ABBREVIATIONS:
A Administration; AAM Acting Assistant Minister, AdM Administration Manager; AR Acting Rector; AM Assistant Minister; ACF Assistant Children’s & Families; ACH Assistant Chaplain, ACM Assistant Children’s Minister; CA Creative Arts (& Worship); CF Children & Families, CH Chaplain, CIC Curate-in-Charge; CM Children’s Minister; CMI Children’s Ministry Intern; CPE Clinical Pastoral Education, CRO Community Relations Officer; E Evangelist; EM Executive Manager; FM Family Minister; GAI Graphic Arts Intern; HCA Healthcare Chaplains Association, Hon Honorary, HR Human Resources, HS Head of School, IS International Students, KC Kid’s Church, L Locum; LSL Long Service Leave; LM Lay Minister; M Music; MA Ministry Apprentice; Mis Lay Missionary; MTS Ministry Training Strategy; pt Part time; PA Personal Assistant; PC Pastoral Care, PW Pastoral Worker; S Scripture; SC School Chaplain; SGM Small Groups Minister; SenM Senior’s Ministry; SG Small Groups SLW Stipendiary Lay Worker; SM Student Minister; SS Site Supervisor; T Technology, TSS Technical & Site Supv, WM Women's Minister; WPC Women’s Pastoral Care, YAM Young Adults Ministry; YC Youth Ministry Co-ordinator; YI Youth Intern; YM Youth Minister; YT or Y13 Youthworks Trainee.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL PRAYER DIARY
1 JUNE 2012—31 AUGUST 2012

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL MINISTRIES

DAY 1:
BISHOP Peter & Julie Hayward: Give thanks for the ongoing support from all levels of our Region for the ministry we are involved in. Especially give thanks for the “Tim Sims conference” in March and the “Rural and Village Ministry Conference in May. Pray for us as we spend June in the USA at various speaking opportunities and some opportunity for rest. Pray also for safety and “good travel”.

ASSISTANT TO BISHOP Tony & Judy Willis: Thanks for the year to date and good health for us both. Please continue to pray for “juggling” of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation and Regional responsibilities. We are looking forward to some long service leave in August / September – pray that plans for this come together.

WOLLONGONG REGIONAL COUNCIL: Give thanks for the Wollongong Regional Ministry Conference in May. This was a great opportunity for the different ministries of the Region to come together. Pray for the Regional Council as we continue to strive to utilise the resources of the Region wisely. Pray for Mission Areas – that they will be able to grow partnerships in ministry.
DAY 2:

ANGLICARE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS: Rev Ian Rienits & Chaplaincy Teams: Give thanks for a greater acceptance of Hospital Chaplaincy in recent weeks – possibly a result of the Compass ABC TV series. Praise God for the many opportunities we have to minister in Jesus’ Name. Pray that our Lord will raise up more volunteers to be trained, particularly for Shellharbour, Kiama, and Port Kembla Hospitals. Pray also for ongoing good relations between Chaplaincy and the rest of the staff in the hospitals.

ENGLISH FOR LIFE: Give thanks for the ongoing growth in numbers attending the classes. Continue to pray for our teachers and helpers – that they will have ongoing gospel opportunities as they build relationships with students in EFL classes across the Region. Pray for the ANGLICARE training conference for EFL to be held 13 July.

DAY 3:

MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE: Jackie Stoneman and Staff: Please pray for our semester 2 subjects which start in July at Dapto, Hoxton Park and the City. Pray also for an intensive at Dapto in August and Hoxton Park in September. Please pray that the students who enrol in these courses will be encouraged in their relationship with God and further equipped to serve effectively in their local churches.

MOTHERS’ UNION: Jan Livingstone (VP Wollongong Region): Thank God for the faithful and energetic MU leaders in our region and the ongoing ministries members have with Hospital Visiting and Court Work. Pray that branches will build members up as they grow in understanding the scriptures and as they serve in their parishes. Continue to pray that those who are older will encourage and support younger people especially in the areas of marriage and family life. We ask that each of use would be disciplined in our praying and enthusiastic as we seek to share the gospel with our families, neighbours and friends.

