

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY December 2017

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights as sons.

FRI 1	<p>Praise God for the opportunity to share a Christmas Lunch celebration today. Pray for Anson Austin as he speaks today. Ask God to bring visitors along, and to call them to himself. Give thanks for Christine, Nola and others who help organise this annual event. Give thanks for the Cottage Counselling centre and the great work that all the counsellors have done this year. Pray for their clients while counsellors are on holidays and especially for those for whom Christmas is a time when grief and loneliness is felt strongly. Pray that they have a great time of fellowship together tonight as they enjoy an end of year dinner at the Nagel's. Pray for wisdom for Neil Souter (chairman) and the Board as they think about promoting The Cottage to churches and the community.</p>
SAT 2	<p>GUMNUT KINDY – Pray the Kindy end of year concert runs smoothly today and families hear the true meaning of Christmas. Ask God to sustain the kindy staff through the remainder of this busy time of year.</p> <p>Pray for Marcus as he preaches this weekend on the 'work of God's Spirit'. Pray the Spirit would illuminate God's word in our hearts and lives.</p> <p>Pray for Saturday church and Mitch Everingham as he opens the word. Pray that they will have a great BBQ and fellowship after church at the Souter's house.</p>
SUN 3	<p>Give thanks for the amazing work of our "Morning Kids" leaders this year. Pray for Kylie (Children's Ministry Coordinator) as she approaches the birth of (or maybe by the time this is published - has had.) her third child. Pray for safety for both her and the baby and for Andrew and the children as they adjust to their new family. Give thanks for Demi, Alec, Ella, Zac & Alex who have served us so faithfully at Morning Kids throughout the year.</p>
MON 4	<p>All Church Prayer Meeting – Give thanks to our God for his desire to be in relationship with each of us and that we can take all our concerns to him in prayer. Pray for Donna as she leads the all church prayer meeting tonight.</p>
TUE 5	<p>Thank God for speaking to us all personally through his Holy Spirit, in the scriptures. Ask God to help Kerry to prepare well to speak on "The Lord's Supper" this weekend.</p>
WED 6	<p>Pray for the next generation of Jelly Wobbles - Alec, Tilly and Jordy - as they perform concerts today at North Narrabeen and Narrabeen Lakes Public School. Pray that the message of Jesus would be clear in their skits and songs and that the SRE classes will enjoy celebrating the end of year this way.</p> <p>SRE Planning Day - Give thanks for Jo Harpur as each year, she faithfully coordinates Scripture at our local schools. Pray today as they meet and share lunch and celebrate another year of Scripture that God would put on the hearts of more people to join and teach and share the Gospel amongst the children on the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>Praise God for the generosity of people at St. Faith's in donating hampers for the guests at The Community Pantry Christmas Dinner tonight. Pray for Neil Souter as he speaks</p>

	about our great need for Jesus and the difference he makes.
THU 7	Gumtrees Playtime – Pray tonight’s Gingerbread House making will be a time the mother’s can spend sharing with each other as well as creating beautiful gingerbread houses. Give thanks for Emma, Michelle, Jenny and others who organise this event. Pray more helpers will be available for next year’s Gumtree playtime. Give thanks for those who meet and support each other at Quilting, 55+ and Scrapbooking . Pray they remember each other over the December summer break.
FRI 8	Pray for the final night of Soulies tonight, that many youth would come and that they would continue to trust Jesus over the break. Give thanks for the many who have attended this year and ask that they would return in 2018. Give thanks for Mitch and his team of Leaders including Nathan, Tim, Ebony, Jason, Sam and others .
SAT 9	Pray for Neil, Kerry and Mitch as they preach this weekend on ‘remembering Christ’; pray God will speak through them and move us to follow and honour Jesus all the more.
SUN 10	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH – Pray for Denise Lake as she retires as Chaplain at Warriewood Brook Retirement Village. Pray for all those who will miss her, especially those who are more isolated and vulnerable. Please pray that God sends an excellent new Chaplain who can continue the work God has done through Denise. Pray for The J youth as they settle into Soulies ; pray that they will develop significant and healthy relationships.
MON 11	ESL – Thank God for the many students who have come to ESL , and pray the team members will build deeper relationships with the students . The past 8 months have been very busy since ESL started at St Faith’s; ask God to give team members rest and recuperation over the Christmas period , that they may be re energised for new year.
TUE 12	Give thanks for the women’s Small Group leaders include Sarah, Charis, Ruth, Suzi and others; for their love and care for the women in their group during the year. Pray over the Christmas break they will be able to spend time in God’s word and continue to catch up with Christian friends during this time.
WED 13	Give thanks for opportunities to speak about Jesus to guests and volunteers at The Community Pantry . Give thanks for the committee members, including Ruth, Keith, Charis, Brad, Ruth D and Kathy who tirelessly serve each week. Thank God for the various staff who have served us over this year . Pray for the Staff team as they meet to plan today, pray for Kerry as he leads the discussions.
THU 14	Give thanks for the service and example of Alison Wheatley teaching SRE at Cromer Campus over the last few years. Pray for her as she leaves this role, and ask God to raise up a new person to teach at Cromer Campus and for wisdom for the NPSRE Association Board as they seek to fill this position. Thank God for the service of David Curnow, Sandy Walsh, Rachel Purcell and Ben Molyneux on this Board in 2017.
FRI 15	Give thanks for the Soulies leaders and the time, energy and resources they have given serving the youth this year. Pray that they would have a good time celebrating as a team tonight, and a restful break over the holidays and come back next year inspired to share

