

Church Update 10
April/May 2013

Dear Friends,

ANeW is planning to focus a whole week on PRAYER and seek God for our ministry. Therefore, the latter part of this newsletter is in a different format.

It is such a blessing to have so many of you pray for us. We so appreciate your prayer commitment on our behalf. Thank you, and may our amazing God look with favour on every one of you and those you love.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Acts 2:42,43

Minister

I continue to praise God for the great group of people who have come together to make ANeW. They are a servant hearted group whose desire is to serve one another and proclaim the Gospel.

On a wider front I have had discussions with the Diocese of Newcastle regarding ANeW (which currently is an entity I run as Archdeacon) being given full Parish status, but for the first time in this Diocese it would be a Parish without any geography, or buildings. The congregation would be the Parish. Please pray that this would be able to proceed and be of assistance to ANeW in its future development.

Arthur Copeman

Children's Ministry

I am so thankful for wonderful material available on the web. We have recently joined Kidswise and are finding it very user friendly and, most importantly, biblical in approach. Kincumber Anglican parish continues to share its wonderful resources with us which come through the cloud.

Term 2 we will be looking at The Parables. Please pray that the children will understand what a parable is. Also, that they will understand the nature of the Kingdom of God and respond to Jesus' offer of forgiveness and salvation.

We have only 4 young people in years 7 and 8. Please pray that this age group would grow and develop as the younger age group grows in numbers.

Anabelle Copeman

Women's Ministry

Hi Everyone. Thank you so much for your prayers. We certainly appreciate the many prayers that God has listened to, to help build the church at ANeW. Please continue to pray for the follow up of those who have done the Simply Christianity Course. Also, that we can welcome new people well into church. Please pray that we all might grow in our love, knowledge and wisdom of our Lord Jesus. God Bless you.

Cath Young & family

Young Adults' Ministry

The Young Adults' Group is continuing to expand and we are looking forward to studying Genesis this coming term. It is my prayer that all will see the majesty of God in creation and salvation.

Adam Matthews

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise the Lord! Let us not overlook praising our great God and then pray in the strength of the Holy Spirit, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

- *Search me God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts, see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps 139:23*
- *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

MONDAY

*Therefore who ever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven
Matt 18:4*

*So neither the one who plants or the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow
1 Cor 3:7*

CHILDREN

Thank God for:

- *the growth of the Children's Ministry, both the number of children attending and the Team who assist in this ministry*
- *wonderful web material available, especially Kidswise - very user friendly and, most importantly, biblical in approach.*
- *Kincumber Anglican parish's sharing its wonderful resources with us which come through the cloud*

Pray for:

- safety over school holidays

Term 2 we will be looking at The Parables -

- pray that the children will understand what a parable is ...
- also that they will understand the nature of the Kingdom of God and respond to Jesus offer of forgiveness and salvation
- that the 7 & 8 years age group (currently only 4) would grow and develop as the younger age group grows in numbers
- Kate Baker in her SRE (scripture) Co-ordinator role
- still more people to teach scripture in our schools in areas beyond Newcastle city and protection and encouragement for them all.

TUESDAY

Through Jesus, therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. Heb 13:15

YOUNG ADULTS

- *thank God that Adam has joined our Ministry Team and for the support of his wife, Stephanie*
- pray for wisdom to know how to best minister to our young adults and training of new leaders for this ministry
- that the young people studying Genesis this coming term will see the majesty of God in creation and salvation

WEDNESDAY

Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

1 Cor 10:24

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 10:25

THURSDAY

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.

Isaiah 42:3

My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word

Ps 119:28

FRIDAY

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Prov 3:5

GROUPS

Thank God for:

- *new people joining us in first term*
- *7 folk doing Preliminary Theological Certificate(PTC)*
- *8 women attending Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)*

Pray:

- for wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us
- that folk in our Growth Groups will continue to grow in their faith
- for the people currently studying for the PTC with the guiding support of Bob Rothwell (and Denise)

PASTORAL CARE

- that God would raise up folk properly discerned and resourced for Prayer Ministry
- God's healing of every man, woman and child who comes to ANeW in every area where healing is needed
 - physical
 - emotional
 - spiritual
- for God's protection over the men, women & children who minister through ANeW & all folk who attend
- salvation of the unsaved members of every family represented at ANeW
- wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us

ADMIN

- *thank God for Karen Sowter's creativity and professionalism in creating and maintaining our interesting and informative website.*
- *thank God that our financial needs have been met*
- pray for continued financial support in view of a reduced Diocesan subsidy
- in God's timing, a larger, appropriately equipped and situated venue to meet our growing needs
- that God will guide the decision process regarding ANeW being given full Parish status

SATURDAY

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High: to declare Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

Ps 92:1-2

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

For he will command his Angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways.

Ps 91:11

SUNDAY

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens. Ps 148:13

OUTREACH

- that God will continue to work in the hearts of the men who attended the Katoomba Men's Convention in March
- that God would continue to support & sustain our CMS link missionaries, Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia; our BCA link missionaries, Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Cooper Pedy & Martin and Jen Shadwick working with students at Newcastle Uni
- that God would support Peter Friend RAAF Chaplaincy Williamtown and wife Deborah
- Ladies Simply Christianity course, plus follow up
- continual development of programs that would enable us to reach those in our Georgetown community & beyond, who do not yet know the Lord Jesus & make Him known to them
- Ladies Book Club May 10
- Craft Cafe at ANew May 24
- Women of Truth Day Conference at Maitland May 25
- Compassion Sunday at ANew May 26
- ANew Men's Breakfast at Georgetown 7.45am June 15
- Australia Bike for Bibles Big Ride June 30 to September 1 – Broome Perth Sydney 64 days

WORSHIP

- Thank God for every member of our Music Team led by Grace Peattie.
- protection over them all and encouragement
- for guidance in choosing the songs and music
- that God will be glorified as we praise him in song
- thank God for Ruth Fletcher (from Muswellbrook) being willing and able to take responsibility for our music once a month, giving regular muso's a break