

## WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY



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**1 SEPTEMBER 2011—30 NOVEMBER 2011**

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### WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

#### DAY 1:

**BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward:** We thank God for his goodness to us. Please pray that we will continue to build relationships across the Wollongong Region. Pray for opportunities to reach into the city of Wollongong particularly at this time of need with job losses and economic pressures on individuals and families. Continue to pray for safety for Peter in the many kilometres travelled each week.

**ASSISTANT TO BISHOP Tony & Judy Willis:** We thank God for good health across the winter months and look forward to the sun and spring. Pray for wisdom in balancing time and commitments. Please continue to pray for Tony as he balances his role with the Wollongong Region and the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation.

**WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL:** Thanks for the ongoing partnership with parishes, Rectors, mission areas and the mission area leaders. Pray for wisdom in the use of the resources God has blessed our Region with.



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**DAY 2:**

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**ANGLICARE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS: Rev Ian Rienits & Chaplaincy**

**Teams:** Give thanks for the 60 volunteer chaplains and pray for God's strength for them as they experience the impact of the deteriorating health of some of the patients they see regularly. Pray for the effectiveness of the one-on-one ministry that happens each day in the Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Pray for the Clinical Pastoral Education Course being held at Coledale in October – that many would take the opportunity for training, and that some would also accept the ministry role of volunteer chaplain.

**ENGLISH FOR LIFE:** Give thanks for a great day of training with ANGLICARE in July. Pray that there will be many ongoing gospel opportunities with the many students who attend the EFL classes across the Region.

**DAY 3:**

**MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE: Jackie Stoneman and Staff:** Thank God for the Creative Ministries class that is running at Dapto this semester. Pray that the students during this subject will be encouraged to think through how their creativity might encourage God's people and be used to share the Gospel. Pray for the intensive on Ministry with seniors that will be running in Sept and Oct at Nowra. That many people will take advantage of this subject and gain a better understanding of both ministry to seniors and ministry by seniors.

**MOTHERS' UNION: Jan Livingstone (VP Wollongong Region):** Thank God for the three Deanery Presidents in our Region and the great work they do communicating with branches and thank God for the opportunities we have to serve visiting hospitals and offering hospitality in the courts. We ask that members be enthusiastic as they seek to encourage, strengthen and support marriage and family life. Give us wisdom as we seek to promote Christianly marriage and parenting in our families, churches and communities. Pray for boldness in our witness and clarity in our speaking as we talk to people about Jesus.

**POLICE CHAPLAINS: Rev Steve Davis, Rev Rod Harding:**



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**DAY 4:**

**SES CHAPLAINS: Rev Neil Brain:**

**YOUTHWORKS TRAINING: Andy Stevenson (HS SRE&Youth):** Jenni Stoddart has finished her time with us at YW. Jenni has decided to slow down a little and write a book and do some more study. Jenni's work was amazing and she did so much in her short time with us. At present please pray for Youthworks as we have 6 advisers across the 5 regions of the diocese. Like many organizations, funding has been tough and we pray for support in this. For now, I, Andy Stevenson, am the only adviser for the Wollongong Region, particularly focusing on high school and youth ministry, however also helping with primary SRE and children's ministry where needed. Pray for God's strength in this time.

**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 & Tim Ash (CM), Debbie Bannister (PW), Pat Burnett & Trish Harley (PC), Lyndall Nurse (PC&SG), Debbie Galea (M&WM), Marilyn Clarke & Brian Peacock (A):** Please pray for the recent confirmees – that they will continue to grow in their faith. Give thanks for the opportunity to present the gospel through Christianity Explained – please pray that participants will come into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the people who gave generosity for our Thanksgiving month. Give thanks for the staff at St Johns – may we continue to grow in faith and unity.

**CAMPBELLTOWN: Rev Nigel & Nicky Fortescue, Rev Stuart & Cathy Grant, Rev Leanne Burns (AM), Mark & Nicole Schroder (Y&CM), Simon & Gill Twist (SM), Amanda Nash (A):** Please continue to pray for the area of Campbelltown, that Jesus will be known. Thank God for a great church mission week with many people inviting friends. Please pray as we follow up those who would like to know more. Please pray for our baptism families as they come through our courses learning about who Jesus is. Thank God for the good transition from the church to the school hall for our 10am congregation.

