

Dear Friends,

In Colossians 1.9 &10 Paul prays that the Colossian Christians would be *'filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.'*



Weekend away

That is a great prayer and it is our prayer that we hope you will pray with us at this time, that we will know God's will better. Knowing God's will not so much in terms of the direction of the church, but in terms of living our lives in a manner pleasing to God and bearing fruit in every good work.

Staff Development

From 1 February 2013, Adam Matthews (married to Stephanie) will be joining the ANeW staff team. Adam will work for ANeW a day and a half each week concentrating on developing the ministry to younger adults. Adam graduated from Sydney Missionary and Bible College at the end of last year. He and Stephanie moved to Newcastle for work and joined ANeW. Adam has been leading church, preaching occasionally and running a younger adults Growth Group already, so this new ministry will simply be an extension of what Adam is already doing.

We are very excited about having Adam on board the team. Please pray that this staff development for ANeW would enable the church to continue to grow in a manner fully pleasing to God and that God would provide the funds needed to support this ministry.

We praise and thank God for:

- The great church weekend away we had in mid September with 35 adults and 15 children.
- The kids club we ran for 3 days in the last school holidays for 30 children.
- The 250 people who came to hear Rory Steyn, Nelson Mandella's former bodyguard speak on reconciliation in South Africa and the reconciliation we all need with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The fact that we keep having our financial needs met.



Weekend away

Please pray that:

- God's blessing would be on our pre Christmas evangelistic events (see details below)
- ANew would cope well with the transition over the Christmas period (a couple of people moving away from Newcastle and others we know who are joining us).
- In 2013 we might develop programs that would enable those who don't know the Lord Jesus to travel alongside us and find Christ.
- The ministry to children each Sunday night would continue to be developed and that God would provide us with all the leaders that we need for that.
- God would be continuing to sustain our CMS link missionaries, Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim now in South Asia, our BCA link missionaries, Geoff and Tracey Piggott in Coober Pedy in South Australia and Martin and Jen Shadwick working with Newcastle Christian Students at Newcastle University
- The financial support for ANew would continue to grow, especially as our Diocesan subsidy reduces by \$15,000 from 1 January 2013.



Kids Club

Upcoming Events:

- Sydney University Student mission team with us 12-16 December 2012
- Ladies Gingerbread night Friday 14 December
- Family Gingerbread night Saturday 15 December
- Carols evening Sunday 16 December



St Matthew's Georgetown where we meet

We greatly appreciate your prayers and wish you a meaningful and happy Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord.



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