom as we seek to provide opportunities for women in the Wollongong region to be further equipped to serve Christ. Pray for the students studying at the regional centre at Dapto as they study overview of the New Testament and Old Testament foundations. Thank God for Jill McGilvray being employed 2 days a week and for the opportunity to develop even more effective training in Pastoral Care. Pray for our OASIS conference in July that will focus on Pastoral Care.

MOTHERS’ UNION: Jan Livingstone (VP Wollongong Region):

POLICE CHAPLAINS: Rev Steve Davis, Rev Rod Harding:

DAY 4:

SES CHAPLAINS: Rev Neil Brain: Give thanks for the chaplain/peer support teams who have volunteered to provide counselling and support to flood victims in Queensland, and the SES volunteers who are helping with the clean up. The need for consolation and encouragement and spiritual support will be ongoing for months. Pray for further teams to be available as needed. The NSW teams assist and work with the Qld SES Chaplaincy teams. Pray for safety in travel, Godly wisdom in counselling and patience and perseverance in service.

ABBREVIATIONS:

A Administration; **AAM** Acting Assistant Minister, **AdM** Administration Manager; **AR** Acting Rector; **AM** Assistant Minister; **ACF** Assistant Children’s & Families; **ACM** Assistant Children’s Minister; **CA** Creative Arts (& Worship), **CF** Children & Families, **CIC** Curate-in-Charge; **CM** Children’s Minister; **CMI** Children’s Ministry Intern; **CPE** Clinical Pastoral Education, **CRO** Community Relations Officer; **E** Evangelist; **FM** Family Minister; **GAI** Graphic Arts Intern; **HCA** Healthcare Chaplains Association, **Hon** Honorary, **HR** Human Resources, **HSC** High School Chaplain; **IS** International Students, **KC** Kid’s Church, **L** Locum; **LSL** Long Service Leave; **LM** Lay Minister; **M** Music; **MA** Ministry Apprentice; **Mis** Lay Missionary; **MTS** Ministry Training Strategy; **pt** Part time; **PA** Personal Assistant; **PC** Pastoral Care, **PW** Pastoral Worker; **S** Scripture; **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.

WOLLONGONG: Rev Sandy & Karyn Grant, Rev Jim & Vanessa Douglass (AM), Liam & Liz Shannon (AM), Juliette Antoon (WM), Bp Reg & Dorothy Piper (ptSenAM), Jon & Morwenna Baird (SM), Julie Clark, Phoebe Adams & Pauline Eaton (A): Thank God for a basically united, Christ-trusting, Bible-believing and loving set of congregations, despite our flaws and failures. Ask God to bless former administrator, Jacinta in her new job as a pre-school teacher, and to give strength and insight to new office staff, Phoebe and Julie. May God's Spirit make us hospitable to many new students who attend UoW and visit us for church or English classes. And pray for the team that coordinates women's ministry with Juliette.

New Deacons and Rectors for 2011:

Please pray for the following recently ordained Deacons:

Michael and Karen Baines	<i>Cronulla/Kurnell</i>
Matthew and Jessica Bales	<i>Minto</i>
Matthew and Jemma Bartlett	<i>Shellharbour City Centre</i>
Michael and Gemma Begbie	<i>Caringbah</i>
Luke and Julia Collings	<i>Rosemeadow/Appin</i>
Jake and Jennifer de Salis	<i>Ulladulla</i>
Martin and Katrina Feltham	<i>Miranda</i>
Liam and Liz Shannon	<i>Wollongong</i>
Andrew and Adele Southerton	<i>Miranda</i>
Michael and Rosa Wells	<i>Kiama</i>

Please pray for the following Rectors new to their parish:

Steve and Ros Davis	<i>Menangle</i> (from April)
Bruce and Judy Dingwall	<i>Menai</i>
Ross and Leanne Maltman	<i>Ulladulla</i> (from April)
Nigel and Lyndal Parker	<i>Shellharbour</i>
Dean and Catherine Reilly	<i>Berrima cum Moss Vale</i>

YOUTHWORKS TRAINING: Andy Stevenson (HS SRE&Youth), Jenni Stoddard (PS SRE&Children): Praise God for the start of so many SRE classes across the region, numbers are up in H.S and P.S classes and there are more teachers. Nearly 200 people came to the Wollongong region Schools Ministry conference; this is nearly double last year! Many new Youth and Children's Ministers have begun ministry in the region as well, pray for them and their ministries.

MISSION AREA: Camden-Campbelltown

DAY 5:

MISSION LEADER: Rev Deryck Howell:

CAMDEN: Rev Tony & Debbie Galea, Rev Paul & Zoe Gaetjens (AM/YM), Jeremy Pennington (AM—Mt Hunter), Karina Edgerton (CM), Debbie Bannister (PW), Pat Burnett & Trish Harley (PC), Lyndall Nurse (PC&SG), Debbie Galea (M&WM), Marilyn Clarke & Brian Peacock (A): Please give great thanks for the recent conversions and the number of people doing Christianity Explained courses. Pray also for funds to be provided when needed for necessary maintenance and expansion projects.

