

Dear Friends

We have decided to stick with the format we used during our prayer week as it has been well received. We would like to thank all of you for praying with us for ANeW. Your commitment to prayer is so very much appreciated and such a blessing to us. We pray that God's mercy and blessings will also be with you.

Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Minister

It continues to be a great joy to minister in ANeW. It is a community of people who love the Lord Jesus and are seeking to serve him. It is also a community of people of every age of life, working together, which is a great blessing.

We have celebrated becoming the first Parish in the Diocese of Newcastle without any buildings or geography. In this I would pay tribute to the Diocesan Administrator (we have no Diocesan Bishop at present) Bishop Peter Stuart who has supported us in many ways and personally proposed from the Chair to the Diocesan Council that ANeW be a Parish. We give great thanks for Peter Stuart's ministry and leadership of the Diocese at the present time.

This week we have a team of students from the Youthworks College coming to mission with us (see details below). We would appreciate your prayers for this.

Arthur Copeman

Children's Ministry

Praise God that the children's ministry continues to develop. I am thankful for new leaders joining the team. We are now running a separate programme for the 3-5 year old children as well as for the junior high school age young people. Our series on The Parables from Mathew's gospel is progressing well. Please pray for our programming through to the end of the year.

Anabelle Copeman

Women's Ministry

Hi again. I'm continually thankful for everyone who has had a chance to pray for ANeW. There is much to do and much wisdom needed. Please pray for energy, discernment and perseverance in the face of opposition. Please also pray as Paul does that our love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Thanks ever so much and God bless.

Cathy Young

Young Adults' Ministry

We have been enjoying studying the book of Genesis this term and are almost at the finish line! Praise God that our relatively new groups are beginning to get to know each other well and encourage one another. Please pray as directed in the Prayer Guide for continued maturity in our faith, growth in our understanding of God and all he has done for us in the Lord Jesus. Also wisdom in developing this ministry and reaching out to the people of Newcastle.

Adam Matthews

PRAYER GUIDE

Let us praise our amazing God! You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of joy in your presence. Acts 2:28

MONDAY

CHILDREN

Thank God for:

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10: 16

- *the growth of the Children's Ministry, both the number of children attending and the Team who assist in this ministry*
- *wonderful web material available, especially Kidswise - very user friendly and, most importantly, biblical in approach.*
- *Youthworks team coming to join us*

Pray for:

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

- **June 27 Youthworks week commences with seven students and Peter Oates.**
- **June 29 Midwinter Games and Grub with all age gospel presentation & tea**
- **June 30 Youthworks students leading aspects of ANeW**
- **July 1-3 Holiday Kids Club at St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Street, Mayfield – 9-3 daily**
- that every child will understand what a parable is, the nature of the Kingdom of God and respond to Jesus offer of forgiveness and salvation
- our programming through to the end of the year
- safety of our children during the school holidays

TUESDAY

YOUNG ADULTS

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
Proverbs 1:7

- *Praise God that our relatively new groups are beginning to get to know each other well and encourage one another.*
- *Thank God for raising up James and Miriam White to lead a second bible study group*
- pray that we would continue to mature in our faith and grow in our understanding of God and all that he has done for us in the Lord Jesus
- pray for wisdom that we might know how best to develop this ministry

WEDNESDAY

But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matt 12:36-37

GROUPS

Thank God for:

- *7 people doing Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC)*
- *8 women attending Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)*
- *Discipleship Explored run by Kate and Cathy*
- *Growth groups each week*

Pray:

- for wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us
- that all in our Growth Groups will continue to grow in their faith
- that we will all grow in intimacy and dependence on God

THURSDAY

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

Isaiah 42:16

PASTORAL CARE

- that God would raise up people at ANeW
- God's care of every man, woman and child who comes to ANeW in every area:
 - physical
 - emotional
 - spiritual
- for God's protection over the men, women & children who minister through ANeW & all who attend
- salvation of all members of every family represented at ANeW
- Lambton Anglican Parish, where we now meet, praying that God would bless them.
- wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us

FRIDAY

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16*

SATURDAY

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matt 28:19-20*

SUNDAY

*Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
Hebrews 13:15*

ADMIN

Thank God for:

- *our new premises at Lambton Anglican Church – St John the Baptist, 18 Morehead Street, Lambton*
- *our full Parish status celebrated with Bishop Peter Stuart June 16*
- *our financial needs being met*

Pray for

- Organising ANeW as a Parish in the Diocese of Newcastle
- Election of three ANeW wardens
- Election of three ANeW representatives to the Diocesan Synod to elect a new Bishop

OUTREACH

Thank God for:

- *a successful Women of Truth Conference on May 25*
- *A great ANeW Men’s Breakfast at Georgetown June 15*

Pray:

- that God would continue to support & sustain our CMS link missionaries, Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia; our BCA link missionaries, Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Coober Pedy & Martin and Jen Shadwick working with students at Newcastle Uni
- continual development of programs enabling us to reach those in our community and beyond, who do not yet know the Lord Jesus and to make Him known to them
- Ladies Book Club August 9
- Craft Cafe at ANeW June 28 and July 26

WORSHIP

Give thanks and praise to God for

- *The devotion to the Scriptures which is evident in our Sunday night meetings together.*
- *The great ‘spots’ we have in church where we hear about other ministries.*
- *every member of our Music Team led by Grace Peattie*
- *Grace’s recent successful surgery without complications and her good and steady progress*
- *Those who lead us in prayer in church each Sunday night.*

Pray for

- That all those who attend ANeW would have their lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as they seek to follow the Lord Jesus.
- Faithful preaching of God’s Word each week.
- Faithful putting together of our church times consistent with God’s word.
- guidance in choosing the songs and music
- that God will be *glorified* as we praise him in song
- God to raise up more musicians for ANeW