

ANeW CHURCH

Prayer Update # 14 - Winter 2014

Dear Friends

Our amazing God continues to bless ANeW and so your prayers are very valued. We gratefully thank you for your commitment to praying for us. Prayer makes such a difference but then you are well aware of this and it's just great to be able to honour God in this way. Bless you all and praise God!

Prayer is a human act ordained by God which he delights in because it reflects our dependence on him.

MINISTER

I continue to praise God for the way in which he is at work at ANeW and particularly for the great group of people who call ANeW their church. In my own position I have been spending more time in Diocesan administration lately in a role directly assisting the Bishop. On another front, on Sunday 1st June at 10am at All Saints Church Hall, Cromwell St, New Lambton, we are commencing a prayer meeting for a morning congregation. This is a joint project of New Lambton Anglican and ANeW Church. A group of us will begin praying about this new congregation at a time and place where the new congregation may meet once it is formed. It is our hope and prayer that God will bring to us a group of people who can be the core group of this new congregation. I am very excited about this next step. Indeed I hope that this might be the first of other future church plants in the city of Newcastle. It would be great if you could also pray that God would bless this church planting project.

Arthur Copeman

YOUNG ADULTS' MINISTRY

Thank you all for your prayers. At the end of last year and then leading into Easter this year we studied through the gospel of Luke which was fantastic! With a large group it has been great over the past few months getting to know everyone better each week. This term we will be doing some topical studies on the Holy Spirit, Scripture, Church etc. We will then do Habakkuk followed by Ecclesiastes which will line up with the sermon series at church. This may be unfamiliar territory for some in our group which is really exciting!

Adam Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

There are lots to praise God for this winter when it comes to kid's ministry.

Kid's Club - We commenced on the 9th May with a fantastic team of leaders. Please pray for them (see **TUESDAY**) as they lead the children and gel together as a team.

Poppets - Praise God for wonderful leaders, including Denise Rothwell and Lynda Wetherall. We have a good program up and running which the kids are settling in to and their Mums are loving.

Children's Program on Sunday nights - Yet another fantastic team of leaders presenting the Kid's Talks and leading the children. Please pray for them (see **TUESDAY**).

Holiday Kids Club 9-11 July - We need God's guidance in our planning and preparation in the lead up to this event. We are hoping to connect with many local churches through this Holiday Club.

SRE - This is an amazing opportunity and worthy of much praise.

Amy Soutter

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

There are always so many things to thank God for and I personally want to thank Him for the way that He has been sustaining me and my family after the death of my mum just over a month ago... It has

been a difficult few months but we rejoice knowing mum is at home with her Lord and that He is our comfort and strength - Praise Him!!! Another great praise point is that we have five young ladies doing Simply Christianity at the moment. Please pray for these ladies to repent and believe the great news about Jesus. Pray also for those I'm training to grow in both their confidence of the message of the gospel being the power to save and also in their skills in faithfully presenting and introducing people to Jesus. Also, a few women went to a Trellis & Vine seminar last week. Lots of enthusiasm and eagerness has been the fruit of our time in God's Word together - please pray as we continue to meet and dream dreams for God. Again, thanks so much for your continued prayers; we are very aware that we are being prayed for.

Cathy Young

MINISTRY ASSISTANT

As ANeW changes and grows my role continues to change. New people are relieving me of certain responsibilities, allowing me to move to new ministries. A youth team is now in place separate from the children's ministry team. As we move toward establishing a morning congregation I will be starting to work out what my role will be in the new venture. Thank you for your prayers. Please pray that I will continue to be able to support the ministry team as we continue to grow and start the new congregation.

Anabelle Copeman

PRAYER GUIDE

MONDAY - CHURCH TIME EACH SUNDAY NIGHT AT 5PM

There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord. Proverbs 21:30-31

Give thanks and praise to God for:

- *preaching of the Word in our Sunday night meetings together*
- *opportunities we have in church to hear about other ministries*
- *the dedication of our musicians and singers led by Grace Peattie*
- *all who pray with and for us*

Pray for:

- our sermons to always be prophetic
- the Holy Spirit to transform the lives of those who come to ANeW
- wisdom in choosing appropriate songs and music for our worship
- continual provision of musicians and singers for ANeW
- God to be honoured and glorified in all we do

TUESDAY - CHILDREN & TEENS MINISTRY

I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 8:17

Praise and thank God for:

- *the good establishment of our new POPs & POPPETs Group on Tuesday mornings, for the parents and pre-schoolers who come and for the great team who lead it*
- *for the opportunity to establish a weekly Kids Club (3-6) successfully launched this term*

- *for an eager bunch of kids on Sunday evenings at our 5pm service*
- *success of a Social Media event May 23 for our Youth*
- *praise God for this open door to teach Scripture in our schools across Newcastle*

Pray:

- for the leadership of ANeW's children and that in all things we would seek to glorify God
- that God will appropriately grow our Pops & Poppets group and give us patience as we wait for and seek those he wants to bring along.
- that God will grow our new Friday after school KIDS CLUB:
 - that He would bring along children from our community to hear who He is
 - that our children at ANeW would be bold in inviting their friends and living as ambassadors for Christ
- for our fantastic KIDS CLUB Team of Leaders :
 - Petah Beverley, Hannah Woodford, Isabelle Cox, Paul van Baalan, Sam Chiswell & Amy Soutter
- our Leaders' Team presenting the Kid's Talks and leading the children at our 5pm church service
 - Andrew Cox, Tim & Joelle Hall, Hannah & Heidi Wood, Anabelle Copeman, Denise Rothwell, Clare Weakley & Amy Soutter.
 - for wisdom and clarity as we answer questions, creativity as we present the Fruit of the Spirit and grace to live out this fruit in our own lives
 - for new children & visitors to feel comfortable & the Spirit to be at work in their lives
- the planning and preparations that need to be made in the lead up to our July Holiday Kids Club
 - that the children who come will be encouraged
 - that we might connect with many local churches through this Holiday Club
- Teen games evening with a Youthworks team Friday 27th June
- establishment of a strong Youth Ministry through our Youth events and personal mentoring
- that we will train our teens to be our next generation of children's and youth leaders.
- that God will be in the hearts of all our young people wherever they are and whatever they do
- for the Youthworks College Mission Team of 10 students and 2 staff joining ANeW June 24-29 and sufficient billets to accommodate them
- that all of the young adults would continue to mature in their faith and that we all might be challenged and encouraged by what we are learning
- for SRE in our schools :
 - for Principals and teachers to be supportive
 - that parents will be amazed that individuals give time to teach their children
 - for the children's hearts to be receptive to the gospel.
 - For God's strength for teachers as winter hits and sickness and tiredness increases

WEDNESDAY - CHURCH GROUPS

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28

Thank God for:

- *our Growth Groups (weekly Bible studies) and REAP groups*

Pray:

- that the faith of every person will grow and we will deepen our intimacy with God and our dependence on Him

- that we might encourage one another in our strengths and gifts
- that God will raise up people properly discerned to be part of a Prayer Ministry Group
- for wisdom for Adam Matthews and James White as they consider the future direction of the Young Adults Ministry

THURSDAY - CHURCH LIFE TOGETHER

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

Praise and thank God for:

- *the wonderful people with whom He has gifted our church*
- *the protection and safe return of our Team from Indonesia*

Pray:

- that God would continue to support and sustain our Link Missionaries
 - *Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia with CMS
 - *Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Coober Pedy with BCA
 - *Martin and Jen Shadwick working with students at Newcastle Uni
- the Simply Christianity Course currently running Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings
- for continual development of programs that would enable us to reach those in our community and beyond, who do not yet know the Lord Jesus and make Him known to them
- that we will all work well together, be faithful witnesses to God and that He will be glorified through all that we do
- for Ladies Book Club and also Craft Cafe
- for planning for the development of Men's Ministry at ANeW and choice of speakers
- for our people at ANeW to continue to respond to God's calling
- for God's care and protection of us all; physically, emotionally and spiritually
- for the salvation of the unsaved members of every family represented at ANeW
- for the parish of St Matthew's, Georgetown, our first meeting place
- for the parish of St John the Baptist, Lambton, our current place to meet
- for the parish of All Saints, New Lambton (where we are running a number of programmes and looking to plant a morning congregation).

FRIDAY - ADMINISTRATION

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

Thank God for:

**our Bishop, Greg Thompson *our Treasurer David Wood *our financial needs continually being met*

Pray for

- God's guidance in the ongoing organising of ANeW as a Parish in the Diocese of Newcastle
- Ensuring the right balance of activities at ANeW over the course of the year.
- weekly Prayer Meetings commencing June 1st to seek God's will regarding a possible morning congregation at New Lambton Church
- the updating of ANeW's daily Prayer list.

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