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ANeW Anglican Newcastle Evangelical Church

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Dear Friends

'Rejoice in the Lord always...' 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God' (Phil 4:4&6). These words that Paul wrote to the Philippian believers greatly encourage us too.

Thank you to everyone who prays for ANeW. We do so value your prayers for our ministry as we enjoy the fruit of them. May you all know God's blessings in your lives.

Minister's News, Arthur Copeman

The preparation of our Church Updates has been handed over to Dianne Douglass as prayer coordinator.

I am very thankful to God for the growth we have seen in ANeW over the last few months. The challenge this growth presents is to ensure that the structure of ANeW is developed to sustain and spiritually support a larger group of people in a Biblical way.

On a personal front, my Archdeacon work for the Diocese of Newcastle has increased in intensity with the retirement of the Bishop of the Diocese, Brian Farran. The Diocesan Synod will meet from the 12-14 April to elect a new Bishop.

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Children's Ministry Anabelle Copeman

I am very encouraged by the growth in the children's ministry, both with children attending and with new leaders volunteering to help. Our great God is leading us forward.

Women's Ministry Cathy Young

We are so thankful to God for how He is working in our midst. It has been wonderful to see so many ladies grow in their love, wisdom, knowledge and confidence in God. Thanks so much for praying. God bless you.

Young Adults' Ministry Adam Matthews

It is really exciting and amazing to see how God is bringing so many young people to ANeW from such varied backgrounds and places. It is challenging, but I am very thankful to be a part of it.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Romans 12:2*

We greatly appreciate your prayers.

Praise and Thanks for

- the success of the Sydney University mission team who were with us from 12-16 December 2012
- the blessing of the Carol's evening 16 December at St Mark's Church, Islington
- the outreach of both the Ladies' and Family Gingerbread events on 14 and 15 December 2012
- 50 people at ANeW on Christmas day to celebrate Jesus' birth
- teaching on Prayer during February
- our growth
 - 44 people in Growth Groups
 - 7 people doing PTC*
 - 8 women attending Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)
 - the growth of the Children's Ministry, for both the number of children attending and the Team of 8 who assist in this ministry
- praise for the young people in years 7 and 8
- a Middle Eastern lady becoming a Christian recently
- 15 men will be attending the Men's Convention in Katoomba 1-2 March
- Ruth Fletcher leading the music in ANeW once a month
- our financial needs are being met

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

Please pray for

- wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us
- wisdom to know how to best minister to our young adults who have more than doubled over Christmas
- our Growth Groups to continue growing in numbers and as folk grow closer to one another they will continue to draw even closer to God
- the establishment of a separate group for the young people in years 7 & 8 on Sunday evenings
- **most importantly** - that the children will grow in their understanding of the love of God and seek to serve Him
- God's healing on the people and families of all at ANeW; physical, emotional and spiritual
- Ladies Simply Christianity starting up 13 March
- continued development in programs that would enable us to reach those who do not yet know the Lord Jesus and make Him known to them
- God to raise up more people to teach scripture in schools in the Newcastle area
- that God would continue to sustain our CMS link missionaries, Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia; our BCA link missionaries, Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Cooper Pedy and Martin & Jen Shadwick working with Christian students at Newcastle Uni
- Prayer for Peter Friend (and wife Deborah) whose ministry is at the RAAF Base in Williamstown
- that God will identify people he would have undertake the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC*) currently being offered through ANeW
- for God's protection over all who minister through ANeW and all who attend
- a smooth transition for Adam juggling responsibility for both ANeW and his normal job whilst still having time out for himself and Stef
- continued financial support in view of the reduction of the Diocesan subsidy
- in God's timing, a larger, appropriately equipped and situated venue to meet our growing needs



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