

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY November 2016

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

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| TUE 1 | Thank God that he has not left us without a Word on what it means to know him, to be a true follower of Jesus. Pray that as Kerry prepares to speak on Assurance , that God would give him a clear understanding of what the Bible says on this subject. |
| WED 2 | GUMTREES PLAYTIME – Give thanks for all the parents and children who have attended on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the year and for the opportunity it has given to share the love of Jesus. Pray for Rosemary and Emma who coordinate these groups and other helpers as they prepare for their pre-Christmas Gingerbread House outreach evening. Thank God for the 80+ volunteers (including Helen, Steve, Bev, Paddy, Nola and many others) who help at The Community Pantry (TCP) . Pray they continue to show caring, acceptance, love and concern for the guests. Ask God to guide the TCP Committee to know His plans and purposes as they meet this week to discuss the budget, Christmas/December, summer dinners for January and plans for 2017. |
| THU 3 | Warriewood Anglican – Pray Bill Graham would teach clearly and faithfully as the overview of the bible course , “The Big Bible Story, Creation - to - Christ” continues for another 5 weeks. Pray those attending would deepen in their understanding of God’s plan for salvation and that this would deepen their love for Jesus. |
| FRI 4 | Pray for university students preparing to sit exams over the next 3 weeks, pray they be conscientious in revision and study and remain healthy and focused. |
| SAT 5 | Thank God for those who serve on our Traditional Church Leadership team . Praise God for Philip Selden and his leadership of this group. Pray for wisdom for Nola, Helen, Alan, John and the others as they meet tomorrow afternoon to plan . Ask God to help them to care well for all the members of this congregation and to plan suitable events. |
| SUN 6 | WAC – Pray those preparing for confirmation over the next 6 Sundays will grow in knowledge and understanding of God’s word and in their commitment to follow Jesus. Pray that many residents of Warriewood ARV will take up the opportunities to read the Bible in small groups, in One to One pairs and in the Bible Timeline course this month. Give thanks for the Night Church Leadership Team who meet this afternoon to do some planning and review Night Church. Give thanks for Nat Bannister, Nathan Bessant, Rod Smith, Lisa Bale, Donna Kane, Rosie Martin & Dan Malik and their service on the team this year and ask that we would have an encouraging and fruitful meeting today. |
| MON 7 | MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES Wollongong Uni - Pray for students during exam time, that when they are stressed, they will keep their eyes on Christ and that he will keep refining them through this time. Pray for Irwan and the other staff as they prepare for NTE (National Training Event). Pray that many people will come to the FOCUS Christmas Carols on 17th November, and be convinced of their sin and God's grace. Pray for Irwan as he meets with students who will be returning to their home countries, that they will be encouraged to keep turning to God. Ask God for wisdom to know how Irwan and Catherine and churches in the Wollongong area can reach out to the growing number of refugees arriving to settle there. |
| TUE 8 | Pray for the members of Mothers Union as they fellowship together at a Christmas lunch at 12 noon today at the ‘Dug Out’ at the War Vets Collaroy. Give thanks for Sandra Burgess coordinating MU this year, pray for good health for her and all the members. |