CAMPBELLTOWN: Rev Nigel & Nicky Fortescue, Rev Stuart & Cathy Grant, Rev Leanne Burns (AM), Mark Schroder (Y&CM), Simon Twist (SM), Amanda Nash (A): Thank God for a great start to the new year. Praise God for Mark Schroder and Simon Twist who are settling into their positions well. Praise God for SRE and that we were able to meet with the Principals in the Public Schools in Campbelltown. Praise God for our new English for Life Classes on Mondays with Judith and her team. Please pray that we can raise up new SRE teachers to go into our local primary schools to teach about Jesus. Please pray for all our EFL participants that they may come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

DAY 6:

DENHAM COURT: Rev Nigel & Janene Webb (CIC), Sharon Lee (A): Pray for more families in our area to turn to Christ as we reach out to them. Pray that those who heard the gospel through our Christmas events & services will continue to be challenged and that they would come back to find out more about Jesus. Pray that Christian church members won't despair as we grieve the departure of some long time members. Pray that Nigel's time will be freed up to do more evangelism in the local area. Pray that church members can take some of the administrative load from his time.

EAGLE VALE: Rev Craig & Sandra Hooper, Rev Trent & Catherine Sutcliffe (AM), Matt Stanley (ptYW), Tamara Taylor (YM), Matt Carmody (Y13), Jenny Blackburn (A): Give thanks to God for a positive start to the year, with groups resuming and people back after holidays. Please pray: for the right Wardens, Parish Council members and other Office Bearers to be elected at the AGM (13/3/11); that they will be used by the Lord over the next 12 months to further grow the Gospel in Eagle Vale and beyond; that the whole process of moving demountables from Claymore to Eagle Vale will proceed smoothly and quickly, and that once there, will help in further growing the Gospel.

GLENQUARIE: Rev Stephen & Karen Swanepoel, Michael Kinsey (ptYW), Seumas McDonald (ptYW), Kathryn Southwell (FM), Debbie Roake (Break the Cycle), Lucy Finnigan (A):

DAY 7:

INGLEBURN: Rev Joe & Alison Wiltshire, Simon Hingston (ptE), Andrew Hall (MTS), Jason Craig (Y13), Margaret Wilson (A): Thanks for good start to New Year and growth last year. Please pray: for new ministries starting up this year - Barneys Health Club (connecting with community), reinvented women's ministry, and 4 new bible study groups (up from 8 to 12); for events we are organising for the district for later in the year - Macarthur Easter Convention (existing), Macarthur Men's Convention (new 2011); for youth group which has lost most of its senior leadership and is now run by keen but inexperienced young leaders; for the possibility of starting a new service/church in 2012.

MACARTHUR FAMILY CHAPEL: Rev Steve Davis, Ros Davis (Asst Chaplain), John & Wendy Clarke (LM), Rex Harris (PW):

MACARTHUR INDIGENOUS ANGLICAN CHURCH: Pastor Michael & Mary Duckett: We thank God for what he is doing in the Macarthur. Pray that the Indigenous churches relationship with St Peter's of Campbelltown may strengthen to the glory of God. Pray that our Women's ministry, led by Auntie Jenny will lead our women to Christ for healing. Pray for the Aboriginal men's group in Campbelltown, that we would be a shining light to them. Pray that we in our church will continue to grow in unity & maturity

ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Rev Peter & Marie Dawson (ptSenM), Rev Don Wilson (Ret), Belinda Hudson (ptSRE), Roger Kyngdon (SM), Glenis Boyle (A): Praise God for the faithful witness and worship St Paul's. Thank God for the appointment of Nigel Parker, and pray for him, Lyndal and children as they settle in and minister. Pray for the work amongst children, young people, families, and older people in the community and local nursing homes. Pray for a new playgroup just initiated, that we can grow contacts with young families through this, and for our extensive SRE ministry in the local public schools; that Christ would be proclaimed faithfully, and that we would have sufficient teachers to cover all classes.

DAY 31:

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob Copland: Pray that the 5 new ministry apprentices settle into ministry on the campus. Pray for the Lord to bring students to faith in the Lord Jesus. Please ask the Lord to provide finances for the team for the year ahead, especially with some areas of funding ceasing.

WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon (AM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (ptSenM), Amy Lukins (ptCW), Pamela Monk (ptCW), Helen Stenton, Melinda Estell & Nerida DeRoy (A): We are very grateful and praise God for a smooth beginning to the year and positive contributions at our AGM. We would appreciate prayer for Nathan in our upcoming sermon series 'Is God Green?' as he provides a solid Biblical foundation and still interacts with many contemporary environmental issues. We praise God for providing a team of Scripture teachers to cover the 4 state primary schools in our area. Please pray for Amy and the teachers in this work as it begins week 5 of this term. Pray for wisdom and God's provision as we seek to sell one church residence and purchase a more useful one adjoining our main block.

DAY 29:

OAK FLATS: Rev Graham & Lesley Errington, Ben & Stacie Pakula (YW), Vacant (A): Give thanks that Ben Pakula continues being now full time, pray for Ben's Bible ministry amongst youth and in teaching them music. We pray that School SRE contacts might progress to Youth Groups, and ultimately into Christian commitment. Pray for week of Moore College mission at end-March, that both congregation and students will grow by ministering together.

PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Stephen Semenchuk (AR), Amy Brown (CM): Please pray as the churches go through a transition period as new leadership is recruited. Pray particularly for the resource stewardship of buildings and land that are largely under utilized.

SCHOOLS: Illawarra Grammar:

Shellharbour Anglican College: Head of College - Mr Tony Cummings; Deputy Head of College - Mr Mark Whitelock; Head of Junior School - Mr Andrew McPhail. Please pray: for Peter Stacey and his new role as Chaplain at the College; for new families to the College; that students and their families are strongly impacted through Crusaders, Christian Studies and Chapel; that all families get involved in this community and build on its strong foundations; for the College Council.

DAY 30:

SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Rev Malcolm & Charissa Forrest, Rev Rob & Cass Sharp, Amanda Jackson (CM), Marion Moes (ACM), Rev Matt Bartlett (YM), Marc Williamson (E), Peter Stacey (E), Peter Miller (AdM), Sandy Cholson (A): Pray for a great harvest from our Mission activities in Coastal Christians, Adopt-a-block, Lake Illawarra H.S., SUPA & ANGLICARE emergency food relief services. Pray also for a real strengthening of God's People as we study discipleship across the church and continue to bed down significant changes to our ministries: closing and amalgamating of some Sunday Service times and a new focus on Discipleship in small groups and 1 to 1. Also, Harbour Church with Rev. Rob & Cass Sharp will leave us on March 1 to become an Independent Recognised Church. Finally Rev. Michael & Karen Williamson will be on long service leave from Feb-May 2011 (Rev. John Cornford as Locum Tenens to assist Rev. Mal Forrest). Please pray that we will stay focussed on proclaiming Christ boldly and clearly through this period of upheaval.

DAY 8:

MENANGLE: Rev Graham & Peg Knight (AR), Janine Foat (SLW), Brian Peacock (A): Please pray as the parish prepares for Steve & Ros Davis' arrival. Give thanks for Graham & Peg Knight and their ongoing role as locum; they are much loved and it will be hard to let them go. Pray for our children's ministry to reach out to the unchurched in the village. Pray for Ray Burge and his ministry to the residents of Durham Green and the need for a chaplain to serve in the higher care "Manor House".

MINTO: Rev Chris & Jenny Hanger, Rev Matthew & Jessica Bales (AM), Evelyn Nicholls (Op Shop), Andy Grady (Y), Angela Bailey (A): Pray for Matthew Bales (AM) and his wife Jessica as they begin their ministry with us. Pray for them both as they settle into Parish life and prepare for their first child, due mid-March. Pray also for the children and youth ministries, and adult Growth groups as they begin the new year. Thank God that our new AM house is finished and our 2010 budget was mostly met.

NARELLAN: Rev Michael & Alison Blake, Andrew & Tam Spalding (YM), Steve & Wendy Hitchins (LM), Adam & Trudy Richards (p/t), Julie McGilvray (A): Give thanks for non-Christian families coming to Christmas Services. Pray for on-going follow-up. Thanks for good start with Youth Ministry. Pray for 80% of members to join a Growth Group. Pray that we pursue opportunities to build relationships with non-Christian people who are already connected with ministries in our Parish (especially Children and Youth ministries). Pray for energy and enthusiasm as we embrace the mission to make disciples of all nations.

DAY 9:

PICTON-WILTON: Rev Phil & Pamela Parker (AM), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon) Lyn Jarrett (A): Thank God - Philip & Pamela moved into the new Wilton Rectory on 20th January. This will be a strategic development for parish ministry in coming days, and is the realisation of a long dream for the hard-working people of the parish. Philip's stipend has been raised to 100% - another significant milestone. Our theme for 2011 is "Maturity & Diversity", which builds on "The Growing Church" - our successful theme from 2010. This Autumn, please pray that God will continue growing Picton & Wilton churches, both in number, spiritual maturity and gifting-diversity, & activation. We commence our pulpit teaching from the book of Colossians.

ROSEMEADOW with APPIN: The Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell, Rev Luke Collings (AM), Rev Graham Orr (HonAM), Shontae North (ANGLICARE Shop Mgr): Please thank God with us for the smooth transition to new staffing, with Dean Reilly becoming Minister at Berrima/ Moss Vale, Paul McPhail becoming Minister in Charge at Culburra Beach and Lyn Nellies (ANGLICARE) resigning to pursue study. We have welcomed Luke Collings and Shontae North. Please pray: Following a very good parish council consultation we have adopted "Growing our Welcoming Culture" as our theme for this year. Pray that the welcome Christ has given his people will be reflected in every part of our lives (not just on the door at church, although that's a good start!).

SCHOOLS: Macarthur Anglican:

St Peter's Primary:

Broughton Anglican College:

Wollondilly Anglican College: The year has started well with around 100 new students commencing on day 1. All staff have returned along with 5 new recruits. Praise the Lord for Christian staff who are able to preach the gospel in words and deeds. Praise the Lord that 100 new faces will be exposed to the eternal truths of the gospel daily.

