



Prayer Update No. 16 - Summer 2014/15

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

*Dear Friends*

*What an amazing God we have! How He blesses us in so many ways not the least of which is through all you devoted wonderful folk who regularly pray for ANeW. It is easy to underestimate the power of prayer but we are confident that God hears every prayer you pray and values it just as we do. Thank you all so very much.*

### **MONDAY - SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING CHURCH**

- Pray that God would bring people to the morning congregation, which commenced in November at New Lambton in partnership with that Parish.
- Pray that God would ensure that the morning congregation is a place where his Word is faithfully taught and people are built up in the Lord.
- For the evening pray that God would give to those in leadership wisdom as to how to develop this ministry as it grows (and thank God for the growth).
- For good relationships with the Parishes of Lambton and New Lambton (where we meet)

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

### **YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY - Adam Matthews**

Let us thank and praise God for a wonderful year of God blessing the Young Adults' Ministry! We have seen new people come. People have matured in their faith and grown in their love and their understanding of God. We have had a great year studying various things, most recently Hebrews.

Praise:

- for a wonderful year of God blessing the Young Adults' Ministry.
- for new people; and people maturing in their faith & growing in their love & understanding of God.
- that Adam Matthews will be increasing his hours with ANeW from one and half days a week to three days a week on February 1<sup>st</sup> next year.

Pray:

- for good and close relationships in a growing group and that everyone would be encouraging one another to grow closer to God and continue to grow in their maturity.
- for older people to come alongside and mentor the young adults and for the young adults to be able to mentor those younger than themselves.
- Pray that God would give to Adam Matthews great wisdom to know how to best use the additional hours he will have available from February.

*I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48:17*

## TUESDAY - KIDS MINISTRY – Amy Soutter

### Praise, Thank & Prayer Points :

- for our fantastic Kids for Christ (KFC) leaders: Denise Rothwell, Clare Chiswell, Anabelle Copeman, Joelle & Tim Hall, Heidi Woods & Andrew Cox.
- for the new recruits who have been a great blessing.
- for provision of leaders over the summer & 2015 so our current leaders can have a restful break.
- for the opportunity to have the AFES mission team, particularly to help with the Scripture Christmas assemblies.
- that the message will sink deeply into the hearts of the students and that it will grow and lead them and their families to want to know Jesus.
- for our faithful Scripture teachers, from ANeW and across the local churches.
- Ask God that the number of students attending Scripture would grow in 2015 and that He would provide teachers to cover all the classes.
- for the POPS & Poppets (Church playgroup) team who have served faithfully this year.
- for the women and children who have come along; that the love they have experienced will point them to Jesus.
- that God will use this ministry to reach the young families of our community.
- for opportunities to for training in ministry to children in 2015.
- that this will be effective and edify and skill our new and experienced leaders.
- for wisdom for Amy as she seeks to use the summer break to plan for 2015.
- that Amy will have creative ideas, innovative thinking, and ways to support and encourage our wonderful teams.

## WEDNESDAY - MINISTRY ASSISTANT and YOUTH MINISTRY - Anabelle Copeman

As the ANeW ministry grows, so my role develops in different directions. I continue to supervise the Youth Team and do administration work. With the commencement of the New Lambton ANeW morning congregation, I am also coordinating the morning children's ministry. This is focusing on providing crèche for younger children, which we don't do at night. I am also co-leading a growth group with Arthur. Thank you for praying, it is a privilege to share in this ministry.

### Praise God:

- We had 7 teens at our weekend away. They looked at a youth version of Christianity Explored based on Mark's gospel. They were challenged to make a response to Jesus.
- We now have a group of boys and girls meeting on Sunday nights (previously it was only girls)
- Our teens are bringing their friends to our social outings. We have been trampolining and to the beach this term.
- For our great young adult leaders. We currently have 4 leaders in our youth team.

Pray that

- at this crucial time in their lives, our teens will commit to following Jesus.
- our teens will continue to develop relationships between themselves and the leaders and become a strong core group from which we can outreach to others.
- friends invited will be challenged by what they hear and want to know more about Jesus.
- we will train our teens to be future leaders in the church.
- we will plan well for next year.
- God will provide leaders to enable the group to grow, especially another male leader.

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 95:2*

#### **THURSDAY - WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cathy Young**

Thanks & praise:

- for God's generous and sustaining grace during 2014.
- for the success of the Evangelistic Spring High Tea in September and also the Evangelistic Gingerbread Event in November.
- that the ladies Bible Study groups & POPs have finished up well and that women have grown in their love and knowledge of the Lord.
- for 8 women studying the PTC Ephesians course during December and February (holiday break in January).
- for three women from ANeW who have committed to being part-time trainees with Cath over the next three years.

Pray that :

- we will make the most of the Christmas period in the hope that some might come to know Jesus.
- we will finalise planning and preparation for 2015.
- we will all have a refreshing break over the summer period.
- we will continue to grow in our love and knowledge of Jesus - especially remembering that Jesus was born - that we might live :)

*Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being. 1 Cor 10:24*

#### **FRIDAY - CHURCH LIFE**

**MINISTER** - *Arthur Copeman*

*Please join me in: -*

- Thanking God for his sustaining during the year, especially during very busy periods.
- Thanking God for sufficient financial support for the staff at ANeW.
- Praying for a rest over summer and a recharging of the batteries at CMS Summer school at Katoomba in January.
- Praying for a good start to the year for ministry at ANeW with additional paid hours for staff at ANeW.
- Praying for the morning congregation which has been commenced in November at New Lambton in partnership with that parish.

## GENERAL

Praise & Thanks for:

- a wonderful ANeW Weekend Away in October when Malcolm Gill spoke so powerfully on Habakkuk.
- Involvement in a city wide programme of churches serving their communities called 'Cityserve' in October with a working bee at Lambton Primary School.

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 and the choice of speakers.

*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, you are welcome to email Dianne at: [ddouglass83@gmail.com](mailto:ddouglass83@gmail.com)