

ANeW CHURCH

Prayer Update # 13 - Autumn 2014

Dear Friends

What a blessing it is once again to be able to come to you with our prayer requests. This year we plan to produce four of these Prayer Updates, one for each season. It is so very encouraging to know that so many people are praying along with us for ANeW. God has blessed us so much more because of this. Thank you for your valued support.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer ... 1 Peter 3:12a

Minister

I would add my thanks to all of you who pray for us at ANeW.

At present for me the following areas need prayer:

- * Good preparation time each week for sermons on John's Gospel
- * Planning for development of Men's Ministry at ANeW and choice of speakers.
- * Care for the great staff team members at ANeW
- * Ensuring the right balance of activities at ANeW over the course of the year.
- * Wisdom as to how to commence a prayer meeting for a morning congregation.
- * Diocesan work under the leadership of the new Bishop, Greg Thompson.
- * Oversight of the Parish of New Lambton, who are assisting ANeW with planting a morning congregation.

Arthur Copeman

Young Adults' Ministry

Praise God for a fantastic year amongst the younger adults of ANeW Church. We had a significant number of new people and it has been great building those relationships. Please pray for this year that new students would feel welcome at ANeW and would be encouraged and challenged in their faith through Bible study, church and small prayer groups. Please pray that God would give us wisdom to know how best to minister to our Young Adults and mature them in their faith.

Adam Matthews

Children's Ministry

2014 brings some exciting new ventures for ANeW kids.

Please pray for 'POPS (parents of pre-schoolers) and POPPETS' begun Tuesday the 11th February at New Lambton as an outreach in that area. Praise God for the experienced team leading POPPETS and for the kids.

In term 2 we will be launching a weekly kid's club. Praise God for the opportunity to reach the kids of Newcastle and ask that He will supply the leaders.

Continue to pray for the leadership of ANeW kids that in all things we would seek to glorify God.

Please continue to pray for the unique ministry that Scripture is. Praise God for the teachers from ANeW and across Newcastle. Pray for coordinators at this time of year as they liaise with the schools and attempt to find teachers for all the classes. Pray also for teachers and students that as they get to know one another, they will together grow in their love for God.

Amy Soutter

Women's Ministry

John 5:24 says "Truly, truly I say to you, whoever hears my words and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement but has passed from death to life." The good news about Jesus is such terrific news and it is very exciting this year as ANeW works through the book of John together - I can't wait :). As we start the year of 2014 there is much to be thankful for but in particular I want to thank God for the wonderful women (and men & children of course) that He has gifted our church with. We have so many able, capable women who are willing and wanting to serve God in a huge range of areas - it's fabulous :). From this end we've been able to start up a group "POPs & POPPETs" for young mums and 0-5 year olds as an outreach into the community. Please be in prayer that we will work well together, that we will be faithful witnesses of God, and that God will be glorified through all that we do. Please thank God for every woman in our church - for those who serve up front and behind the scenes - each one is very precious and we are so thankful that they are a part of ANeW. Thank you for your prayers - we hope & pray that you too are encouraged as you get to know God better this year.

Cathy Young

Teen Ministry

Praise God! We now have a separate Sunday night programme for teens, with girls in school years 7 to 9. We also have the first few monthly extra events organised including kayaking on Newcastle Harbour and a workshop on the use of social media aimed at teens and their parents.

Anabelle Copeman

PRAYER GUIDE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

MONDAY - CHURCH TIME EACH SUNDAY NIGHT AT 5PM

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jer 29:11

Give thanks and praise to God for:

- *devotion to the scriptures, evident in our Sunday night meetings together*
- *the great 'spots' we have in church where we hear about other ministries*
- *every member of our Music Team led by Grace Peattie*
- *those who lead us in prayer on Sunday evenings*

Pray for:

- *all who attend ANeW to have their lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as they seek to follow the Lord Jesus*
- *adherence to the faithful preaching of God's word always*
- *good preparation each week for sermons on John's Gospel*
- *guidance in choosing the songs and music*
- *God to raise up more musicians for ANeW*
- *God to be glorified as we praise him in song*