DAY 10:

SOUTH CREEK: Rev Jono & Jenny Squire, Mel Gillies (CM), Gavin & Lara Oram (SM), Vacant (A): Thank God for the good start to the year and for continued growth in our morning and evening congregations. Continue to pray for the spread of the gospel throughout Harrington Park especially amongst many contacts in the local school community; the spread of the gospel in the future development in Oran Park; wisdom in planning and for the provision of all that is needed for mission to this new area. Pray for the provision of good rental office space for our church at an affordable price. Give thanks and pray for Gavin and Lara Oram joining us a student minister in 2011. Pray for the youth who are attending KYCK convention in April.

THE OAKS: Rev Paul & Lorraine Davey, Mrs Inika Kroh (FM): Thank God for enthusiastic volunteers for Sunday school, crèche, scripture and youth ministry. Pray for volunteers for kids club. Also pray for the revamped youth ministry, new Bible studies, and new lay preacher, training of 'befrienders' and Bible study leaders.

DAY 28:

KEIRAVILLE: Rev Stephen Barrett (AR), Christiana Muritidi (ptCM), Thayil John (ptSM), Dianne Arnold (A): Give praise: for the commitment and sensitivity of the Wardens and Parish Council to the change process; for well attended services and activities over the Christmas period; for faithful people on rosters, for service leaders and music ministries, for "Survivor" series of lessons and activities for King's Kids (Sunday School) over January and February. Please pray: for family activities - Father and Son Pizza and Boardgames, Mother and Daughter Pancake Day; for AGM in March and planning for 2011; for many overseas students to integrate Keiraville International Church during 2011 and pastor Thayil John; for future ministry and ministry models for St John's.

KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Stephen & Nicola Stanis, Rev Michael & Rosa Wells (AM), Rev Neil Matheson (Hon), Steve Inman (YM), Deb Baker (CF), Lyn Elsholz (SenM), Marguerite Robson (A): Pray for: a unity and an ongoing willingness for our church members to embrace the upgrade and cost of a new ministry centre; the new senior adult ministry, "Prime Time" starting in February, pray it will reach unbelieving seniors; the new children's Friday afternoon ministry, "C.L.I.K.K." (Christ Living In Kiama Kids) for K-2 aged children. Give praise for: the arrival and settling in of our new assistant minister Michael and Rosa Wells; the willingness of new church members to become actively involved in ministry; the Beach Mission and Kiama Show ministry outreaches that were so effective over January.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: David Masters (Lay Chaplain), Phyllis Coulstock (A): We give thanks for the generosity shown by our benefactors and volunteers who make it possible for us to run the Mission. We pray for the wellbeing of our volunteers, especially Pat Welbourne, who is unwell and might need an operation in hospital. And we pray that our efforts in reaching out to visiting seafarers, who are of different race, colour, creed and language, amongst our community that they may come to know of Christ as we proclaim the Gospel in our charitable work in offering them pastoral, spiritual, social, emotional and material support.

DAY 27:

FIGTREE: Rev Ian & Rhonda Barnett, Rev Ron & Julie Irving (YM), Daniel Budd (AYM), Rev Stuart & Carolyn Starr (E), Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson (SnRAM), Yvonne Gunning & Virginia Woodward, (CM), Karen Dixon (CRO), Belinda Hudson (ptHS SRE), Dale Spencer (PA), Lisa Delaney (ptACM), Brianne Eastman (ptCW), Matthew Hawkins (CI), Rachelle Dunn (S), Jane Major-Smith (Integration), Jane Whitelaw (HR), Fay Brampton (PW), Rev Thayil John (IS), Alex Ngo & Rochelle Lansom (YI), Daniel Jones (YI), Matthew Nelson (CA), Warwick Mann (TSS), Adele Peteranec, Karen Shaw & Peter McQueen (A): Praise God for the appointment of Matthew Nelson; Creative Arts & Worship Director; praying for his leadership in this significant ministry role. Pray for LifeGroup leaders; that they will apply God's word faithfully and that belonging to a LifeGroup will be a priority in the lives of our people. Pray for the strengthening of marriages; that Christ will be honoured at all times. Pray for Stuart as he prepares training material that will help us be better equipped in sharing our faith.

GERRINGONG: Rev Andrew & Liz Glover, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (AM), Kaylie Faras (ptCM), Simon Godden (A): Give thanks for the commencement of Jon & Fiona Clare and enthusiasm for new ministries. Please pray: for the development of family ministry; for the Clares as they settle in; for wise choices of ministry priorities; for a growing urgency to tell our community about Jesus; for wisdom with property issues; and for thankful, generous hearts to serve enthusiastically and to give cheerfully.

JAMBEROO: Rev David & Julie-Ann Cole (CIC): Please pray for: ministry future of Parish; possible land sale and development; ministry staff; unity amongst congregation; willingness to step out and speak to people in community; and the new mission awareness push for 2011.

