

Dear Friends

Isn't it good to know that God is in charge no matter what is going on around us! Election results will never please everyone; covid is still with us one way or another; not everyone is singing from the same hymn sheet. One thing is always constant and that is God's love and concern for us. How blessed we are to have him as our heavenly Father, in total control. May our trust in Him grow day by day. Thank you for your prayers for All Saints ANew and may you all stay well and warm during the months ahead. Blessings, Dianne.

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

MONDAY :

Arthur Copeman - All Saints ANew Overview



I have recently attended the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia on the Gold Coast, where I was on the organising committee. This Synod had some positive and negative moments as the Anglican Church struggles to determine where it is heading as on overall organisation. Then, in late July, I have been invited to attend the first meeting of the Anglican Communion Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship in London, with the Anglican Communion Office paying my costs. I will be there as a part of a group within that Commission committed to Church Planting. The meetings will be largely facilitated by Bishops from Malaysia and Chile. I look forward to learning from them.

At All Saints ANew our Building Committee have been working on concept plans for the refurbishment of the building we meet in. They are close to a final concept, which would significantly enhance what is possible on the All Saints site.

At Church we have been working through the book of Job this term. I have not preached on Job before, but we have found the time to be immensely valuable. Job is part of the Wisdom literature in the Bible, where the fear of the Lord (a right approach to God) is the beginning of wisdom. So, Job is wrestling with what is the right approach to God when we are suffering.

Praise & thanks for:

- The Anglican Church of Australia and its heritage in the Gospel.
- The great team (see prayer points below) I have the privilege of ministering alongside each week.
- The people who serve our church through the Church Council, the Resourcing Team and the Building Committee.
- Those who pray for the ministry of All Saints ANew.
- Having Amy Soutter back from maternity leave leading our ministry to children.
- The book of Job in the Bible and its helpful teaching about living in a real world of suffering.
- New people who have joined our church recently.

Please pray for:

- The Anglican Church of Australia, that it might be increasingly a Biblically focused church.
- My Archdeacon work in the Diocese of Newcastle – that God would give me great wisdom in all that I undertake with that work.
- My time in England and discussions there on Church Planting – that these would be very valuable for ministry back in Newcastle.
- All Saints ANew Building Committee, as they finalise plans to refurbish the building – that God would greatly prosper these endeavours and that we might be able to quickly move to the actual refurbishment.
- The financial support of ministry at All Saints ANew, that it would increase to cover the deficit we are running this year.
- An increase in the number of people involved in ministry to children each week at All Saints ANew.
- That we would continue ministering in a manner faithful to God's Word.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. Ps 145:3

MONDAY continued

Donna McCann – Church Administration

Praise & Thanks for :

- the encouragement and privilege of working with such a great Staff Team.
- the selfless volunteers that assist me in the office each week.
- God's faithfulness and guidance in all that we do as a church.
- my amazing spiritual experience at Cursillo early this month.



Pray :

- wisdom to know how to work effectively and efficiently with new strategies and processes that get implemented as we grow as a church.
- to know God's plans and purposes for the future in even the little details like admin, as we plan to plant a new congregation.
- that God will continue to use me in my role as Administrator to do His will, whatever that may be.

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:14

TUESDAY :

Sam Broadfoot - ASSISTANT MINISTER



What a joy 2022 has been, as we've begun regular prayer meetings for an upcoming (God-willing) church plant. As we 'senders' have begun thinking and praying towards it, we've realised the need to be doing all we can to strengthen and prepare both those who will take the gospel to a new area, and those who will continue taking the gospel to our existing space. What a wonderful ministry to be involved in.

For all that's going on in the world around us, please **pray** that we won't be distracted from our Lord's mission to make disciples, baptising and teaching them to obey all His commands (Matthew 28:19-20).

Praise & Thanks for :

- the 8 people doing our Growth Groups leaders' course. Some are fresh, some are freshening up their ministry skills.
- new youth leaders, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to see the youth grow in Christ.
- the term 2 series on the book of Job. Many suffering brothers and sisters have appreciated the opportunity to dwell on, instead of skating over the reality of suffering - in light of God's sovereign goodness.

