

## ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY April 2017

**Matthew 6:6** *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

SAT 1	Pray for <b>Warriewood Anglican</b> as they pray and consider the best way forward to reach their neighbours with the Gospel. Pray the Spirit will inspire and encourage the saints at Warriewood to be dedicated to seeing one another grow in their love for God, and their love for others through serving, worshipping together, fellowship, spiritual maturity and mission. Please pray that God will bring together some teams and raise up some leaders to focus on one of these key areas. Ask God to give <b>Marcus DrUITT</b> wisdom as he oversees all this.
SUN 2	Pray for <b>Neil and Marcus</b> who are preaching at our services this weekend on "our words"; pray for wisdom and insight into God's word and that God's Spirit would illuminate this part of His word in our hearts and lives.
MON 3	Thank God for the work of the <b>Cottage Counselling Centre</b> , and especially for the faithful leadership of the director, Jenni Lakos. Ask God to give board members James, Peter, Gale and others wisdom as they meet tonight for the Annual General Meeting.
TUE 4	Thank God for the great news of <b>Easter</b> , that God has come to rescue his people in Jesus. As we celebrate with the theme " <b>Grief Turned to Joy</b> ", pray the information about Easter Services would lead people to join us at Church this Easter. Ask God to give us all boldness to invite friends and neighbours along. Pray Mitch, Neil, Kerry, Philip and Marcus would all prepare well, and be able to connect with visitors who come to our services.
WED 5	Thank God for the <b>staff who serve at St Faith's</b> . Pray as they meet today for lunch and planning, that God would give them all a passion to see more people come to know Christ. Ask God to help Kerry to care for and lead the team well. Pray especially that <b>new staff, Marcus, Ella, Lucy, Kylie, Annelie &amp; Georgia would continue to settle in well</b> . Give thanks for the relationships that are building between <b>volunteers and guests at the Community Pantry</b> . Pray for the <b>Rodd team including Tones, Beck, Debbie, Bev and others</b> that they continue to show God's wonderful love through their actions and words.
THU 6	Thank God for the opportunity to celebrate God's gift of children to families in our church. Pray for <b>Alastair and Kirsty, (Parents) as they come on Sunday for the baptism of their daughter Grace</b> . Pray Kerry would proclaim the gospel clearly, and that Christ would be honoured at the service; pray visitors would be welcomed well.
FRI 7	Thank God for a good <b>core group of youth at The J (WAC)</b> , pray they will all continue to grow in their love of God, and through them that God will grow His Kingdom through The J. Pray for the students and leaders of The J as they attend <b>KYCK over April 7-9</b> . Pray they will grow closer together, and closer to God. Pray for <b>KYCK</b> this weekend as 60 <b>youth and leaders from Soulies head to Katoomba</b> to be encouraged in their faith in Christ. Pray for safety and growth in their love for Jesus.