DAY 11:

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UWS - Rev Adam Richards (pt): Father thank you for the Christian students attending UWS Campbelltown. Father fill them with a vision of your grace given in Jesus Christ. As the students study at the campus keep them focused on you. Let them not be confused or swayed by the world which calls to them so loudly, but in humility teach them to hold onto your word and trust it. Teach the Christians to walk such godly lives that others will notice and ask them what makes them different. Father make us different on campus and strengthen us to stand out on campus in godly ways. Father, we ask for those who do not know you at UWS Campbelltown, that you might have mercy on them. Pour out your Spirit on the campus that the Christian students will be able to share their hope with others. Pray that many people will be able to see the Christians on campus and seek to know Christ themselves. Give Adam vision and wisdom in being able to raise the profile of the Christian group on campus. Bring many people into relationship with yourself. Father we pray for Adam Richards the staff worker at UWS Campbelltown. Give Adam wisdom as he meets with students and works with them that he will be faithful to you. Grow him in love and knowledge of Jesus through reading your word. Keep Adam healthy in body so that he can do the work you have set before him. Father raise the financial support needed to continue the ministry at UWS Campbelltown. Father we pray for the Muslims at UWS Campbelltown. Bring them out of the darkness into the light of your word. Build on the relationships Adam and the students have begun with the Muslims on campus. May those relationships continue to grow and you use them to bring Muslims into relationship with your Son. Father bring Muslims into relationship with yourself for your own sake and glory.

WOLLONDILLY: Rev Kevin & Karen Flanagan, Rae Dutton (A): Pray that new people joining our churches will be quickly assimilated. Praise God for gospel opportunities through baptism and other contacts. Continue to pray for church planting initiatives in Tahmoor and for outreach to children and youth through Boys Brigade, playgroup, scripture and '1700' youth service. Pray that God would send the right person to fill the position of assistant minister / pastor to start in term 2.

MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven-Southern Highlands**DAY 12:**

MISSION LEADERS: Rev Matt Pickering & Rev Richard Mills:

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Bay & Basin Community Aged Care Program: David Neal:

ANGLICARE Moss Vale: Manager Matt Harden:

ANGLICARE SOUTH COAST: Manager Glenda Devlin, Deputy Manager: Jacqui Leonard, Program Managers: Marty Richardson & Kevin Percival, Karen Langton (A): Please pray: for our team of approximately 85 staff and volunteers that we might minister to the needs of our clients in a way that reflects the love of Christ and results in changed lives; that our staff might feel encouraged and supported by management and the wider community in the difficult work that they do; for wisdom in building ongoing connections with churches; for the building project in Nowra to be completed well and soon, for wisdom in making choices about ongoing accommodation for Ulladulla.

BERRIMA cum MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly: Give thanks for the Reilly's commencement of ministry service and the many people who attended. Give thanks for the Wardens and Parish Council who have led the church well in the absence of a Rector. Pray for the settling in of Dean and his family. Pray for wisdom for Dean and the PC in thinking through the most effective ways to grow our congregations in maturity and numbers and pray that our five churches would continue to grow in unity.

DAY 13:

BERRY with KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Neil & Leanne Percival, Rev Andrew & Cecily Paterson, Katrina Thomas (YM). Maggie Froggatt (A): Please pray for: the leadership of Neil & Leanne Percival in Berry and Andrew & Cecily Paterson & Katrina Thomas (youth ministry) in Kangaroo Valley; the process of determining future directions in Kangaroo Valley; our Pastoral Care training program and the development of a Pastoral Care team in Berry; the progress of the building development program in Berry.

BOMADERRY: Rev Sean & Linda Heslehurst, Emily Heath (CYM), Shane Orchard (MTS), Emma Orchard (M), Helen Lyons (A):

CORRIMAL: Rev David & Carol Esdale (AM), Rev John & Jan O'Keefe, Rev Jenni Stoddart (AM), Cathy Wynn (A): Please pray for us as we implement many of the changes that we talked about last year. Pray that people will be excited about all the opportunities we have this year to reach our friends and neighbours for Christ. Pray particularly for our small groups leaders as they lead our ministry this year from the small groups. Please also pray for the Parenting course that we are running connected to all our children's ministry and Sunday gatherings in May.

DAY 26:

DAPTO: Rev Stephen & Leigh-anne Semenchuk, Rev Scott Goode & Jim Mobbs (AM), Mary Pickford (CM), Peter Gold (YM), Di Whittaker (ptCA), Paul Seville (YM&T), Amy Brown (ptCM), Eliza Vesey, Karoleena Ivanov, Kaitlyn Dixon (CMI), John Batten (YI), Hilary Brown, Lyndall Bailey, Jill Pearce, Janelle Jansen, Linda Bell (A): Give great praise that the walls for our new auditorium & foyer have been erected. Please pray that our regular ministries will prosper during the next 4 months of building. Pray for our Easter outreach program of basket deliveries to contacts and an outdoor service at Lake Illawarra.

FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Dr Martin & Sandie Bragger, Olivia Latham (Y&CM), Alisoun Larkin (A): Give praise: for a great start to schools ministries, especially Kidz church in Towradgi Primary school; for increased giving over previous year. Please pray: for our search for a new staff member; for CrossNet cells meeting in the community; for the development of *CrossNet Playlife* (Playtime) as a Church for those who don't come.

DAY 24:

ANGLICARE WOLLONGONG: Manager Andrew Stratford: Please pray: for ANGLICARE staff and volunteers as we seek to care for our clients with skill and compassion in the name of Christ; for our Counsellors, as they offer privacy and safety for people to speak about their concerns; for Shellharbour Emergency Relief program. Please give thanks for: the generous Christmas Toys 'n' Tucker donations; the Australia Day Illawarra Aquathon: increased participation and fundraising from local churches.