POLICE CHAPLAINS: Rev Steve Davis:

DAY 31:

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UOW - Rev Rob Copland: Please pray for the “What now…?” mission on campus in August. Pray for the Christian students to be bold and use the opportunity to make the gospel of Jesus known amongst their friends. Please ask the Lord to have mercy on the 1000s of students and many staff and that we might have an open door for the gospel with many. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to raise up and train more gospel workers. Give thanks for the financial generosity of many such that the current deficit has been reduced significantly.

WEST WOLLONGONG: Rev Peter & Anna Hutchinson, Rev Nathan & Melinda Sandon (AM), Rev Neil & Margaret Brain (ptSenM), Amy Lukins (ptCW), Deb Aitken (ptYW), Charlotte Gillespie (Y13), Melinda Estell & Nerida DeRoy (A): We praise God for the life and witness of Bob Bell and for many gospel conversations that followed on from his thanksgiving service. Also we’re excited about the growth of ministry and the opportunities at Wollongong High, Keira High, and among our youth, university and young adult groups. Pray that the Lord will continue to soften hearts by his Spirit and that we will take every opportunity to train disciples of Jesus. Please pray for those working hard among us in support ministries: for our wardens, parish councillors, office administration and the army of volunteers. Pray for safety, for God’s provision of our needs, pray that we’ll serve one-another as serving the Lord.

WOLLONGONG: Rev Sandy & Karyn Grant, Rev Jim & Vanessa Douglass (AM), Rev Liam & Liz Shannon (AM), Juliette Antoon (WM), Bp Reg & Dorothy Piper (ptSenAM), Julie Clark, Maria Kerr, Samantha Johnson & Pauline Eaton (A): Give thanks for strong children’s and youth leaders and some good gospel opportunities through English For Life classes. Some people from international backgrounds have done Simply Christianity, and one has been baptised. As last quarter, please continue to pray for wisdom as we explore church plant options and the staffing implications of that.

New Deacons and Rectors for 2011:

Please pray for the following Rectors who will be commencing ministry soon:

Rev Tom and Simone Hargreaves beginning at Sutherland September.
Rev Jodie and Mandy McNeil beginning at Oak Flats October
SCHOOLS: TIGS: Stephen Kinsella (HS), Rev James Rogers (CH), Rev Mark Grieve (ACH): Thanks for the provision of Rev Mark Grieve as Assistant Chaplain. Pray for him and his family as they settle back into Australia and into the school after serving with CMS in Johannesburg. Pray for the task of reimagining and reinvigorating our lunchtime Christian groups. We are working toward greater participation from our Christian students, a greater ownership of the groups from them, and to grow them in the word such that they would have a keener heart for one another and for those in the school who do not yet know Jesus. Pray for good progress as we nurture all staff toward a greater ability to teach from the perspective of a Christian Worldview. Give thanks for our renewed library facility.

Shellharbour Anglican College: Tony Cummings (HS):

DAY 30:
SHELLHARBOUR CITY: Rev Michael & Karen Williamson, Rev Malcolm & Charissa Forrest (AM), Amanda Grace (ptCM), Rev Matt & Gemma Bartlett (YM), Peter Stacey (E), Julie Philpott (ptWPC), James Robson (Y13), Peter Miller (AdM), Sandy Cholson (A): Praise God for a renewed focus on world mission with the sending of Rev. Mal & Charissa Forrest for training with CMS. Pray for a safe, encouraging and well attended Weekend Away with Peter & Mary O’Brien in July. Pray for a common mind and will in the church to move the building programme forward in the coming months. Pray for wisdom as we carefully evaluate the best ways forward without an assistant minister in the staff team. Pray that our continuing financial deficits would be met by generous, committed, sacrificial & regular giving from the members of the Church. Pray for great encouragement from the Lord as we conclude our study of Exodus and begin Ephesians in the coming months.