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| WED 9 | <p>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE – Praise God for His provision for this ministry and for the team of committed counsellors. Please pray that the Lord will put it on the hearts of many to support this ministry with prayer and financially. Pray for a good outcome for the Council grant application. Pray for wisdom in choosing an Intern for next year and for this to go smoothly; pray for emotional and spiritual healing for each of their clients.</p> <p>TCP – Thank God for the ongoing support from the Sharks Footy Club for The Community Pantry. Pray that guests will invite along friends to join with them to enjoy the meal, companionship, and take home fresh fruit and vegies.</p> |
| THU 10 | <p>Thank God for Simon Manchester coming to speak at the Men’s Breakfast on Saturday on the subject of “Can Satisfaction Be Nailed Down”. Pray he connects well with the men who attend, pray many would come along.</p> |
| FRI 11 | <p>SCHOOLIES – Pray for the Year 12's as they head away on Soulies Schoolies this weekend, that it would be a refreshing break and one where they are able to consider what life after school will hold for their faith and walk with Jesus. Pray for all students heading away on other schoolies to stay safe and be sensible with decisions as they celebrate.</p> |
| SAT 12 | <p>Saturday Kids – Give thanks for those who serve at Saturday Kids including Nicole and Ellen for Preschoolers. Also give thanks for Naomi teaching the school aged kids, pray she settles in to this role, teaching God’s word and Jesus’ love faithfully and that she connects well with the children setting boundaries as necessary.</p> |
| SUN 13 | <p>Pray for Philip Selden preaching today at Traditional Church, pray that God will speak through him to challenge and encourage us with what God’s word says about ‘Success’.</p> |
| MON 14 | <p>MISSION – Kent and Linda - Give thanks for the successful lunch gathering at their home of 19 people from Central Asia now living in Australia. Pray for Kent and Linda and family to be a blessing for these people and that relationships would deepen and for them to come to know our Creator; give thanks for the good weather and the friends who helped with chairs, glasses etc. Pray for two ex inmates awaiting deportation, that Kent is visiting; pray N continues to grow in his trust of Jesus and for God to change T’s heart and give him peace in a difficult situation.</p> |
| TUE 15 | <p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop UTS - Please pray for a good start to Credo's new Summer session that starts next week, for opportunities to connect with new students and share Jesus with them. Pray that God would raise up students who are willing to serve him on campus as small group leaders. Pray that he would be growing a desire for evangelism amongst students in Credo.</p> |
| WED 16 | <p>Give thanks for Molly Jones, Daisy Scott & Taylor Keyes and the things they’ve learnt and contributed to at church this year. As they finish up their study with Youthworks Year 13 program, pray for their graduation service tonight, that it would be a great time of celebration as they reflect on the evidence of God’s grace in their lives throughout 2016. Give thanks for those working on the Dickson 2 team (including Ruth Dickson and others), pray they enjoy serving the guests at the TCP dinner this evening. Pray guests feel loved and cared for and continue to build relationships with volunteers and other guests.</p> |
| THU 17 | <p>Pray for the Watoto fundraiser event on Saturday night at the Neilson’s home. Give thanks for the many people who have contributed and pray that the evening is a success in raising the money required for the work the team will do in Uganda in April next year. Pray for Stuart and Kathy Neilson as they host this event and lead the St Faith’s Watoto team.</p> |

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| <p>FRI 18</p> | <p>Pray the residents at Seaside Nursing Home are encouraged in their faith and comforted by the hope we have in the salvation from Jesus Christ at today's chapel service. Pray for Grant and for Ernie Burgess leading and giving a talk and prayers. Give thanks for the Channons, Alan, Helen, Margaret and Julie who lead music and singing at this service that is held every second month.</p> <p>Pray for a safe time away for Saturday and ARVO Church people heading to the Central Coast for their Combined weekend away. Pray for good fellowship and a time of growing in their love for one another and Jesus.</p> |
| <p>SAT 19</p> | <p>WAR VETS - Thank God for the congregation meeting in the RSL Village at Collaroy Plateau each week, and for Tony Bradford and Bob Durbin who lead this ministry. Pray for Kerry Nagel, as he speaks at the service tomorrow, that he would connect well with the older members who attend. Pray that any people who do not know Christ might be saved.</p> <p>MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye on home assignment from Tanzania - Pray for safe travel as they travel to and from their home in Ulladulla to visit WAC this week. Pray the church service with lunch tomorrow and visits during the week to small groups to share experiences of their mission work is encouraging for them and the people of WAC. Pray for their children Kara, Micah and Matilda as they cope with school and changes during this home assignment time, and the older two attempt to also keep up with their curriculum in Tanzania</p> |
| <p>SUN 20</p> | <p>MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington - Praise God for the years they have spent living with the Kunwinjku people of East Arnhem Land supporting them in their walk with Christ and translating the bible into their language. Pray their time spent at St Faith's today is encouraging for both them and us as we give glory to God for the spread of his gospel. Pray for God to raise up more willing workers for mission in northern Australia. Give thanks for the Soulies leadership team, and ask that today as they meet to plan and discuss Summercamp and 2017 - that they would have wisdom and insight as they seek to point the youth of St Faith's closer to Jesus next year</p> |
| <p>MON 21</p> | <p>Give thanks for the growing group of Scrapbookers and for Judith who enthusiastically leads this group.</p> <p>Pray for the NPSRE Association board as they meet for the final time tonight. Give thanks for the work of David Curnow, Sandy Walsh, Ruth Dickson and others in this ministry and pray for a helpful meeting tonight. Pray also for Alison Wheatley as she continues to teach SRE at Cromer Campus, that she would be a godly example and would speak the gospel in a way that helps students to understand the truth of it.</p> |
| <p>TUE 22</p> | <p>Thank God for those who serve on Parish Council, especially our Wardens Brad, Lyn and Tim and Stuart our Treasurer. Give thanks for their and Al's oversight of the construction of the new parish houses on the Plateau. Pray for wisdom for Kerry and all the councillors as they meet tonight to discuss and decide on the direction and needs of St Faith's & WAC.</p> |
| <p>WED 23</p> | <p>Pray for the Jelly Wobbles as they celebrate Christmas with the students at Collaroy Plateau and Wheeler Heights Public Schools today. Ask that God would use their songs and skits to teach the students about the importance of Christmas in the Christian faith. Give thanks to God for Ben, Brad, Al, Michelle, Dave and others for their work spreading the gospel through this ministry.</p> <p>Ask God to sustain guests at TCP who are having struggles, pray for the Everingham team(including Dave, Jayne, Glenn and others) as they cook, serve and clean up and talk to guests, that they continue to show love and concern to guests.</p> |

