



Prayer Update No. 17 - Autumn 2015

Be exalted, oh God above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. Ps.108:5

Dear Friends

We, here at ANeW, do so value all who pray for us. We pray that God will bless you as well as you lift us up in prayer. May your prayers bring you even closer to our awesome God who is able to do so much more than we could ever imagine. May you know his presence in every circumstance. We thank you.

MONDAY - SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING CHURCH

- Praise God for the growth in the new Sunday morning congregation, now around twenty five adults and two babies (with more babies on the way)
- Thank God for Steph & James Kirk, who have been leading us in music in the mornings
- Thank God for the support of New Lambton Anglican Parish with the morning congregation. This support has been in both facilities and finance.
- Pray that this morning congregation would continue to grow in numbers and in its knowledge of the love of our great God in the Lord Jesus.
- Praise God that Sunday evenings are now regularly more than one hundred people (75 adults and twenty five children) and pray that we would have wisdom as to how we might need to adapt to this larger number.
- Praise God for the great ministry to children and teenagers which is continuing to flourish on Sunday nights.
- Pray for the visit of a team of students from Sydney Missionary and Bible College from 21st to 29th March – details of the visit are below.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY – Adam Matthews

This year I want to give others the opportunity to be writing Bible studies and preparing Bible talks from scratch. Do pray that this would be a fruitful experience and eye-opening to those involved as to how God has gifted them.

Praise God for :

- new young adults arriving at ANeW and joining the Young Adults Bible Studies.
- having enough leaders and people to run 4 groups this year.
- what we have recently been learning in Hebrews about the superiority of Jesus and his death for us.

Pray for :

- the upcoming SMBC (Sydney Missionary Bible College) mission team who will be leading a young adults' event on Wednesday the 25th March and that those invited will come and hear about God's great plan of salvation.
- those who feel stretched with many things happening; that they would continue to find joy in serving God.
- all the members of our Young Adults group; that they would love God with all their heart, soul and mind.

Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day. Ps 71:8

TUESDAY - KIDS MINISTRY – Amy Soutter

We have so much to thank God for. It is a great privilege to serve in a place where children are valued members of God's church. The effects of this are eternal, as demonstrated by the stories I hear of our kids witnessing to and inviting their friends to church. It is an encouragement for us all and a demonstration what a bright future lies ahead. So please continue to pray and invest in the lives of our ANeW children.

Praise God for :

- Enthusiastic committed leaders.
- Parents committed to training their children.
- Children who are eager to participate, learn and encourage one another.
- Training opportunities for leaders in 2015.
- The privilege of teaching SRE and the faithful few who teach.

Pray for :

- Wisdom for planning 2015 and beyond.
- Energy and discernment for leaders who have many important commitments.
- That Mums and children will be reached through Time Out (Tuesday mornings).

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

WEDNESDAY - MINISTRY ASSISTANT and YOUTH MINISTRY – Anabelle Copeman

It continues to be a privilege to work with our teen leaders who are modelling mature Christian living to our teens. The group is starting to bond and reach out to their friends.

Praise God for :

- the new people coming forward who are helping with different things, e.g. on the rosters and preparing services.
- deepening relationships between our leaders and the teens.
- our teens continuing to invite friends to our events. We had 15 at a beach night in early February.
- our leaders starting 'one to one' discipling with some of our youth.
- providing accommodation for our trip to Katoomba for Youth Convention.

Pray for :

- our own teens to commit their lives to Jesus and become secure in their faith. They are looking at Ephesians on Sunday nights.
- our outreach events - that those invited would keep coming and want to know more about Jesus. We want to run Christianity Explored for teens in term 2.
- our trip to Katoomba - that it would be a significant time of bonding as a group and also of the teens growing in their understanding and commitment. Please pray for the working out of transport and other logistics as we have not taken a group before.
- good and deepening discussion during group time on Sunday night.
- a second male leader.

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

THURSDAY - WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cath Young

To everyone who prays – again thank you so much. We know that God is at work and answering your prayers. I read a great section of God's Word recently about the faithfulness of Hezekiah. He did what was good and right and faithful before the Lord His God. Every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking His God, he did with all his heart and prospered. Please pray for us all that we likewise will do what is good and right and faithful and that we too will seek God and do the work that He has for us to do with all of our heart (and if God allows - it would be terrific to prosper!!) May God Bless you, Cath ☺

Thanks & praise for:

- a great start to the year
- our S.W.A.T (Servant Women Assistant Trainees) Women - Rachel Billington, Robyn Proctor & Kate Rogers. These ladies have committed to training in ministry with Cath part time for the next three years.
- new ladies joining our "Time Out for Mums " program (formerly Pops & Poppets).
- new ladies joining Bible Study groups.
- Contentment Seminar on Saturday morning 14 March – fifty ladies gathered for this event. See the phot below in the New Lambton Anglican Hall:

Pray for :

- wisdom and guidance for Cath as she seeks to grow women in their maturity in Jesus.
- the S.W.A.T women - that they will continue to grow in their love and knowledge and wisdom of God, that they will develop new ministry skills, that God will be glorified in all that they do at ANeW.
- Cath giving 3 talks on Evangelism on 19 March.
- “A Taste for Life” - Evangelistic Cooking Demonstration with Rachel Billington & Wendy Potts – Thursday evening 26 March.
- Simply Christianity starting up for women in Term 2.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality. Romans 12:12-13

FRIDAY - SYDNEY MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE VISIT – 21st to 29th March

Please pray this week for:

- Sundays – students sharing with us in various ministries in Church
- Tuesday 24th – Men's Dinner in New Lambton
- Wednesday 25th – Young adults event
- Thursday 26th – Ladies “Taste for Life” Cooking and a message about Jesus
- Friday 27th – Teen Big event

In addition the students are leading eleven Scripture seminars in local primary schools, speaking at the AFES group at Newcastle Uni, involved in some midweek Bible studies and doing some doorknocking in the local area.

GENERAL CHURCH LIFE

- Praise God for the developing link with New Lambton Parish and the number of events which are now partnerships between ANeW and New Lambton. Pray though for wisdom for both ANeW and New Lambton as we further this partnership.
- Pray for the newly elected Church Council of Grace Peattie, James White and David Rogers, with Arthur Copeman, that God would give them great wisdom.
- Pray for wisdom as we develop plans for the future, including plans to plant further churches at the right time.

- Pray for the Church Treasurer, Rob Broadfoot, and thank God for the continued provision of finances for ministry

Pray for:

- protection and guidance for our Link Missionaries:
- Stu and Isabella who with their 3 children Sophia, James and Tim serve you in South Asia.
- Geoff & Tracey Piggott serving you in Coober Pedy.
- Martin & Jen Shadwick and Jess Khor, who minister to Students at Newcastle Uni.
- further development of our Men's Ministry at ANeW in partnership with New Lambton and the choice of speakers.

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

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