ST PAUL’S SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Nigel & Lyndal Parker, Geoffrey Chesher (ptSLW), Yvonne Smith (ptCM), Belinda Hudson (ptSRE), Glenis Boyle (ptA): We thank God for slow but continued growth, that we have seen both much-needed Christian ‘transfers’ AND a new couple come to Christ. We thank God for Term 2 developments: two new Bible study groups – one particularly targeting playgroup mums. Please pray that the Lord would grow us together in true discipleship as we reflect specifically on Discipleship in Term 3. We seek the Lord’s help with our boys’ ministry, for growing its numbers and ministry leaders; and for Nigel as he seeks to understand and develop ways to connect with our community.

DAY 4:
YOUTHWORKS TRAINING: Andy Stevenson (HS SRE&Youth), Kerrie Newmarch (PS SRE & Children’s Ministry): Praise God for strong ministry across the region this last term in children’s, youth and schools ministry. At the end of Term 2 Youthworks College is sending one of its annual mission teams to Corrimal Anglican, pray for this. The regional ministry conference was again an encouraging time and great for continuing conversations and projects with many churches that we work with. Pray for the Gong Men’s Day event, set up of a couple more high school boards in the region and for Kerrie and Andy as they work across the region.

MISSION AREA: Macarthur

DAY 5:
MISSION LEADER: Rev Nigel Fortescue:

CAMDEN: Rev Tony & Debbie Galea, Rev Paul & Zoe Gaetjens (AM/YM), Tim Ash (YM), Karina Edgerton (CM), Debbie Bannister (PW), Pat Burnett & Trish Harley (PC), Lyndall Nurse (PC&SG), Debbie Galea (M&WM), Marilyn Clarke (PA), Brian Peacock (A): We continue to give thanks for the opportunity to present the gospel through Christianity Explained and continue to pray for the new Christians that they will grow in their faith. Also please pray for our building plans, our church finances, unity, encouragement and wisdom for the staff.

CAMPBELLTOWN: Rev Nigel & Nicky Fortescue, Rev Leanne Burns (AM), Mark & Nicole Schroder (Y&CM), Simon & Gill Twist (SM), Brett Hall (SM), Matt & Sarinah Paterson (SM), Jessica Craig (Y13), Rev Stuart Grant (SC Broughton College), Rev Adam Richards (HonAM—UoWS), Amanda Nash (A): Give thanks for a great Easter and many new contacts. Pray for our Christianity Explained courses, that people would understand the Gospel and become Christians. Please pray as we plan for our August Mission that we would help people to know Jesus. Please continue to pray for our church, that we may have hearts that seek and pray for the salvation of the lost in Campbelltown. Please pray for our strategy “Take 5” which aims to encourage all church members to give an Essential Jesus to 5 friends.
DAY 6:
DENHAM COURT: Rev Nigel & Janene Webb (CIC), Bp David Mulready (L), Vacant (A): Give thanks for the growing maturity of Christians, particularly newer Christians in the church. Give thanks for mature members who’re seeking to grow God’s Kingdom at DCAC. Ask that their efforts might be encouraged, welcomed and blessed with results. Ask that God will continue to draw in new people to his kingdom through DCAC and that consequently our financial income will increase. Ask that church would run smoothly while Nigel is on long service leave. That God would help David Mulready to lead the church in a way that continues to grow the ministry there.

EAGLE VALE: Rev Craig & Sandra Hooper, Rev Trent & Catherine Sutcliffe (AM), Simon Owen (ptYW/CM), Tamara Taylor (ptAYM), Jenny Blackburn (A): Please pray: - That all the staff, Scripture teachers, children and youth leaders, Home Group leaders, and any who teach the word of God to others, to watch their lives and teaching closely, to save both themselves and their hearers. For the soccer camp (3-6 July) being held with Ambassadors to bear much fruit for the Lord. For the work in Eagle Vale High that has just begun through the Scripture Board to continue to expand and grow for God’s glory. For the upcoming sermon series in June on ‘Life issues’ (Depression, same-sex attraction, addictions and work) to be encouraging for all.