AUSTINMER: Rev Steve & Anne Dinning, Rev Colin & Theresa

Barwise (AM), Wendy Potts (ptE), Julian Comer (A): Give thanks: for Church@theBeach being an excellent presence at Austi Beach in Jan; for the good rapport we have with our local primaries & high school for SRE. Pray this rapport continues this year. Pray that term 1 sermon series, 'God's Big Picture', would deepen our knowledge, appreciation & love of God's Word, and that this would then translate into transformation & growth for us as a church and individuals.

BERKELEY CHURCH PLANT: Captain Wayne Pickford:**DAY 25:**

BULLI/WOONONA: Rev Leigh & Merylyn Roberts, Andy Callow (YM), Dianne Williams (PA), Jo Bradley (A): Please pray that God would use our Ephesians' Series over Feb to May to reignite each member's love for Jesus and His mission and revive and reshape our church according to His plan, His way, for His purposes. Pray that we'd get Sundays right. That God would guide and bless our mission partnership with Evangelism Explosion in Tonga, especially with the EE field-worker, Apolosi Fungalua. Pray that his visit to BAC in March would be a powerful and mutual blessing. That'd we be intentional in making disciples – especially among men, and especially as we seek to encourage and train every active member to share the good news of Jesus. Pray that we'll maximize contact with occasional attendees at Easter.

CHESALON LIVING/CARE: Woonona, Fairy Meadow:

BOWRAL: Rev Stephen & Sharon Fifer, Rev Mathew & Cathy Brooks-Lloyd (AM), Larry & Caroline Mullan (YM), Rev Dr Vic & Delle Roberts (ptSM), Carmen Williams (KC), Glenys Howarth (PW), Allan Beavis (M), Janine Stewart (A): Give thanks for the appointment of new staff. Pray for Mathew and Larry as they settle into their new ministries and for Larry as he reorganises the youth work in the Parish. Thank God for the number in the Parish who attend Bible Fellowship groups and pray for the leaders, that they will be faithful in their leadership. Pray for wisdom as the architectural plans for our Hall Development continue to be worked on. Pray too for the refurbishment of the St Jude's website.

DAY 14:**CHESALON CARE: Nowra:**

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail: Give thanks for the enthusiasm of God's people to serve and join small groups. Pray that we will be driven by the purposes of God for our world in Christ. Pray that God would raise up more people to serve him in ministry of the word. Pray that we may persevere in faith as Christ builds his church.

FLEET AIR ARM HMAS ALBATROSS: Chaplain Ian & Maggie Lindsay:**DAY 15:**

HUSKISSON: Rev Ray & Louise Goldman, Trish Vaughan (A): Give thanks to God for a great start to the year and the encouragement from his people. Pray for David doing Youthworks Year13 that he will grow in his knowledge and love of God. Pray for youth who have left home to go to Uni that they will settle well into new life and new churches and grow strong as Christians. Pray for plans to make a monthly evening service weekly. Pray for property matters, that better facilities will be provided.

MITTAGONG: Rev Richard & Marge Mills, Canon John & Jan Livingstone (pt), Don Taylor (SLW), Mariette Wray (ptCW), Sue Davies (A): Please pray for a fresh unity within the congregation after a difficult year. Pray that we will all be seeking to support each other in love and seek to reach the lost in the local area.

NOWRA: Rev Matthew & Anne Pickering; Rev Jonathan & Melissa Lilley (AM), Rev Graham & Michelle Thomas (YW), Jan Tillott (PW), Rev David & Camille Woodbridge (SenM), Lyn Miles (All Saints' Com.Care), Josh Murphy & Kyarna Cruse (MTS), Jan Booth (A): Give thanks & praise for: outgoing MTS trainee Nathaniel Naden's 2 years of ministry at All Saints; growth in Youth Ministry; new young families joining the church; healthy challenges arising from our Summer Series on "Love, sex and marriage"; for new services in the Nursing Home Ministry. Pray for: combined Shoalhaven Anglican Youth trip to KYCK; Youth Group Bible Studies; Young Adults ministry initiatives and Bible Study groups starting up; more volunteers to join the team at All Saints' Community Care; All Saints' Teach-In with Dr David Peterson on 2nd April; an alert and effective ministry to Seniors; MTS students, Josh Murphy (Youth & Children) & Kyarna Cruse (ShACC); & continue to uphold Matthew, Anne and the children at this time of Matthew's ill health.

DAY 16:

ROBERTSON: Rev Barry & Anette Lee (LSL), Rev Ron Watts (L), Matthew Robson (YT): Pray for our Houseparty on the last weekend in March and for Reg Piper as he speaks at it. Pray for the Annual General Meeting on the third Sunday in March, that members will prayerfully consider standing for Parish Council and Wardens positions. Give thanks for the sale of a block of land enabling us to pay out most of our building loan but pray for answers as to how we can find the remaining money owed.

SCHOOLS: Tudor House:

Nowra & Shoalhaven Anglican College:

SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev Jonathan Lilley(p/t), Kyarna Cruse (MTS): Please pray for: men's fishing camp-Eden late Feb; Kyarna Cruse - new MTS; Nathaniel Naden - MTS, left, but heading to college; ShACC men growing in the Lord, men's Bible study Saturday mornings; Wreck Bay Bible study Monday evenings; for thoughts and plans to grow from a homogenous church.

