



Prayer Update No. 21 - Autumn 2016

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us. John 3:1

Dear Friends

God continues to bless us and this is in no small way, is thanks to our dedicated praying friends! ANeW is so very blessed by your faithful prayers and we thank you with much gratitude. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. Hebrews 13:15
Dianne Douglass – ANeW Prayer Co-ordinator

MONDAY SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH

Praise God for:

- The continued growth in this congregation
- All those who contribute in so many ways to the life of the congregation through leading children's ministry, music ministry, sound and data, praying, reading the Bible and caring for one another.
- The desire of so many in the congregation to search the Bible and know what it has to say.

Pray for:

- Opportunities to get to know one another better so that we can be church together.
- Relationships with the existing congregations in the church, which under God are going very well.
- Wisdom in possible building developments under consideration.

SUNDAY EVENING CHURCH

Praise God for:

- The way He continues to have his hand on this work
- All who are involved in a variety of different ways in ministry to this congregation

Pray for:

- Wisdom as we hold an Annual Meeting on 14th March – for a new Warden for the congregation and for wise decisions about the future.
- Wisdom as to what to do about the fact that we need more room in the church building.
- The Parish of Lambton, whose building it is that we meet in and thank God for them.

TUESDAY YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY – Adam Matthews

Each new year means a changed “look” for young adults’ ministry. New students may arrive, old students may graduate and current students may get married and have kids! It’s always an exciting time to think about what the remainder of the year will look like.

Praise God for

- new students/young adults arriving in Newcastle and coming to ANeW.
- our combined groups musical reading of the book of Esther (Feb 24th) which allowed us to get to know both each other and the book of Esther a little better.
- new leaders to help with Bible study and other aspects of church.

Pray for

- our Wine, Cheese, Trivia event coming up; that many non-Christians would come and hear about Jesus.
- the growth in maturity for all young adults this year. That 2016 may be a year of faithful living and growing in knowledge and love of God.
- continued wisdom for the leaders of the young adults' ministry to know how best to serve those in our groups.

Adam Matthews

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WEDNESDAY *KID'S MINISTRY – Heidi Wood and Denise Rothwell*

Amy Soutter is on maternity leave for the first half of the year. Amy has successfully delegated her current tasks to Heidi Wood (KFC) and Denise Rothwell (Time Out)

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Praise God

- for Heidi heading up KFC.
- for a wonderful team of new and returning leaders .
- the team of leaders that has formed for the Years 7-8.
- for the people who are willing to take part in Kid's talks.

Prayer

- for Heidi on Prac February -March.
- for the new 7-8 group as they begin.
- for the kids and leaders to grow in wisdom and live out their faith as they study Proverbs together.
- for leaders to have time and energy to invest in preparing, loving and teaching our kids.
- for parents as they raise their children to know and love Jesus that KFC will aid the process.

Time Out - Denise

Praise

- an increase in the size of the Children's Team
- the enthusiasm within the Team.
- the great relationship between the children (aged 10 months to 4 years).

Prayer

- that more mums outside the church will attend and be prompted to think about their relationship with God.
- that the Children's Team will be good ambassadors for God.
- protection from whatever Satan throws at us as we serve God faithfully in this group.

For he will command his Angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways. Ps 91:11

THURSDAY *Anabelle Copeman*

My Ministry at Anew seems to grow and change as the ministry develops. My main areas of responsibility are developing the morning children's ministry and supporting Heidi Wood with the evening children's ministry. I am mentoring Shanalle our Year 13 student and Sam Chiswell, our youth leader. We have established a Junior teens group on Sunday nights separate from KFC. Arthur and I lead a growth group together. In all this I am thankful and excited to see how God is growing His kingdom here in Newcastle.

Arthur and I are also seeing growth in our family. We have recently celebrated the wonderful wedding of Andrew, our youngest, to Loren. Both Fiona, our daughter, and Isabel, our daughter in law, are expecting our first 2 grandchildren this year. Family life will take on a new dynamic. We feel very blessed with all of this.

Praise God for

- *the growth of children at Morning church and the team developing to nurture and teach these children.*
- *Shanalle joining us and how quickly she is fitting in and contributing in many areas.*
- *the new people who have joined our growth group who have not been regularly attending church.*
- *the new team mentoring the junior teens on Sunday nights.*

Pray:

- *that the morning children's ministry will be able to expand to have separate crèche, pre-school and infant's sections. This will need more leaders.*
- *for Shanalle as she travels to Youthworks College each week; safe travel, great learning and growth in faith and maturity.*
- *that Sam Chiswell will have great wisdom to lead the youth team and that the Friday night youth ministry will grow.*
- *that we will identify and train more leaders for our youth and children's teams.*

Anabelle Copeman

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

FRIDAY *Cathy Young*

God's kingdom advances when we are on our knees - thank you so much for all of your prayers - we need them and value them so much - thank you!

Praise God for

- His steadfast love which endures forever.
- the great start of growth groups for the year.
- the wonderful Time Out & Little Timers' teams.
- two new mums and their children coming to Time Out.
- more women using their gifts and abilities for God
- Teresa who does an amazing job with our websites and advertising.
- our women really growing in their love & knowledge of Jesus.

Evangelism

Prayer

- for the up and coming evangelistic evening, “A Taste for Life” cooking demonstration with Rachel demonstrating and Cath speaking; that both Rachel and Cath will do their part faithfully.
- that many ladies who don't yet know God will come along and respond to Jesus with repentance and faith in Him.
- For the Hunter Ag Camps for years 6-10 that James White is leading 16-20 and 20-24 April; that youth in the region will have a chance to get to know Jesus.
- 20-21 May - Anglican Men's Convention; for many men to come along from the Newcastle Diocese and that they grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

Book Club

Thank God

- for the opportunity to read “Out of the Saltshaker” - Rebecca Manley Pippert in late February.

Pray

- that the encouragement and exhortation to speak about Jesus naturally to friends and family will be taken up.
- that the discussion in May of our next book “The Screwtape Letters” - CS Lewis, will help the ladies to think about being single-minded for Jesus.
- that it may encourage them in times where they face distraction or opposition.

Generally

- for the Hunter Gospel Ministries - Women of Truth Conference on May 28 - Sue Harrington from Adelaide will be speaking on Philippians.
- for energy and good health for Cath and the staff to keep serving everyone at ANeW.
- for Robyn Proctor's health to continue to heal after a long bout of sickness.

SATURDAY *Arthur Copeman*

I continue this year with a half time appointment as an Archdeacon in the Diocese of Newcastle. My main responsibilities are the appointment of retired clergy to look after vacant parishes between ministers, children and youth ministry across the Diocese, and the thirteen Parishes which make up the Newcastle Deanery.

Outside of the Diocese I sit on the Standing Committee of the General Synod, which amounts to four meetings a year and have been elected as the Australian Clergy representative to the Anglican Consultative Council, which meets in Lusaka, Zambia, for two weeks this April.

I then continue to supervise the ministry of both ANeW and New Lambton Parish, where the ANeW morning congregation meets. As you can imagine, my major prayer point is that I would manage my time well and know what are the priorities for me. Further to that there is a need for prayer that in all our ministry we would be clearly Christian in all that we do and that the gospel would continue to be at the forefront of our ministry.

Arthur Copeman

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

If at any stage you are praying for ANeW and would like an update on prayer points,

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