SAT 8	<p>Thank God for giving <b>Ella Madden and Lucy Ferreira</b> the desire to take a year off, to study the scriptures and serve at church with Youthworks Year 13. As they share this weekend about their upcoming Mission trip to Fiji, pray they would be well supported in this venture; and ask God to use this year to equip them well for a lifetime of Christian Service.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Philip Selden</b> preaching at Saturday Church today and Warriewood Anglican services and <b>Kerry Nagel</b> at our Narrabeen services tomorrow on revenge versus love your neighbour, pray we have a right response to Jesus teaching.</p>
SUN 9	<p><b>WAR VETS</b> – Pray the “<b>Home for Heroes</b>” program that provides short term accommodation continues to help and support younger military people adjust back into society. Pray Tony continues to have opportunities to befriend, care for and share Christ with them. Pray many new people come along to their <b>Easter services</b> and be reached with the gospel. Pray the village <b>ANZAC services 10am 19<sup>th</sup> April and 6am 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> will be honouring for those who have served and inspiring for those who attend; pray the Christian message can come through in the prayers.</p>
MON 10	<p><b>WARRIEWOOD BROOK</b> – Please pray for the residents moving in to the new villas at Warriewood Brook ARV. Pray for God's love and care for them as they move and for chaplains Marcus and Denise to have discernment and love as they welcome them. Please pray that the saints at Warriewood Brook will stand firm and be courageous amidst any opposition to the Gospel.</p>
TUE 11	<p>Pray for the <b>special Easter dinner at the Community Pantry tomorrow</b> to be a time when guests feel cared for and loved. Pray for opportunities to reach more single parent families. Pray for the <b>Moate team including Amanda, Steve and others</b> to be able to make Easter a special celebration for all the guests. Continue to pray for the committee, Kathy, Brad, Charis, Ruth &amp; Keith W &amp; Ruth, to be sustained as they oversee this ministry.</p>
WED 12	<p><b>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop, Credo UTS.</b> Pray the Easter Time Convention (annual conference 13 – 17 April) would be a welcoming time for newcomers, building community around God's word. Pray for students to be challenged to grow in Christ-likeness; for the staff and students serving to be sustained over a busy period. Pray for Fiona as she organises the conference. Pray for students in small groups to invite friends and visitors along to their groups; pray for first years to be welcomed into community and be growing up in their faith and conviction about the gospel. Pray for Fiona to meet someone who is interested in investigating the claims of Jesus.</p>
THU 13	<p>Pray for <b>Gumtrees Playtimes</b>, for strength and energy for those coordinating - including <b>Emma M, Michelle Thompson-Laing, Michelle Potter (Wed group) , Belinda Webb, Ashleigh Hooker and Rosemary(Thurs group)</b> give thanks for <b>Jenny Nagel &amp; Jean Hooker</b> who come and serve each week to the Thursday group. Continue to pray for building relationships among the women that come along to Playtime and for opportunities to read the bible with any that may like to do that!</p>

<i>FRI</i> 14	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> – Give thanks for Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us. Pray especially that many youth attend the night service and are encouraged to accept God’s gift of forgiveness and follow Jesus now and throughout their lives. Pray Kerry (Morning service) and Mitch (Night service) proclaim the truth of the gospel clearly and in a relatable way today.
<i>SAT</i> 15	Pray for our <b>Easter Saturday service</b> . Pray that <b>Neil</b> will speak clearly and faithfully from God’s word and that many visitors will come and hear the gospel. Pray for their dinner after and that many good conversations will be had.  Pray for <b>safety for all those travelling or on school holidays</b> currently. Pray for a refreshing break for Scripture teachers, pray their students, especially those with no church connection remember the reason we celebrate Easter. Thank God for the work of <b>Jo Harpur</b> as she oversees the Scripture ministry.
<i>SUN</i> 16	Pray for <b>Philip Selden preaching at both morning services this Easter Sunday; Neil at Arvo and Night Church and Marcus at Warriewood Anglican services</b> ; pray the gospel message is clear and <b>encourages people especially visitors to commit or recommit their life to Jesus. Pray we all find the true peace and healing of souls and real life in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.</b>
<i>MON</i> 17	<b>GUMNUT KINDY</b> – Give thanks for the dedication of the staff at Gumnut as they care for the children, showing the love of Jesus as they relate with the children and their families. Pray for all enrolment places to fill quickly. Ask God to give Allira special wisdom as she oversees the work of the Kindy.
<i>TUE</i> 18	Pray for <b>Women's small group leaders</b> including <b>Sarah, Charis, Ruth, Christine, Ashley Rosemary and others</b> , that God would strengthen them and encourage them as they seek to serve and encourage the women God has placed in their care.
<i>WED</i> 19	Give thanks for guests that come to the <b>Community Pantry</b> including <b>Simon, Richard, Jason and others</b> and how they even help to set up. Pray for our <b>musicians Kate and Rob</b> that God sustains them as they continue to bring joy to the guests through the music.
<i>THU</i> 20	<b>MISSION – Paul and Sandra King, France</b> – Give thanks that the GBU National Conference this April was a time to thank God together for growing His Kingdom, reminding Gospel partners that Jesus is building his church, and telling people to continue to make disciples with the help of the Holy Spirit. Pray the Lord of the Harvest will raise up many more workers for the French- speaking world.
<i>FRI</i> 21	<b>WATOTO</b> – Pray for the St Faith’s team heading to Watoto in Uganda for two weeks today including <b>Neil, Angus, Gemma, Stuart, Kathy, Mandy, Vernon, Kirsty , Jenny, Adam, Elizabeth, David and Debbie, Delwyn and Fiona</b> . Pray they will have a safe flight and feel refreshed to serve in Watoto when they land.
<i>SAT</i> 22	<b>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb, Broome</b> – Pray for them and their young children as they continue to visit link churches while on home assignment. Pray for safe travel during this time. Give thanks for their heart to share their life and the gospel with the aboriginal people of Broome Peoples Church and others in the Kimberly WA. Ask God to sustain Michael Baine from Broome Anglican and his family, as he carries extra work load, teaching and encouraging their friends at Peoples Church while they are away.