YOUTHWORKS TRAINING COLLEGE: Principal: Rev Graham Stanton (on Sabbatical), Vice Principal: Jim French, Academic Dean: Andy Stirrup, Student Placement & Welfare: Kerrie Newmarch, Lecturers: Ruth Lukabyo. Director Distance Education: Ross Ryan, Distance Co-ordinator: Mike Southon, Year 13 Director: Andrew Nixon, Chaplain: Andrew Hudson, Assistant Director: Trinette Armitt, Lecturers: Pete Gunning, Fiona Fenwick, Student Support: Michelle Rush, Support Staff: Principal PA & Office Manager: Nola Betts, Student Registrar: Murray Wale, Caretaker: Jason Arthur, Caterer: Wolfgang Koeck: Give thanks for God's continued provision over College: for Faculty and Students having time to rest during the holidays; for the sense of anticipation at seeing God work through another year of College life. Pray for Graham as he works on his Thesis: for an increase in student numbers; for the new students as they settle into College life; for the Lord's strength and leading through the year.

MISSION AREA: Wollongong

DAY 23:

MISSION LEADER: Rev Stephen Semenchuk

ALBION PARK: Rev Steve & Trish Roberts, Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott (AM), Natasha Hansen (WPC), Tim Deutscher (YM), Lin George & Beryl Nash (A): Praise God for: successful SUFM Youth and Family Missions in January; a generous Grant we received to commence a Men's Shed; Tim and Leah settling in well. Pray for: planning for Men's, Women's and Youth events; Preschool Family Service on 15 May; Christianity Explored meeting Tuesday nights in Term 1; Marriage Course Monday nights from 2 May; us all as we study Mark 9-10 this Term - may we understand what it really means to follow Jesus the Christ.

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Dapto: Lyn Matchett:

MIRANDA: Rev Stephen & Susie Gibson, Rev Graeme & Susanna Howells, Andrew Southerton & Marty Feltham (AM), Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton (YM), Luke & Jess Moran (CM), Rev Alex Abbottsmith (pt), Jennifer Everist (PW), Rachel Evans, (Music), Rhys Duggan (YI), Simon Twist, Kylie Zietsch & Cam Harte (SM), Sharyn Perry (PA), Janet Bateman & Melody Zogratos (A): Give thanks: for our new staff Andrew Southerton & Marty Southerton and pray for new services @ 5pm (workers) & 7pm (students). Give thanks for Garry Dawes ministry over 18 years and pray for him as he starts as the Chaplain @ Taren Pt ARV. Also Give thanks for new people who have joined us this summer, pray that we will welcome and integrate them well. Pray that we will be outward looking in outreach and inward looking in love.

SUTHERLAND: Rev Rod Harding, Graham Johnson (AdM), Faye Hillier (PW), Ian Forest-Jones (AP), Benita De Rooy (CM), Sue Bastow (A): Give thanks for a positive start to a difficult year. Pray for the Parish Nominators as they visit and interview prospective new pastors. Pray for the process of transition for St John's, as Rod's retirement approaches (June). Give thanks for the opportunity provided by the Parish Weekend Away (29 April– 1 May) to draw together and to encourage community building and focus on our vision.

DAY 22:

SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Rev Ben & Sara Gray (AM), Ian Cartwright (SenM), Linda Greenwood (CM), Jeremiah Matson (SM), Louise Davies (SM), Diane Saunders (A): Give thanks for the way Ben, Sara & family have settled-into Sylvania. Give thanks for our student ministers & pray for Louise as she commences her time with us in February. Pray for the effective development of our SRE ministries across four primary schools, plans to restart SRE at Sylvania High from 2011 & our new youth program on Friday evenings. Pray for our Bible teaching series on Philippians in Term 1 as we engage in ongoing mission partnership.

YOUTHWORKS OUTDOORS PORT HACKING: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill and Staff:

SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Anthony & Jude Douglas (CIC), Kathy Kablar (ptCM), Rev Eric Bird (Assoc), Vacant (A): Thank God for the willing enthusiasm of our congregations as we take our first steps as our own parish. Our part-time children's worker has just found employment at Youthworks, so please pray that people will step up as needed to allow kids' ministries to continue to grow. Praise God for the great attendance we've had at our afternoon kids' club, and pray that we might be able to connect these kids with church on Sundays. Pray for growth in family ministries, and for perseverance for those who are carrying the load.

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis (CIC): Thank God for his continued goodness: through the generosity of his people we are moving closer to being financially self-sufficient. Praise God: for those baptised and confirmed in December (it was a great day!); for the Christian fellowship we enjoy with holiday makers over summer. Please pray: that our congregations would be faithful and obedient in their giving to ministry, both in finances and manpower; to engage our friends and neighbours in our community in gospel conversations; that our plans to start a group for primary aged kids would come to fruition; for a new seniors group, FAST, as it begins; for wisdom and endurance for our youth group leaders.