DAY 7:
INGLEBURN: Rev Joe & Alison Wiltshire, Rev Simon Hingston (E), Joshua Johnstone (MTC), Nathanael Brayne (AYW College), Robyn Manning (A): In the middle of evangelism term with at least one outreach event every week: Give praise to God for the many guests who have come and for the 20 or so who have made a commitment or have asked for follow up: Please pray for good follow up. Pray for the unusually high number of pastoral issues that have come up in last month (family break downs, serious depression cases and cancer). Pray for staff who have weathered a high workload in a short period of time.

KIAMA with MINNAMURRA: Rev Stephen & Nicola Stanis, Rev Michael & Rosa Wells (AM), Steve Inman (YM), Deb Baker (CF), Marguerite Robson (A): Pray for the ongoing decision and commitments we have made as a Church to redeveloping the Ministry Centre. Pray that we will never lose focus as to building lives for eternity. Pray for the Vision process toward 2020 that we have now commenced. Pray that the Lord would keep us excited and humbled by the opportunities for His Kingdom. Give thanks for the real growth and depth in the 0-18’s ministry, and for the challenges we are facing in best ministering effectively to the Seniors in our Church and community.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: John Kewa (Lay Chaplain), Phyllis Coulstock (A):

DAY 29:
OAK FLATS: Rev Geoff & Tracey Piggott (L), Lydia Milliken (A): Give thanks that Rev Jodie (and Mandy) McNeil has accepted the position of Rector, and will begin his ministry at the start of 4th Term, 2012. Please pray for the family and parish, as the kitchen of the rectory gets renovated in the meantime. Geoff and Tracey Piggott hope to have been accepted by BCA by the end of May, and are hoping to be placed in Coober Pedy. They anticipate leaving Oak Flats mid-June and beginning ministry in Coober Pedy sometime. Please pray for all the changes and coming changes, that a locum would be found for 3rd Term, and that the transition to new ministries would be honouring to the Lord Jesus, even if such transitions provide times of challenges to patience and godliness. Thank God for the way the parish has kept in good heart since Graham and Lesley Errington finished their ministry in Dec 2011.

PORT KEMBLA/WARRAWONG: Rev Michael & Vanessa Turner (CIC): Please pray we make true our calling of lighting the city. Thank God for an increasing commitment of the saints, as they live for Jesus. Pray for the people of our parish, including migrants who don’t know Jesus. Pray we would reach them with the gospel in a way they can understand. Please give thanks for this outpost of the kingdom at Port Kembla and Warrawong.
DAY 27:
FIGTREE: Rev Ian & Rhonda Barnett, Rev Ron & Julie Irving (Y/YAM), Rev Geoff & Anne Thompson (SrAM), Rt Rev Harry Goodhew (Hon), Yvonne Gunning (CM), Karen Dixon (EM), Jane Major-Smith (Integration), Dale Spencer (OM/PA), Lisa Delaney (ptACM), Matthew Hawkins (CI), Rachelle Dunn (ptSRE), Virginia Woodward (ptE), Fay Brampton (ptPW), Rev Thayil John (IS), Belinda Hudson (ptHS SRE), Daniel Budd (AYM), Rochelle Lansom (YI), Warwick Mann (TSS), Adele Peteranec & Karen Shaw (A): Pray for Ian and staff for wisdom & insight as they lead the church through the rest of the year. For Home & Away Mission; for the raising up of many leaders & helpers for Kids’ Day Camp & for a team to go to Vanuatu. Give praise for LifeGroup leaders; that LifeGroups will be a place where God’s word and “doing life together” meet.