TUESDAY - CHILDREN & TEENS MINISTRY

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15

Praise and thank God:

- *for the experienced team leading our new POPs (parents of pre-schoolers) & POPPETs Group on Tuesday mornings and for the pre-schoolers who come*
- *for a separate Sunday night programme for teen girls in school years 7 to 9 with the first few monthly extra events organised including: kayaking on Newcastle Harbour, a workshop on the use of social media aimed at teens and their parents*
- *for the opportunity to establish a weekly Kids Club to be launched in Term 2*
- *for the teachers from ANeW and across Newcastle who teach Scripture in our schools*

Pray:

- for the leadership of ANeW's children and that in all things we would seek to glorify God
- that God will supply the leaders for our new weekly Kids Club commencing in May.
- for the continued development of a designated Youth Team
- that we will be able to develop a ministry to teenage boys
- for the continued growth of all our young people and that they might be well equipped to live as Christians wherever they may be
- for the unique ministry of Scripture and for Kate Baker and Amy Soutter in their respective SRE Co-ordinator roles in Newcastle as they liaise with the schools and attempt to find teachers for all the classes
- for teachers and students as they get to know one another – that together they will grow in their love for God
- SRE Scripture Assembly April 10 for the students from Lambton Primary School

WEDNESDAY - CHURCH GROUPS

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

Thank God for:

- *all our Growth Groups (weekly Bible studies)*
- *the newly forming small groups of 3 or 4 people called REAP (Relationship, Encouragement, Accountability, Prayer)*

Pray:

- that the faith of every person will grow and we will deepen our intimacy with God and our dependence on Him
- that we might encourage one another in our strengths and gifts
- that God will raise up people properly discerned to be part of a Prayer Ministry Group
- that new students who are commencing studies at Newcastle University will feel welcome and be encouraged and challenged in their faith through Bible study, church and small prayer groups.
- That God would give Adam Matthews and others wisdom to know how best to structure the groups for students and younger workers.

THURSDAY - CHURCH LIFE TOGETHER

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb 4:16

Praise and thank God for:

- *the wonderful people with whom He has gifted our church*

Pray:

- that God would continue to support and sustain our Link Missionaries
 - Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia with CMS
 - Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Coober Pedy with BCA
 - Martin and Jen Shadwick working with students at Newcastle Uni
- for continual development of programs that would enable us to reach those in our community and beyond, who do not yet know the Lord Jesus and make Him known to them
- that we will all work well together, be faithful witnesses to God and that He will be glorified through all that we do
- for Ladies Book Club – next meeting Feb 28
- for Craft Cafe at ANeW – next meet Mar 14
- Men's Convention at Katoomba Feb 28 - March 1
- for planning for the development of Men's Ministry at ANeW and choice of speakers.
- for the ANeW Mission team of nine heading to AIL Saints Jakarta in Indonesia Apr 3-13 – for protection, Godly opportunities, blessings all round and wisdom in the organising
- for our people at ANeW to continue to respond to God's calling
- for God's care and protection of us all; physically, emotionally and spiritually
- for the salvation of the unsaved members of every family represented at ANeW
- for the parish of St Matthew's, Georgetown (where we used to meet until May last year)
- for the parish of St John the Baptist, Lambton (where we meet on a Sunday night)
- for the parish of All Saints, New Lambton (where we are running a number of programmes and looking to plant a morning congregation).

FRIDAY - ADMINISTRATION

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. Heb 13:15

Thank God for:

- *our new Bishop, Greg Thompson*
- *our financial needs continually being met*

Pray for

- God's guidance in the ongoing organising of ANeW as a Parish in the Diocese of Newcastle
- Our annual meeting as a Parish on Saturday 22nd March
- David Wood in his role as ANeW treasurer
- Ensuring the right balance of activities at ANeW over the course of the year.
- Wisdom as to how to commence a prayer meeting for a morning congregation.
- the updating of our ANeW Prayer and Contact list.

If at any stage you are praying for ANeW and would like an update on prayer points, you are welcome to email Dianne at: ddouglass83@gmail.com