Pray :

- for help in engaging and equipping the 25% of NCLS (world researchers) respondents at church who said they'd like to be more involved; and **thank** God for them!
- to sink our roots deeper into His Word, so we might live out our role as a pillar and foundation of the Truth.
- to encourage those who are new to reading the Bible for themselves, by helping them to see the clarity, certainty and assurance He gives us therein.

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

TUESDAY continued **Evan Harris – Church Planting, 10am Pastor, Welcome & Engage**

Evan and Eliza's second baby, Ezekiel, was born on Monday 13th June and all are doing well.



Praise & Thanks

- For the safe arrival of Ezekiel
- that my Dad's surgery went great and his recovery is coming along well.

Pray :

- For our new baby Ezekiel, that he will be healthy.
- For us, as we adapt to life as a family of 4.
- For Asher; that he would still feel loved, and be an amazing big brother.
- That as I eventually go back to work, I would be a sacrificial husband/ father, always loving my family.



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

WEDNESDAY :

Amy Soutter – Ministry to Children

It is so good to have children and families to minister to and with! It is wonderful to have faithful and committed leaders who love our children and are eager to disciple them.

Praise & Thanks for :

- Tracey setting up Children's Ministry to run smoothly into term 2
- a supportive staff team.
- opportunities to reflect on ministry to children and consider how we can best support families in their task of raising children who walk with Jesus.

Pray for :

- families to grow in godliness in the midst of sickness that is around and will continue to be over the winter months.
- insight as we review Time Out, considering how best to direct its future.
- wisdom to discern what changes to implement and energy, time and graciousness to carry them out.
- our church to live out what it means to be the family of God.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

THURSDAY :

Kate Rogers - 5pm Pastor, Care & Welcome

Praise & Thanks :

- that so many ladies from our church family attended the Renew (previously Women of Truth) Conference at the end of May. It was a great opportunity to join with over 350 women across the Hunter to praise our Lord in song and prayer and faithful Bible teaching.....enjoy and encourage each other over morning tea and lunch..... and explore where God-given hope is found in the midst of mental illness.



THURSDAY continued:

- for the first “Life” Event for ASA (All Saints ANew) ladies to explore together how to do Life in Jesus. The theme of the evening was “Where is Hope when Life Hurts?” - tying in with our sermon series on Job. We heard stories from 4 of our church ladies who shared particular struggles lessons learned about God (and themselves) through personal suffering Bible truths that sustained and strengthened them godly wisdom from other Christians that helped build up their faith. There was a clear and encouraging focus on our good and faithful God, helpfully reminding us that life is infinitely - and eternally - better done with God and in Christian community.
- that our church family so generously and faithfully care for each other in practical and prayerful ways, as well as showing and sharing God’s love to people outside of our church.

Pray :

- for ladies who came to the “Life” Event who don’t yet know Jesus, that the Holy Spirit will be working in their hearts and minds helping them understand and believe the truths they heard from God’s Word and for wisdom in planning the second Life Event later in the year.
- for those we know and love who are struggling; that the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort will sustain and comfort them in all their troubles and that they then, can comfort others in any trouble with the comfort they receive from God.
- that the lessons we are learning in Job about human suffering, and particularly about our sovereign, just and loving God, will deepen our relationship with Him, equip us with His wisdom to live through the pains of life, and teach us to be good friends who offer gospel hope to those are suffering as we point them to our Redeemer Jesus.
- for wisdom in directing and structuring our Care Ministry, as well as provision for resourcing and implementing loving and effective care in various ways.
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May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

FRIDAY :

Beck Bishop - 10am Pastor, Engage & Train

Praise & Thanks :

- for the opportunities the women of our Church are having to delve into Biblical reflections on Suffering - Recent ‘Renew’ conference – discussions on mental health and our new ‘Life’ events where women can hear testimonies of how women can have Hope in the midst of living in a broken world.
- God is so kind in allowing many more Spiritual conversations and much growth in numbers at our mainly music groups at New Lambton and Fletcher.
- Personal Praise point - my mother and father-in-law from South Africa can visit from end of June to beginning of August to celebrate with me the 50 years of Life Jesus has given me.