GERRINGONG: Rev Andrew & Liz Glover, Rev Jon & Fiona Clare (AM), Kaylie Faras (ptCM), Jono Beazley (ptYM), Simon Godden (A): Please give thanks for: the friendship and fellowship of believers, Family ministry, Junior Jivers and our year 1-4 group (‘Friday Fun’), completed ‘shed’ renovations. Please pray for: connections to the community, evangelistic urgency, redevelopment of our 7pm, seniors and men’s ministries and pastoral care, energy for parish council sub-committees, generosity in service and giving to meet financial challenges.

HARBOUR CHURCH SHELLHARBOUR: Rev Rob Sharp (CIC), Jono Ward (MTS):

JAMBEROO: Rev David & Julie-Ann Cole (CIC):

DAY 28:
KEIRAVILLE: Rev John & Janine Reed, Benita de Rooy (CM), Dianne Arnold (A):

MACARTHUR FAMILY CHAPEL: Vacant, John & Wendy Clarke (LM), Rex Harris (PW): Praise the Lord for the imminent arrival of The Reverend David Hayman as Chaplain of the School and for his ministry with the Sunday Congregation. Please pray that as both David and Romayne settle into School life and the ministry of the congregation that they will feel welcomed and that the transition to a new place of work might be smooth. Continue to pray for Mal as he leads the congregation at the moment and as he plans for the Chaplain’s arrival.

MACARTHUR INDIGENOUS ANGLICAN CHURCH: Pastor Michael & Mary Duckett: We thank God: for his faithfulness; that our Aboriginal chaplaincy program at Reiby (juvenile detention centre) will bear fruit; that enough funds will be raised so Michael can continue training the 2 young fellas forking with him.

DAY 8:
MENANGLE: Rev Steve & Ros Davis, Brian Peacock (A): Give thanks for: the evidence of God’s grace in our children and youth ministries; the many couples preparing for marriage and requesting to have children baptised. Please pray for: ministry at Durham Green Retirement Village that people might see the urgency of putting their lives right before God; our wedding and baptism preparation – that couples might respond positively to the gospel; future directions re church life and mission.


NARELLAN: Rev Michael & Alison Blake, Andrew & Tam Spalding (YM), Steve & Wendy Hitchins (LM), Adam & Trudy Richards (p/t), Julie McGilvray (A): Thanks to God for new families who have arrived at church each month this year. Pray for each to become fruitful members of Christ’s family here. Thanks for youth inviting friends to Pulse (our Youth Group). Pray we all would have a passion to see people saved and Christ glorified. Thank God for the response of children in scripture - please pray that the Lord would raise up more to teach. Thank God for consolidation of St Paul’s 5:30pm service. Pray that youth from Youth Group would accept invitations to join this congregation.
DAY 9:

PICTON-WILTON: Rev Phil & Pamela Parker (AM), Rev Greg Stanton (Hon) Vacant (A): The Ministry Leadership Team is preparing a 5yr plan to present P/Council and Regional Council – pray for wisdom, vision & boldness please! Our ministries and administration continue expanding and are vibrant, but our leadership base remains very thin. We are currently searching hard for an MTS worker to join us for 2013. Our greatest need - family facilities at Picton; Our biggest opportunity - to establish a new Service in Wilton's 'Bingara Gorge' development. Pray for encouragement of our aged people coming to the cold building at St Marks over winter.

ROSEMEADOW with APPIN: The Ven Deryck & Glenda Howell, Rev Luke & Julia Collings (AM), Collette Wise (ptA): Praise God for a good start to our brand new KidzKlub in April. Pray for Wyn and Wayne Dimmell and helpers as they run the Klub. Pray for more kids to come along (we’ve had a maximum of 15 so far!). Praise God for Graeme Orr’s and Luke Collings’ leadership while Deryck enjoyed long service leave. Praise God for what people have learned from Romans about God’s character and purposes. Many have been greatly encouraged. Pray for our continuing love for the lost in our parish and the world and our growing attempts to reach them with the great news of Jesus.