**DAY 6:**

**DENHAM COURT: Rev Nigel & Janene Webb (CIC), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for the enthusiasm & growing maturity of new Christians in our church. Pray that will continue. Pray for those who recently went through a gospel course that they would respond in faith. Pray our Father's Day service will challenge many fathers about Jesus.

**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 for the ministry of Matt Stanley, our Youth Pastor who announced recently that he will be leaving the Church at the end of the year. Pray: that the Lord would raise up more workers for His harvest field at Eagle Vale; the 'Going forward 2012' series occurring between 9/10 and 6/11 to be effective in setting God's direction for the Parish and raising funds for next year; for the following events to be used by the Lord to further build His Church; for Youthworks Cricket Camp 4-6 Oct for 10-16 yr olds in the local area; outdoor evangelistic service on 23/10; Weekend Away on 25-27 November.

**GLENQUARIE: Rev Stephen & Karen Swanepoel, Michael Kinsey (ptYW), Jacquie Kinsey (Break the Cycle), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for four new families that have come to join us over the winter months. Please pray for the six people who are been trained as redemption group leaders. Pray that God will use this material to help people in our church and in our community overcome addictions of many kinds and turn to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. Pray for our planning for our holidays kids club in October and our Mission week with AFES towards the end of the year.

**DAY 7:**

**INGLEBURN: Rev Joe & Alison Wiltshire, Simon Hingston (ptE), Andrew Hall (MTS), Jason Craig (Y13), Margaret Wilson (A):** Give thanks for: general growth in church - in numbers and Christian understanding/commitment; Macarthur Men's Convention a stunning success - very challenging & stimulating; women's learn to read the Bible for yourself night packed out. Please pray for: Mission in December; future planning and staffing for next year; integration of new members and follow up of visitors; renovations on church, hall and grounds continuing.

**MACARTHUR FAMILY CHAPEL: Vacant, John & Wendy Clarke (LM), Rex Harris (PW):**

**MACARTHUR INDIGENOUS ANGLICAN CHURCH: Pastor Michael & Mary Duckett:**

**New Deacons and Rectors for 2011:**

Please pray for the following Rectors new to their parish:  
Steve & Kelly Carlisle *Helensburgh*

**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; **EM** Executive Manager; **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.

**ST PAUL'S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Rev Peter & Marie Dawson (Ret), Rev Don Wilson (Ret), Belinda Hudson (ptSRE), Roger Kyngdon (SM), Glenis Boyle (A):** Praise to God for slow but steady growth in our church family, with 'new arrivals' especially in our 10am family service. Pray for our Girl's Brigade, Boys Club and SRE teams as they seek to share the gospel with children from the public local schools, for the contacts that develop with parents, and for Geoff Cheshier as he heads up our children's ministry. Pray for Nigel as he works on developing the vision for the parish.

**DAY 31:**

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob Copland:** Thank the Lord for: "Freedom Week(s)" (16-26 August) Uni, raising the issue of 'freedom' with students; how we conversed over hot chai and invited people to talks on freedom: 1) from religion, 2) for money, 3) for sex; 3 who have become Christians (and possibly two more). Ask the Lord: for faithfulness in following up 20 people who responded; to give the 6 MTS apprentices and senior staff wisdom to manage this extra work while working on other Gospel opportunities at Uni and while raising needed support.

**WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon (AM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (ptSenM), Amy Lukins (ptCW), Deb Aitken (ptYW), Helen Stenton, Melinda Estell & Nerida DeRoy (A):** We thank God for answered prayers for our student accommodation and ministry. We are excited about the response to a recent preaching series on our use of technology as Christians. Please pray that we will continue to be Christ-centred in all that we do. And we especially ask for prayer for families affected by the reductions at Bluescope and that the Lord will work his purposes out in the lives of those concerned.

**WOLLONGONG: Rev Sandy & Karyn Grant, Rev Jim & Vanessa Douglass (AM), Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (AM), Juliette Antoon (WM), Bp Reg & Dorothy Piper (ptSenAM), Jon & Morwenna Baird (SM), Julie Clark, Maria Kerr & Pauline Eaton (A):** Please pray that our celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version would encourage Bible reading in the church and community. Ask God to help us in training future leaders for growth group and youth group Bible study leaders. Thank God for his gift of many babies to congregation members in the last year and pray for wisdom for parents to raise their children to know the love of Jesus.