Pray :

- as our Church grows in number, that everyone would be encouraged in Jesus and well cared for pastorally.
- for health and well-being for all community groups so that we can keep meeting together and they can keep hearing about Jesus.
- There are a number of new people and baptism enquiries I am keen to start reading the Bible with. Pray that nothing would hinder these people growing in their understanding of Jesus.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12.

SATURDAY :

Cinta Chapman - 5pm Pastor & Engage (Trainee)

I have been reminded lately about how completely dependent I am on our Father, for all things. Thank you for your prayerful dependence on God, for what he is doing in Newcastle and through his people at All Saints ANeW.



Praise & Thanks for :

- *the joy of being united with each other and Christ in the work of the gospel. It is seriously such a joy to be part of God's people here.*
- *the chance to meet with some of our high school girls to read through Romans. It is so encouraging seeing them desire to know God and his word more deeply.*
- *the opportunity I have had to spend time studying the book of James over the past year. I have been challenged and convicted in many ways to be a follower of Jesus whose life is shaped by the gospel of Jesus. Please pray that I would be genuinely changed by the word of God, and not just someone who listens and walks away unchanged.*
- *the opportunity to go to the REACH Australia conference in May. It is so encouraging to be reminded that the gospel is going out all around Australia, in different contexts, through churches of different denominations who all love Jesus.*

Pray for :

- *the ministry of mainly music happening in Fletcher. There are new families from the community coming every week, and we long for God to reveal Christ to them by his Spirit.*
- *more of these families to be transformed by Jesus.*
- *young adults who have joined church this year, that they would feel welcomed, enjoy spending time in God's word, in getting to know others, and delight in serving the body of Christ at All Saints ANeW.*
- *Godly wisdom as I am in the last 1/4 of my ministry apprenticeship. I am hoping to go and study at bible college in Sydney next year (which is bitter-sweet!).*
- *would love your prayer for faithfulness and prayerfulness in this new adventure.*

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Isaiah 52:7

Tom Hardy - 5pm Pastor & Youth (Trainee)

A lot has happened in the past couple of months. The big news is that Sarah and I are expecting to have a baby in early September!

Praise & Thanks for :

the 6 youth who committed to follow Jesus at KYCK (Katoomba Youth Convention) this year; please pray they will dig deeper into his word and grow in their walk with him.



- SRE; there has been a lot of great lessons and conversations with students.
- our growth group as we look at the book of Job and the topic of suffering. Thank God for the conversations that have been brought up and the openness of the people in the growth group.

Pray for :

- the youth onward conference later in June; please pray it will be a great night and youth will be encouraged and strengthened by the conference.
- my studying as part of the MTS apprenticeship (Ministry Training); please pray I can remain focused and balance the training and the work in ministry.
- the growth group as we continue through the book of Job that their understanding of God and Suffering will grow.

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

SUNDAY :

Michael Marklew - Minister at Stockton Anglican Church

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.



Please join us in giving thanks for :

- Monthly Friday healing ministry that is starting to grow and bear fruit.
- Alison having some time off from paid work enabling her to focus on ministry and family.
- Ministry mostly back to normal now.
- New leadership at our Thrift Shop has led to many positive changes including a more positive culture, increased income and a real enjoyment for all those involved.
- Volunteers giving lots of their time and working to grow the kingdom.

Please join us in praying for :

- Regular attendance at Church ministries.
- Less sickness for everyone.
- An outreach BBQ ministry to start on the 31 July & go for 6 weeks; that the team would be sustained and that many would hear the good news and come to faith in the Lord Jesus through this ministry.
- For a great many adult baptisms in 2022.
- More opportunities for quality family time.

There is so much more to be thankful for and to pray for. Your Brother in Christ,

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