SUN 23	Pray for <b>Paul Beetson from Compassion</b> who will be speaking at all St Faith's services today. Give thanks for those who sponsor a "Compassion child" in the Philippines. Pray the children learn more about the love of Jesus for them and are well supported as they are helped by the programs that fight poverty in their community.
MON 24	Pray for the <b>Soulies leaders including Mary, Molly, Nathan, Sam, Meagan, Ebony, Jason, Brad and others</b> , as they meet today to plan for Term 2; pray they would have wisdom as they plan and continue to love the youth as Jesus loves them.
TUE 25	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> – Give thanks to God for the peace we have in Australia. Give thanks for all those who, in the past, served and sacrificed much for the sake of our future; pray for the wellbeing of those men and women currently serving our country in various areas at home and overseas. Give thanks for Jesus and his sacrifice for the sake of the world.
WED 26	Thank God for our great team of <b>Small Group leaders</b> , who serve our members week by week in leading our Group Bible studies. Pray the <b>Leaders Meeting tonight</b> would be an encouraging one. Pray that <b>Kerry would equip leaders well</b> to lead our Studies in term 2, as we look at Matthew chapter 6 and 7.
THU 27	Pray for <b>Women's small group leaders</b> including <b>Sarah, Charis, Ruth, Christine, Ashley Rosemary and others</b> , that God would strengthen them and encourage them as they seek to serve and encourage the women God has placed in their care.
FRI 28	<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b> – Pray for wisdom for <b>Annelie</b> as she coordinates LightHouse and pray for the <b>leaders including Chelsea, Jess, Jacqui, Phoebe, Daniel H, Toby, Zeplen, Josh, Claire, Sarah, Lauren and Dan</b> ; pray for team unity among the leaders. Pray that more children will attend LightHouse; that they will respect their leaders and open their hearts to hear and accept the gospel. Pray that the children's first priority will be to learn about Jesus and secondly come to play games and have fun. Pray Annelie and the leaders will build good relationships with their parents.
SAT 29	<b>INSPIRE Twilight</b> – Pray for a new venture this year - May 8 (evening), an opportunity for <b>our young adult women</b> to gather together to hear from God's word and encourage one another. Pray for <b>Donna Kane</b> who will be speaking on Identity!
SUN 30	<b>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine – AFES Wollongong Uni</b> - Give thanks for "on board" camp held in March with 100 students attending who were inspired from God's word to pray and work together to reach the campus for Jesus. Pray the enthusiasm from camp will continue and that many students will consider what Easter is really about. Pray for the 3 people Irwan is training in reaching those of other faiths. Pray they will each have fruitful contacts and a heart growing in love for those they meet. Give thanks for Indonesian Bible Study which has grown to 22 people this year. Pray that as they study "bible overview" they will grow in confidence to share their faith with others. Pray God will work in the heart those making the judgement on A's application for refuge.

**Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.** Send in writing to the office or email to [office@stfaiths.org.au](mailto:office@stfaiths.org.au) Note: We may not be able to include everything.