DAY 10:

SCHOOLS: Macarthur Anglican School: Dr David Nockles (HS): Thank the Lord for the students who undertook Confirmation earlier this term. Pray that God will continue to strengthen their commitment and embolden their spirits to share their faith with other students in the School. Thank the Lord for the students who attended KYCK and other Christian teen conferences and pray for their developing faith that it might be nurtured and that staff might be able to provide the discipleship they need. Please pray for the ongoing Christian Seminars for Senior School Students that these might have an eternal impact on the lives of these students.

St Peter’s Primary: Stephen Bomford (HS):

CORRIMAL: Rev David & Carol Esdale, Nathan & Claire Zorn (YM), Cathy Wynn (A): Give thanks for some new families that have joined us in Jesus’ mission of making disciples in Corrimal. Please pray for our church plant at 5pm - with few people and lots to do each week, people are feeling exhausted as we come into the winter months. Pray for us as we care for those who are suffering in our church, that in our care we may bring them comfort through God’s word of grace.

DAY 26:

DAPTO: Rev Stephen & Leigh-anne Semenchuk, Rev Scott Goode (AM), Mary Pickford (CM), Karoleena Ivanov (ptCM), Blake Stewart (ptCMI), Peter Gold (YM), John Batten (ptYT), Paul Seville (ptYT&T), Eliza Vesey (ptYI), Di Whittaker (ptCA), Jill Pearce (Café), Lyndall Bailey, Linda Bell, Hilary Brown, Janelle Jansen (A): Give thanks for a great staff team and continued growth across every congregation; pray that new people would be established in Christ and the church. Give thanks for the connections made with our community through activities at Easter and with Mother’s Day Gift Wrapping at Dapto Mall. Pray for upcoming High School Scripture Seminars, Men’s State of Origin events, and Marriage Enrichment Night for couples, that God will use all these events to further His kingdom in Dapto.

FAIRY MEADOW: Rev Dr Martin & Sandie Bragger, Aidan & Beth Carlesson (LM), Olivia Latham (Y&CM), Alisoun Larkin (A): Praise God for the significant increase in numbers of non-church children and youth at “The Hub” (alternative Christian community) on Friday nights, and for developing relationships with their parents. Praise God for additional members joining CrossNet Cafe. Pray that God will continue to help us expand our network of CrossNet ‘Micro-cons’ in public locations, and to continue to build more and fruitful relationships with members of the non-church community ‘where they are at’.
ALBION PARK: Rev Steve & Trish Roberts, Rev Graham & Robyn Fairbairn (L), Rev Neil & Kirsty Scott (AM), Natasha Hansen (WPC), Tim Deutscher (YM), Lin George, Beryl Nash & Lynece Hawkins (A):
Praise God for: Albion Park Rail Church Plant. Please pray: for next 3 months while Steve Roberts is on Long Service Leave; safety while travelling; for Rev Graham (Locum) & Robyn Fairbairn & Ministry Team while Steve away; for Albion Park Rail Church Plant – God to open hearts & minds of people in the Rail; approval needed for use of Community Centre; members of church plant to grow in godliness; for God’s Spirit to continue to teach & grow us; that we will have a heart for the lost.

Broughton Anglican College: Don O’Connor (HS):
Praise God for the blessing of education in our schools. Thank God for providing many Christian men and women who are dedicated to teaching children as they develop the skills and attitudes that they need for life in an ever-changing world. Please pray for our College Mission Week 12-15 June, that all in our School Community will hear the gospel about our unchanging, loving God and turn to follow Him for their whole life. Pray for the College Chaplains and the staff as they follow up on the events of Mission Week. Pray for families who are dealing with illness, grief, employment and financial difficulties at this time. Pray that they continue to turn to God for comfort and support.