DAY 17:

SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Matthew Taylor (SLW), Rev Cyril Turner (Hon), Rev Colin Reed (Hon), Danielle Tonks & Jackie Bonham (A): Please give thanks: that our God is the Great God of mission and is drawing his people to himself; that Matt Taylor has commenced ministry in the parish; for growth in numbers during 2010. Pray for the Lick Family in Feb-Apr who will be rebuilding churches damaged by earthquakes in Chile (Los Alamos). Pray for Parish Council as we pray and seek God's guidance in our planning for the next five years.

ULLADULLA: Rev Frank & Margaret Mostyn (AR), Rev Jake & Jennifer De Salis (AM), Vacant (A): Give thanks with us for the recent ordination of Assistant Minister, Jake De Salis, as Deacon, and pray that his continued ministry with us, particularly among youth and families, will be fruitful. Give thanks, too, that Ross Maltman has accepted the invitation to be our new Rector. Pray for Ross and Leanne as they move from Lalor Park and begin their work with us in April. Pray that we would be wise and bold in our witness in the community, especially during the Easter period with so many visitors and community activities.

YOUTHWORKS OUTDOORS SHOALHAVEN: Rev Jodie & Mandy McNeill and Staff:

MISSION AREA: Sutherland

DAY 18:

MISSION LEADER: Rev Neil Fitzpatrick:

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Kirrawee: Larry Warton (Mgr), Julie Bryant:

Woolooware Shores: Peter Crawshaw:

CARINGBAH: Rev Stefan & Helen Bull, Rev Andrew & Jess Levy (AM), Rev Alex & Liz Zunica (AM), Rev Mike & Amelia Begbie (YW), Rev Di & Steve Lucas (CW), Rev Garry & Jeanette Dawes (Chaplain—Woolooware Shores), Rev Tony Tress (pt), Rev Kevin Engel (pt), Janice Ackland (ptPW), Marion Woodhouse, (ptSen M), Ross Collins (MTS), Alison Collins & Jason Smith (CMI), Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones (Hon), Mel Hulskamp (A): Please pray for Growth Day (13 March) for our church@8 and church@10 congregations as we focus on growing together as God's community. Please pray for our Easter services that many would be connected with Christ. Pray also for our Mission Week (8-15 May) and particularly for Church Open Day on the 15th May that many in our community will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

DAY 19:

CHESALON LIVING: Sutherland, Jannali:

CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Rich & Juliet Wenden, Rev Michael & Karen Baines (AM), Margaret Spring (PCW), Graham Dyason (ptCM), Susan Fleming (A): Praise God for: contacts made over Christmas and good opportunities to proclaim Jesus; for provision of Associate Minister (Mike Baines) to continue the ministry at Kurnell; growth with our family church service in 2010. Please pray for: Mike and Karen as they settle in at Kurnell; for outreach to men particularly at Kurnell; for Graham as he settles in, for his ministry amongst children and families at St Andrew's and also outreach into the suburb; for God's wisdom in our vision setting for the next 10 years.

ENGADINE: Rev Rick & Janene Lewers, Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves, Rev Ben & Kate Boardman, Rev Scott & Rebecca Hedley (YM), Lauren Tucker (SRE), Ian Morrison & Toby Campbell (SM), Robyn Lofberg & Barry Watson (A):

DAY 20:

GYMEA: Rev Graham & Jane Crew, Rev Stuart & Louise Crawshaw (AM), Rev Matt & Lauren Redmond (AM), Fiona Francesconi (YW), Tracy McCall (CM), Tim Beilharz (CM), Cheryl Fleming (A):

HELENSBURGH and STANWELL PARK: Vacant: Rev Jai & Christie McMordie (AM&YM), Naomi Lai (ptCM), Terry Mann (A): Give thanks for all the hard work, valuable ministry, great leadership and direction of Gary and Bec over the past 5 years as they move south to take up ministry in the schools down there. Pray also for our Church as we await a new rector, that we would remain focused on loving and serving God and our community. Pray that we trust in God during this time and remain united in Christ. Pray for those who will be stepping up in some areas to fill the void.

JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Stephen & Jacky Hooper (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Evelyn Street (WM), Meagan Bartlett & Matthew Beresford (MA), Jill Doctor & Jess Evers (A): Give thanks for the 20 years of faithful and fruitful youth ministry of Cameron and Fran Hyslop. Give thanks for a government grant to enable us to use an empty house as a ministry centre. Please pray that God would draw many people to himself during "Open for Inspection" from 26 March-24 April (which includes a week with a Moore College mission team).

DAY 21:

MENAI: Rev Bruce & Judy Dingwall, Rev Steve & Nonie Wakeford (YAM), Simon Owen (YM), Jenny Barrie (ptCW), Brad Warton (SM), Andrew Hartman (SM), Ben Stewart (SM), Kate Debreczeni (SM), Pat Jones (SM), Denise Gellett (A): We give thanks to God for the start of our new senior minister, Bruce Dingwall, and that he and his family have settled in well. Pray that he will have wisdom as he leads the church. Please pray for Tim Hudson's wife (Marg) and family as they grieve his death and celebrate his life. Pray that St Paul's will see the surrounding neighbourhoods as Jesus sees them: full of people who are helpless and harassed and like sheep without a shepherd. Pray that those who lead others will be godly and pure in all their dealings so that they can be models for them.