**DAY 8:**

**MENANGLE: Rev Steve & Ros Davis, Brian Peacock (A):** Please pray: that our Sunday services would reflect the love and majesty of God; that we would prayerfully depend on God as we plan and prepare for the future. Pray for our youth and children's ministry particularly as we try to reach young people in Menangle and Douglas Park. Pray for Parish Council - pray for wisdom, clarity and firm trust in God and his good and eternal purposes.

**MINTO: Rev Chris & Jenny Hanger, Rev Matthew & Jessica Bales (AM), Evelyn Nicholls (Op Shop), Andy Grady (Y), Angela Bailey (A):** Pray that as a church we would conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel - standing firm in one spirit, contending as one for the faith of the gospel. Pray that we would have the same attitude as Christ Jesus in being humble servants for the glory of God.

**NARELLAN: Rev Michael & Alison Blake, Andrew & Tam Spalding (YM), Steve & Wendy Hitchins (LM), Adam & Trudy Richards (p/t), Julie McGilvray (A):** Pray for the commencement of an evening congregation at St Paul's Cobbitty as we see the need in reaching youth and provide another time slot for families. Pray for Steve Hitchins as he prepares for this and pray that the senior youth will accept invitations to be part of this Service. Pray that God would bring many to honour Christ as Lord in their life and make him known among their friends and family. Pray for continued ministry to youth in local High Schools as Andrew Spalding teaches Scripture weekly; give thanks that several youth have made commitment to Jesus as Lord and have been regular at lunch-time groups at the High Schools. Pray that youth would grasp the opportunity to meet at our Youth Group (Pulse) on Friday nights. Pray that Growth Group members would grow in love towards one another and faith in the Lord Jesus as we grasp hold of the strong hope we have in Christ. Pray that we would "hold out the Word of Life" and shine like stars in a depraved world as we live day by day. Pray that we would take opportunities to speak of our hope and security in Christ and that God would use us to see many saved.

**DAY 9:**

**PICTON-WILTON: Rev Phil & Pamela Parker (AM), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon) Lyn Jarrett (A):** The parish Ministry Leadership Team will commence meeting this Spring. Pray that Parish Council & Wardens will mesh well with it - providing practical support for ministries being developed in line with our Vision & Mission statements. Praise God for completion of major landscaping at Wilton and an excellent start to SRE at the new Wilton PS. The Picton pipe organ has been restored and is ready for ministry to the town. Our biggest challenges remain accommodation for families and youth at both centres – please pray!

**ROSEMEADOW with APPIN: The Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell, Rev Luke & Julia Collings (AM), Collette Wise (ptA):** Give praise for: the new people who have joined us this year and for those investigating Jesus; for the commencement of an outreach parish playgroup at Appin. Please pray: that God will save the new fringe people who have joined us; that our experimental ministry at the ANGLICARE shop on Sundays in October to December will be effective for Christ; that we will in all things grow up into maturity in Christ.

**SCHOOLS: Macarthur Anglican:**

**St Peter's Primary:** Give thanks for the positive impact of outreach activities within the school. Senior primary students are asking many questions in Scripture, Crusaders and in classes. Half of Year 6 attend a before school Friday Bible Study breakfast. Please pray that these Year 6 students will link to church youth groups. Please pray that school families not already connected to church may come to the 10am service that has recently moved from St Peter's Church to the new school hall.

**Broughton Anglican College:** Give thanks for the Service of Thanksgiving, held at the College on 28 August 2011. The service was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Broughton's contribution to '25 Years of Christian Education' in the Macarthur region and to praise God for all that He has provided to the College. Give thanks for the strong links between the College, St Peter's Anglican Primary School and St Peter's Anglican Church as we work together to present the Gospel in the local community. Pray for the our Parent Prayer Group and the Parent Evangelism Course held last term as an outreach activity to our parent body and for similar courses planned for later this year. Give thanks for the non-Christian ladies who attended the course and pray that they develop a relationship with Christ. Pray for the students and families in the College community. Pray for our students in Year 12 as they prepare for, and sit, the Higher School Certificate. Give thanks for the students who have accepted Christ as their Saviour and pray that those who have not yet made this

**MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Phyllis Coulstock (A):**

**DAY 29:**

**OAK FLATS: Rev Graham & Lesley Errington, Ben & Stacie Pakula (YW), Lydia Milliken (A):** Pray for the Nominators searching for the next Minister. Pray that the congregation will be able to keep all the clubs, Bible Studies, etc, going well during this time.

**PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Stephen Semenchuk (AR), Amy Brown (CM):** Thank God for the appointment of Rev Michael & Vanessa Turner who begin ministry at Port Kembla in November.

**SCHOOLS: Illawarra Grammar:** We give thanks for the appointment of Rev James Rogers as Chaplain of TIGS. We pray that he and his family will have a smooth transition from St Stephen's Anglican Church at Lugarno to TIGS and we look forward to God blessing his ministry. He will commence his duties in October. We are also thankful for the appointment of Rev Mark Grieve as Assistant Chaplain, commencing in 2012.

**Shellharbour Anglican College:** Mr Tony Cummings (Principal)

**DAY 30:**

**SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Rev Malcolm & Charissa Forrest, Amanda Grace (CM), Rev Matt & Jemma Bartlett (YM), Peter Stacey (E), Peter Miller (AdM), Sandy Cholson (A):** Praise God for his word dwelling richly amongst us from 1 Peter and his sustaining grace in difficulty. Pray for continued strength and energy for the task of discipling one another for the glory of Christ. Pray that our Parish Council will be faithful to the mission of the Church as they prepare plans and budgets for 2012 under great uncertainty. 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.

**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, (E), Karen Dixon (EM), Belinda Hudson (ptHS SRE), Dale Spencer (PA), Lisa Delaney (ptACM), Brianne Eastman (ptCW), Matthew Hawkins (CI), Rachelle Dunn (S), Jane Major-Smith (Integration), 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 (A):**

**GERRINGONG: Rev Andrew & Liz Glover, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (AM), Kaylie Faras (ptCM), Simon Godden (A):** Please Give thanks for: Jon & Fiona Clare's work; growth in family ministry; growing enthusiasm and involvement of more people in new ministries, completion of the children's playground and progress on other improvements. Please pray for: continued development of family, youth and seniors ministries; wise choices of ministry priorities; urgency to tell our community about Jesus; wisdom and energy for the new parish council sub-committees; thankful, generous hearts to serve enthusiastically and to give cheerfully.

**JAMBEROO: Rev David & Julie-Ann Cole (CIC):**

**DAY 28:**

**KEIRAVILLE: Rev John Reed, Christiana Muritidi (ptCM), Thayil John (ptSM), Dianne Arnold (A):**

**KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Stephen & Nicola Stanis, Rev Michael & Rosa Wells (AM), Rev Neil Matheson (Hon), Steve Inman (YM), Deb Baker (CF), Marguerite Robson (A):** We give thanks to God for the settling in of a significant number of Christians who are being loved and encouraged in their faith as we serve Jesus together. Please pray especially for the plans of redeveloping our halls to align them with our vision for ministry. The plans have been submitted to council for approval. Pray for a smooth passage, unity and enthusiasm as a Church when we meet to make the final decision. Pray for a growing ongoing witness to the community.

commitment continue to be challenged with respect to their relationship with Christ. Pray for the planning being undertaken in preparation for the 2012 academic year and for the continued provision of committed Christian staff and increased opportunities to work with families in our area.

**Wollondilly Anglican College:** Thank God: for the growth in local churches as the College grows and students/parents come to Christ; for the provision of Christian staff at the College to carry on His work; that He tests us with targets that are beyond our reach apart from prayer. Please pray for: continued growth in enrolments during increasingly difficult financial circumstances; the SASC mission to establish new Anglican Schools to make the gospel known to the next generation; wisdom for those who lead in an increasingly complex workplace.

**DAY 10:**

**SOUTH CREEK (HARRINGTON PARK): Rev Jono & Jenny Squire, Mel Gillies (CM), Gavin & Lara Oram (SM), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for answered prayer in God's provision through people's one-off gifts and pledged increased giving to enable the appointment of Gavin Oram (current Student Minister) to join our ministry team as a full-time assistant for the Parish starting in 2012. Pray for wisdom in planning and for the growth of the gospel throughout this expanding area in the years to come. Pray for the growth of our evening congregation and for the new ministry opportunities in Oran Park Town.