	the Good news of Jesus.
<i>SAT</i> 16	Pray for Marcus, Philip and Ben as they preach this Saturday and Sunday on Zechariah prophesying how his son John the Baptist would prepare a way for the Lord. Give thanks for the Bible that records for us the promises of God and prophesy fulfilled that our faith may grow and be strengthened. Praise God for the gift of marriage. Pray for Olaf and Chrystal, as they marry today, that their wedding would point people to Christ's love. Ask God to help Kerry point all guests to the Saviour.
<i>SUN</i> 17	Pray for Philip as he preaches at Traditional church today. Pray as he preaches from Luke on how Zechariah looked forward to the coming of Jesus and how we can have the hope of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins.
<i>MON</i> 18	Thank God for the opportunities to share the gospel at Christmas time. Ask God to give us all boldness to invite neighbours and friends to hear of Christ and his birth. Pray that we would be able to connect with visitors who want to know more, with the Saviour Jesus.
<i>TUE</i> 19	Pray that God would give Kerry insight as to how best to speak on our theme, " The Secret of Christmas ", this Christmas Day. And Pray that God would sustain Helen Channon as she plays the organ for our hymns at both Christmas morning services.
<i>WED</i> 20	Praise God for raising up wonderful volunteers (including Christine, Helen, Graham, Rob, Linda Nola and others) who help with The Community Pantry by cooking, mingling, cleaning up, playing music, doing rosters etc.
<i>THU</i> 21	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye - Munguishi Bible College Tanzania - Pray also for Geoff and Martha who are frequently stopped by police and randomly by immigration officers demanding ID and residents permits; sometimes Geoff may pass through 5 police stops driving to Munguishi many of these encounters are quite intimidating. Pray for them as they cope with the stress of these things each day.
<i>FRI</i> 22	WAR VETS – Pray for strength and patience for the recreation staff as Christmas activities intensify at the War Vets at Collaroy Plateau. Pray the gospel message will be proclaimed clearly and that they make the most of opportunities during the pre-Christmas period. Pray that Tony and the other chaplains and volunteers can be pastorally sensitive to others who differ on the view of traditional marriage, without compromising the Biblical view.
<i>SAT</i> 23	Pray many families and children come along to tomorrow afternoon to Christmas Eve celebration with the Jelly Wobbles. Pray they point, all who attend, to the glory of God and his gift to us of his only Son Jesus that we may be reconciled to Him. Pray for Andrew Pearce and Nat Manatsavee two members for Arvo church who are getting married at St Faith's today. Pray that God will bless their life together and that they will continue to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus. Pray for Neil Souter who is speaking at the wedding.
<i>SUN</i> 24	Praise God for the special " Lessons and Carols service " to be held at Traditional Church today. Thank God for the work of the Choir in preparing for this event, and for the

	participation of Rob Stokes and Bronwyn Bishop in the service. Pray for many visitors and for Kerry to simply share “The Secret of Christmas” . Pray for Marcus speaking at Warriewood Anglican and Ben as he leads and speaks at our evening services
MON 25	Praise God for sending his son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and our King, pray our activities today bring honour to him. Pray for all those who will be finding Christmas a sad and difficult time , that they know God’s peace. Pray all those attending church services today, especially visitors will have hearts open to God’s love for them, and be drawn to respond. Ask God to give Kerry energy as he speaks in Church .
TUE 26	Pray for safety for the many people travelling today, pray for rest and refreshment over the holidays. Give thanks for our volunteers who help serve throughout the year as they play a significant role in helping to share the gospel.
WED 27	BEACH MISSION – Pray for all the Beach Missions that are taking place over the holidays. Ask God for safety in travel and enthusiasm in taking His word to the people. Pray that many come to know the saving grace and wisdom that comes from God. Give thanks for those young holiday makers who are keen to return to learn more about Jesus each year and for young Christians who return each year to lead fun activities, give talks and testimonies. Pray for Demi and Claire and others driving to Evans Head Beach Mission and for Demi as she heads up the catering this year.
THU 28	MISSION – Pray for our link missionaries and their children overseas and in northern Australia , who have missed family over Christmas time, including Geoff and Martha Boye in Tanzania, Chris and Karen Webb in Broome and Kent and Linda here missing their friends in Central Asia . Pray those with whom they have shared Christmas will respond with deepening faith or by putting their trust in Christ; pray these missionaries are encouraged by how God is working through them even when they are weary with the effort of living in a different culture and when results may not be immediate, and they may not see the fruit of their service for God for many years.
FRI 29	Give thanks for all the youth who have registered for Soulies Summercamp . Pray that God would be working in their lives and preparing them to hear His word taught on camp, and pray God would sustain the leaders preparing for camp. Please pray for Neil Souter and Daniel Leach, that God would give them wisdom and guidance as they prepare to talk on Revelation 1-3 throughout camp.
SAT 30	Pray for Mitch as he preaches tonight at Saturday Church. Give thanks for Nicole and Lucy who lead Saturday Kids. Pray for a restful break over the holidays.
SUN 31	Pray for Philip and Mitch as they preach on this Psalm today . Pray for clarity and that God's word would be faithfully taught and challenge and change each one of us. Pray for the combined Arvo and Night Church service tonight at 5pm. Pray that it will be a great time to finish off the year together hearing from God’s word and in fellowship. Pray for great safe time together after down at Long reef beach while having dinner and watching the fire works.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Friday, 15th December 2017**. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.