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Dapto: Lyn Matchett:

DAY 24:
ANGLICARE WOLLONGONG: Manager Andrew Stratford, Kaye Grant (PA), Program Managers Matt Harden, Debbie Magyar & Maria Orr:
Pray for the growing number of homeless people in Wollongong; that they would find suitable affordable housing, and that as a Christian community we can find ways to help address this growing problem. Pray for all in the region as they struggle to meet rising living costs on static incomes. Pray for volunteers in Community Care programs as they help to provide support for the socially isolated and disadvantaged people in crisis.

AUSTRALIAN VILLAGES: Woonona, Fairy Meadow:

BULLI/WOONONA: Rev Leigh & Merrilyn Roberts, Andy Callow (YM), Amy Brown (ptCM), Dianne Williams (PA), Sam Fallows (A):
Praise God and keep praying for new part-time Children’s Worker, Amy Brown and new secretary, Sam Fallows. God is blessing both their ministries. Please pray for God’s grace towards us and continued progress and focus as we implement our discipleship emphasis, “to be and make disciples”. That we’d know and live out who we are in Christ. Pray for our Bible Teaching Summit on “Sex By Design” with Dr Patricia Weerakoon on June 16 and for our outreach “Hope Market” on June 23rd.

CHESALON LIVING/CARE: Woonona, Fairy Meadow:

Wollondilly Anglican College: Dr Stuart Quarmby (HS):
The Lord continues to bless the College with amazing growth with over 100 new students hearing the gospel - many for the first time. With the addition of our Director of Pastoral Care, Mr Liam Toland, formally on the pastoral care staff at Penrith Anglican College, there has been added focus on the developmental and social needs of students in Years 9 to 12 as well as broader support for students in all years. 45 local dads and grandfathers attended our men's breakfast this year to hear "some answers to the tough questions that the kids bring home." Year 12 are currently planning the Term 3 term service at the College where 550-600 parents and students, mostly unchurched, will hear the gospel. The Monday night PTC course for staff and community continues in the study of the Old testament. Pat Farmer (famous for running from Pole to Pole amongst other challenges) launched our Missions Walkathon. Funds raised will support our link Missionaries, our sister school in Africa and pay for the building materials needed for 30 students who will be travelling to Vietnam next holidays to build 2 new houses for families without shelter. Students were challenged by visiting theological students from Nigeria who visited with the Rev Alan Wood earlier this term. They were struck by the fact that people who had so little and who lived under constant threat for their lives could be so happy and have such passion for the gospel. Please pray for the gospel in our community. As the College grows, so do local churches of all denominations. Some now have ministers for the first time in years. Praise God.
DAY 11:
SOUTH CREEK (HARRINGTON PARK): Rev Jono & Jenny Squire, Mel Gillies (CM), Gavin & Lara Oram (SM/AM), Vacant (A): Pray for the parents and families of kids attending our weekly kids club - that many would come to know and love Jesus. Pray for the Christian growth of the youth in our church and for more youth in our community to come to know Jesus. Thank God for recent growth in our evening congregation. Thank God and pray for our new assistant minister Gavin as he starts up various ministries - especially amongst youth and young adults.

THE OAKS: Rev Paul & Lorraine Davey, Mrs Inika Kroh (FM): Thank God: for the burst of newcomers who joined our church in Term 1; for the successful establishment of the Befrienders team and the recent training of lay service leaders and Bible Study leaders. Please pray that God would give wisdom with handling space issues in church and crèche.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY: UWS - Rev Adam Richards (pt): Give thanks for the semester and the students who have been coming along to the bible studies. Give great thanks for the book of Ephesians and the reminder of God's Plan to reconcile Jews and Gentiles to Himself through Jesus. Pray that the students will think through the implications of this plan for their lives. Pray for the Mid-Year conference coming up in July, that students might grow in their relationships with one another and grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus. Pray for next semester as we do Luke’s gospel, that the students grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.