**THE OAKS: Rev Paul & Lorraine Davey, Mrs Inika Kroh (FM):** Thank God for the successful creation of a senior youth group, Thursday women's Bible study, Grasmere Bible Study and expansion of our junior youth group. Thank God for the creation of a 10am service team, the successful installation of a data projector in the church and the complete replacement of our hall roof. Please pray for the creation of the Missions Support Team and 'Befrienders' Team, the training of more lay preachers, lay service leaders and Bible study leaders.

**DAY 11:**

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UWS - Rev Adam Richards (pt):** Give thanks for the growing ministry at the campus and for the enthusiasm of the students to know God. Pray the ministry will continue to grow and that more Christen students will see the importance of using the ministry to evangelise their peers. Give thanks for the series in Genesis and pray that students will continue to find it an encouraging and challenging series in terms of knowing God. Pray for the sermons in Genesis that God will use them to grow his word on Campus. And finally just pray for the on-going financial viability of the ministry.

**WOLLONDILLY: Rev Kevin & Karen Flanagan, Rev Robert & Miriam Meischke (AM), Rae Dutton (A):** Give thanks for some recent great camps: Boys Brigade and LAN. Pray for the Annual Bible Youth Camp (ABC) 14-16<sup>th</sup> October. Continue to pray for spiritual fruit as we continue door knocking in Tahmoor. Pray for fruitful outreach through playgroup (Toddler Time), Boys Brigade & SRE. Please pray for effective evangelistic ministries in Picton High.

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

**MISSION LEADER: Rev Richard Mills:**

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

**ANGLICARE SHOALHAVEN: Manager Glenda Devlin, Deputy Manager: Jacqui Leonard, Program Managers: Marty Richardson, Judith Edwards & Kevin Percival, Karen Langton (A):** Give thanks for our new facility in Ulladulla and that work has commenced on the conversion of the old Chesalon facility in Nowra to a Community Care Centre. Please pray that work will be completed well and soon and that we will gain approval from our funding bodies to move our Family Relationship Centre into this facility. Please pray: that staff from Berry to Bega might be encouraged and supported in the difficult work that they do; for safety of staff that often travel long distances and work in challenging circumstances; for wisdom in building ongoing connections with churches; and that every relationship we make might be honouring to God, assisting those who know Him to serve Him better and those that don't know Him to be encouraged to seek out further connection with Christian people and understanding of the gospel.

**DAY 25:**

**BULLI/WOONONA: Rev Leigh & Merrilyn Roberts, Andy Callow (YM), Dianne Williams (PA), Jo Bradley (A):** Pray for us as we continue to develop (and implement!) a simple, clear, helpful vision statement and planning process that helps us intentionally grow as, and make, 3D disciples for Jesus : Devoted to Jesus + Displaying Jesus + Decaring Jesus. Thank God that He did some powerful work in and through a small team of BAC members who travelled to Tonga last term, using EE to train Tongan Christians. Pray for the Tongan 'trainees' to now train others to train others. Pray for follow-up/discipleship of Tongans who professed new faith during the mission and direction for ongoing partnership there. Pray that we'd be faithful in training and encouraging every member of BAC to actively share their faith.

**CHESALON LIVING/CARE: Woonona, Fairy Meadow:**

**CORRIMAL: Rev David & Carol Esdale, Rev Jenni Stoddart (AM), Cathy Wynn (A):** Please pray for us as we make considerable changes to our Sunday Gatherings. While there has been a great amount of word gone into working out what changes need to be made, pray that we may be able to communicate that word clearly to everyone. Pray that we may care for everyone through these changes. Pray that these changes may be used by God to further the gospel work in this area. Pray also that we may raise the funds to free up someone to do youth ministry next year.

**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):**

**FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Dr Martin & Sandie Bragger, Aidan and Beth Carlesson (LM), Olivia Latham (Y&CM), Alisoun Larkin (A):** Praise God for the ongoing expansion of our CrossNet cells and groups and the increasing opportunities they bring for interaction with community members. Praise God for our ministries in both primary and high schools, and for creative ways to be found to engage the whole of the school communities. Also that God will provide resources for increased staff for expansion of these ministries. Pray for wisdom for the church Leadership Team.