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| THU 24 | Praise God for the way the Quilting and Needlework Club brings members of the community into the church where they hear a gentle gospel message each week as they sew. Give thanks for Judith and others who are dedicated to seeing this group run well. Pray for Philip Selden as he prepares to speak at both Saturday and Arvo Church this weekend on ' Suffering '; pray his preaching will encourage us to persevere and continue to trust that God is in control. |
| FRI 25 | Give thanks for the children attending Lighthouse this term, pray for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts, pray what they hear about God and his love for them helps these kids to come to trust and follow Jesus . Give thanks and pray for the leaders including Ellen, Claire Tess Phoebe, Dan, Toby, Jarreau, Georgia, Ferg, Zep, Ella and Jess to faithfully teach and demonstrate this love through their actions each Friday. Give thanks for parents including Rosemary and Yvette who have helped this term, pray for more parents to be involved. |
| SAT 26 | Pray for Jason Vandenburg and Belinda Hooley who are being married today at St Faith's. Give thanks to God for the work He has done in each of their lives that continues to bear fruit and pray that their marriage would reflect something of the love Jesus has for his church. Pray that the ceremony today honours God and highlights the gospel to those attending. |
| SUN 27 | WEEKEND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – Pray for God to sustain those who have served faithfully in our weekend children's ministry and Sunday Club this year including Ellen, Siobhan and Suz . Ask God to raise up more teachers and helpers for Sunday Club who will commit to seeing the children of St Faith's grow in their knowledge and love of God. |
| MON 28 | GUMNUT KINDERGARTEN – Pray for enrolments for 2017 that we fill all days ensuring full funds. Pray for wisdom for Trish and Victoria in their studies. Pray for preparations for the end of year and Christmas events, pray the daily practices this week for the end of year Gumnut Kindy Concert go well. |
| TUE 29 | SMALL GROUPS – Give thanks for those who lead our small groups, including, Sarah, Ruth Paul, Stuart, Ben, Dave, Jayne, Mitch and many others. Pray all who attend a group will be encouraged and supported as they look deeper into God's word. |
| WED 30 | MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb, Broome - Give thanks that Chris has been invited to give Christian encouragement to residential at a local drug and alcohol rehab centre. Pray for the small group of Aboriginal men and women, mostly from remote communities, who have been reading the bible and singing together with Chris each Tuesday. Pray for God's healing and peace for them, that God would help them to stay sober and grow in their walk with Jesus. The Webbs fly to Sydney today to begin Home Assignment and are sad to be spending 6 months away from the people they have been ministering to, ask God to continue working in the lives of the people they have been discipling while they are away. Give thanks for the children who accompany their mothers to TCP , and for Linda and Jenny who often do craft with them . Pray that all guests are welcomed and continue to enjoy talking with volunteers. CHRISTMAS PREPARATION – Pray for the staff and others involved in preparations for Christmas including Natalia working on graphics, Christine Bannister, Nola and others from The Traditional leadership team who are preparing for the Christmas lunch this Friday, and Helen Channon and the choir practicing for the Carol service. |

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 22nd November, 2016. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.