## **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 & Lynece Hawkins (A):** Praise God for: construction of Men's Shed; several teenagers attended our Youth Leadership Training Camp. Please pray for: Holiday Kids' Klub 28-30 Sept; Youth as they consider Confirmation; our Sermon series on being the church together as we prepare for Commitment Day on 23 Oct; our Weekend Away 1-3 Oct; continued funding for Men's Shed for equipment; God to continue raising up workers for the harvest field in Albion Park High School SRE and Shine.

**ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Dapto: Lyn Matchett:**

### **DAY 24:**

**ANGLICARE WOLLONGONG: Manager Andrew Stratford, Program Managers Matt Harden, Debbie Magyar & Maria Orr:** Please pray for: people seeking support that they will further their resilience, sustainability and inclusion and be enabled to make decisions and take control of their lives; delivery of services in partnership with parishes to make a real difference to people in need; Government support for the development of a comprehensive case management model to address the root causes of deprivation and exclusion. Give thanks for: continued support from those donating food and clothing to our Emergency Relief programs.

**AUSTINMER: Rev Steve & Anne Dinning, Rev Colin & Theresa Barwise (AM), Wendy Potts (ptE), Julian Comer (A):** Please pray as we go through a process of discerning God's vision for church life over the next 5-10 years.

**BERKELEY LIFE CENTRE: Captain Wayne Pickford:** Praise god for the way we see him moving and transforming lives in Berkeley as people get to know Jesus. We also want to praise God for the faithful friends who have come on board to help us lately with putting together a promotional video, constructing a website and helping us raise up local musicians to play in our band at Sunday gatherings. We would like to ask for continuing provision from God for finances, support for Wayne, guidance and our ability to disciple people well.

**BERRIMA cum MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly:** Thank God for the last 7 months of settling in and connecting with the churches and the Parish. Thank God for the enthusiasm throughout our churches and the excitement with seeing new families and individuals coming to our services. Pray that we would not simply be welcoming but that we would form strong relationships. Pray for wisdom for reaching into our communities, beginning a men's ministry and adjusting our women's ministry. Pray that these changes would bring further enthusiasm and not disappointment. Pray for our children's ministries (playgroup, Sunday School, youth group) as we work at making better contacts with the parents and the youth.

### **DAY 13:**

**BERRY with KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Neil & Leanne Percival, Rev Andrew & Cecily Paterson, Katrina Thomas (YM). Maggie Froggatt (A):**

**BOMADERRY: Rev Sean & Linda Heslehurst, Emily Heath (CYM), Shane Orchard (MTS), Emma Orchard (M), Helen Lyons & Sue Davies (A):** Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of Shane & Emma's son, Jethro Lemuel. Pray for our home groups that meet each week, especially our 'Young Mums' group on Thursdays at the church with increasing numbers of children (and Mums!) attending – please pray for the child minders! Pray for the upcoming 'Switch' conference at Waterslea & for the women attending & continue to pray for the Scripture in Schools ministry.

**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), Jeannine Garrard (A):** Thank God for the result of the Special Church meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, when the Parish approved the concept plan for the redevelopment of the hall – pray for those who will be finalising the plan. Pray for Stephen in his regular ministry at five retirement centres. Pray for Mathew as he encourages the Bible Fellowship Leaders and growth of numbers attending studies.

**DAY 14:****CHESALON CARE: Nowra:****CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail:****FLEET AIR ARM HMAS ALBATROSS: Chaplain Ian & Maggie**

**Lindsay:** Please pray for the recently released course "*Faith Under Fire*". Specially developed for the Aust Defence Force, Faith Under Fire seeks to inform members of the ADF about the role and value of faith in military service and provide an insight into the Christian faith. This course is based upon John Dickson's and the Centre for Public Christianity, "The Life of Jesus". Please pray that men and women across the ADF will take up the offer of attending this six week study course and in particular for myself as I host it onboard HMAS Albatross and throughout the Shoalhaven region. Pray that through attending this course the lives of many men and women of the ADF will be changed as they come to know and accept Christ Jesus into their own lives and thus be strong leaders for God's Kingdom as they serve both God and Country.

**DAY 15:**

**HUSKISSON: Rev Ray & Louise Goldman, Trish Vaughan (A):** Thank God for an inspiring youth camp. Pray for David Elmer doing Year 13 and for others who are planning to follow him. Pray that our plans to plant an evening church service in the local High School hall will be successful. Pray for property matters, that better facilities will be provided for the long term future of the church.

**MITTAGONG: Rev Richard & Marge Mills, Canon John & Jan Livingstone (ptSenM), Don Taylor (SLW), Di Roki (FM), Kathy Crawshaw & Julie Marks (A):**

**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 (MTS), Jan Booth (A):** Please pray for: an open door for the 8am service to grow; the evangelistic luncheon with Ron Johnson 18th November that Seniors will bring their friends to; successful transition for G2C (Yr 6) to Youth Group and Yr 4 as they come up to Friday Night Live. All Saints Community Care: Pray for a few more volunteers to come forward; that contacts made will open up gospel opportunities.

**SUTHERLAND: Rev Andrew Hudson (AR), Ian Forest-Jones (YM&YAM), Benita De Rooy (CM), Faye Hillier (PW), Graham Johnson (AdM), Sue Bastow (A):** Give thanks for: the leadership of Andrew Hudson during this interim period; the nominators who are faithfully looking for a new Senior Pastor. Please pray for: church members to continue to look to God during this time of transition, trusting Him to raise up the right person in his time to come and lead us; for a good cross-over between children's and youth ministries; for a new lunchtime group to get up and running at the local primary school.

**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 an encouraging time in God's Word looking at "The Wondrous Cross". Pray for our Term 4 expository preaching on "The Book of Revelation" and our integrated bible study approach. Give thanks for our High School SRE (relaunched in 2011) and for the appointment of a third SM in 2012 (Tom Melbourne). Pray for the growth of our SRE ministries across all five schools in the Parish; wisdom in taking up further opportunities with new retirement/nursing home facilities being built locally; ongoing vision for our wardens in planning property improvements; and, most importantly, for a genuine hunger for God's Word with a commitment to prayer.

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

**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:**

**JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Stephen & Jacky Hooper (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Evelyn Street (WM), Lauren Dewhurst (CM), Meagan Bartlett & Matthew Beresford (MA), Rachel Ware (A):** Give thanks that Lauren Dewhurst has joined the staff team as our first f/t children's minister. Give thanks for Meagan and Matt's growth in Christ and as ministers of the gospel. Ask God to give the whole church boldness and creativity in local mission. Give thanks that sufficient funds have been raised to "finish the job" in providing disability access and refurbishment to two houses, in order to make best use of our whole site for ministry. Pray that the work will be completed on time and on budget this spring.

**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):** Give thanks for God's continuing provision of good leaders in our ministries. Please pray: that we will see people as Jesus sees them: 'harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd'; that we be wise in making decisions about our direction; that the gospel ring out loud and clear through us; that new staffing positions be filled with the right people.

**MIRANDA: Rev Stephen & Susie Gibson, Rev Andrew & Adele Southerton & Rev Marty & Katrina Feltham (AM), Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton (YM), Luke & Jess Moran (CM), Rev Alex Abbottsmith (pt), Jennifer Everist (PW), Katie Cawdell-Smith & Rachel Evans, (Music), Rhys Duggan (YI), Sarah Prabhakar, Kylie Zietsch & Cam Harte (SM), Sharyn Perry (PA), Alex Gartner & Melody Zografos (A):** Give thanks for Graeme & Susanna Howell's ministry over 9½ wonderful years and pray for them as Graeme settles in as the Senior Minister @ Rouse Hill. Give thanks: for our new staff Dan Bidwell starting Jan 1 as new Assistant Minister at St Luke's and as our new Miranda North Pastor. Give thanks for Building work going on to increase our meeting spaces. Pray for remain fundraising to meet the target and get us back on budget for general giving. Pray for upcoming outreach events: Men's night with Nick Farr-Jones & preparation for Christmas Carols outside at Port Hacking High on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Also give new people who have joined us recently, pray that we will welcome and integrate them well.

**DAY 16:**

**ROBERTSON: Rev Barry & Anette Lee, Matthew Robson (YT):** Give thanks that through some generous gifts and interest free loans from the congregation, we have been able to pay out our bridging loan with the Diocesan Finance and Loans Board for our new building. Pray for the planning of the Children's Holiday Programme for the October Holidays and for Matt Robson as he leads it. Pray for an improvement in our General Finances.

**SCHOOLS: Tudor House:**

**Nowra & Shoalhaven Anglican College:**

**SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Rev Jonathan Lilley(p/t), Kyarna Cruse (MTS):**

**SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Anthony & Jude Douglas (CIC), Rev Eric Bird (Assoc), Vacant (A):** Thank God for the faithful service offered by our church members – service that cares for the lonely, feeds the sick, and reaches out to the lost. Pray for plans to employ a school chaplain/ children's minister next year. Praise God for the many blessings we have received in both people and facilities. Pray for energy to keep striving for the goal.

**SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis (CIC):**

**DAY 17:**

**SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Matthew Taylor (SLW), Rev Cyril Turner (Hon), Rev Colin Reed (Hon), Danielle Tonks & Jackie Bonham (A):** Give thanks for: joyous 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations at All Saints Sutton Forest with Bishop Harry Goodhew; steady growth in attendance and offertories (particularly at Exeter); exciting, new after-school children's clubs at Bundanoon AND Tallong. Pray: for ongoing efforts to engage with our local communities; that we will all live faithfully in the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ.

**ULLADULLA: Rev Ross & Leanne Maltman, Rev Jake & Jennifer De Salis (AM), Vacant (A):** Give thanks for: all that the Lord gives us, especially salvation through Christ alone; the opportunity and privilege of ministering to the lost in our community; those who were able to respond to the challenge to increase their offertory, so far, towards gospel ministry in our parish. Please pray for: a positive financial outcome, in order to keep our assistant minister for next year; ministry direction as we seek to mature the people of God, and win the lost for Christ; fruit to bear from ministering to children and young families.

**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:** Give thanks and praise to our Almighty God for the Christian foundation and the unique community nature of Donald Robinson Village. Please pray for the Christian residents who are always ready to stand, lead and serve, when often, they too are frail and aging. Pray for wisdom for staff, as they facilitate programs for the aging community and support those who are carers to their spouse, family members or neighbours.

**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):** Thank God for the many ministries at St Phil's that are seeking to make new contacts within our community. Please pray as we plan for 2012 (Staffing and Ministries) that God would work generously through his people here and that we would see many connected with Christ as a result of what we plan. Pray also for Stefan and his family as they take Long Service Leave from mid-November to the end of January that it will be a refreshing time for them and that the Parish will continue to thrive while they are absent.

**DAY 19:**

**CHESALON LIVING: Sutherland, Jannali:**

**CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Rich & Juliet Wenden, Rev Michael & Karen Baines (AM), Graham Dyason (ptCM), Susan Fleming (A):** Give thanks for: some new families who have joined us this year, especially those from Baptism and Wedding contacts. Pray for the planning team, as they set forward a vision to 2020; and for the future direction of Children's ministries in the parish.

**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), Jarrad Spring (YW), Tracy McCall (CM), Tim Beilharz (CM), Cheryl Fleming (A):** Give praise for: new members & visitors; united & gospel-hearted leadership teams; faithful & powerful ministries to youth, children & seniors; strong commitment of members to giving, outreach and prayer. Please pray for: Tim's successful completion of his B.Th; Outreach events in Nov-Dec; provision of a suitable woman employed as Pastoral Worker; wisdom in setting church vision, goals, building & church plants plans; for God to raise up more young men and women for fulltime gospel work locally and abroad.

**HELENSBURGH and STANWELL PARK: Rev Steve & Kelly Carlisle: Rev Jai & Christie McMordie (AM&YM), Naomi Lai (ptCM), Terry Mann (A):** Thanks to God for the great gospel work of Gary Eastment over the previous years. Thanks to God for the faithfulness of Jai McMordie in caring for the parish while there was no Senior Minister. Pray that the gospel would ring out from the hearts of all people at Helensburgh and Stanwell Park Anglican to all the residents of 2508 and beyond. Give thanks for the safe arrival of Nathanael McMordie. Pray for the Lai family as they prepare for the arrival of their third child. Pray that Steve and Kel would settle in well and share the gospel faithfully.