MISSION AREA: Shoalhaven-Southern Highlands

DAY 12:
MISSION LEADER: Rev Marty Davis & Rev Richard Mills:

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Bay & Basin Community Aged Care Program: David Neal:

YOUTHWORKS OUTDOORS: Bill Farrand (Acting Exec Dir), Mark Lawler (Training Director), Chris Deacon (Programs Director), Gina Black (Communication Director), Margy Jones (Community Director), Annette Francis (PA to Exec Dir): Pray for the bookings for the rest of the year that they may increase. Pray for the Director and team that they will make wise selfless decisions that will glorify God. Pray for our Challenge programs that reach kids at risk – pray for the leaders of these camps Joel Frost and Chelle Roberts that they will have patience with the kids, lead in a godly way and for their health over the winter months. Praise God that he has placed Joel and Chelle in this job and given them the skills they need to work with the kids who come with all their problems.

PORT HACKING: Darren Robertson (Venue Manager): Pray for the churches that will be using our sites over the school holiday period that they will enjoy fellowship within their church community whilst enjoying God’s creation. Pray for the schools that we have coming in over the winter months that the gospel is shared clearly and truthfully with them. Keep the HSC study camps in your prayers – for the Directors, leaders and tutors that will be working with the campers.

YOUTHWORKS TRAINING COLLEGE: Principal: Rev Graham Stanton, Vice Principal: Jim French, Academic Dean: Andy Stirrup, Lecturer: Ruth Lukabyo, Distance Co-ordinator: Mike Southon, Year 13 Director: Andrew Nixon, Chaplain: Andrew Hudson, Assistant Director: Trinette Stanley, Lecturers: Erich Serediuk, Fiona Fenwick, Support Staff: PA to Graham Stanton & College Administrator: Nola Betts, Caretaker: Jason Arthur, Caterer: Wolfgang Koeck: Give thanks for: students studying at Youthworks College this year; the Lord’s generous provision in many areas of the College; children and young people in our churches and all who lead them; the opportunity for College Graduates to get together 4 June. Pray for: preparations for Missions to Dubbo and Corrimal; Tyrs Tour to Hervey Bay Qld; for safety and effective ministry training; Year 13 planning and execution of Fiji mission trip; students approaching exam time while meeting assignment commitments; faculty undertaking a large marking load.

MISSION AREA: Wollongong

DAY 23:
MISSION LEADER: Rev Stephen Semenchuk
MIRANDA: Rev Stephen & Susie Gibson, Rev Andrew & Adele Southerton, Rev Marty & Katrina Feltham & Rev Dan & Jo Bidwell (AM), Rev Brett & Mardi Middleton (YM), Luke & Jess Moran (CM), Rev Alex Abbottsmith (pt), Jennifer Everist (PW), Katie Cawdell-Smith & Rachel Evans (Music), Hugh Pearson (YI), Sarah Prabhakar, Michael Sutton & Cam Harte (SM), Sharyn Perry (PA), Alex Gartner & Melody Zografos (A): Give thanks: for our Moore College Mission 29th April – 6th May held in partnership with Cronulla & Kurnell – a great week of witness and contact and reconnecting; pray for ongoing connecting people with Christ which is a our aim; for the starting of a second playgroup in the parish actually meeting in Miranda North school. Pray for: good contacts in Miranda North School especially with the new playgroup families, already one has come to Miranda North church; for our Youth Minister Brett Middleton and all his leaders as they prepare for the Great Escape Youth Camp in the July holidays – 2-6 July; BBs Christmas in July with Bruce Baird as speaker. Also give thanks for new people who visit every week, pray that we will welcome and integrate them well and make 2012 a Year of Welcome.

SUTHERLAND: Rev Andrew Hudson (AR), Faye Hillier (PW), Graham Johnson (AdM), Marcus Macbeth & Nicole Wyatt (CF), Sue Bastow (A): Give thanks for Andrew's leadership during this interim period. Please pray for the wardens, parish council, staff and church members, that they would continue to fix their eyes on Jesus. Pray for opportunities to be disciple-making disciples in each of our lives and in all of our ministries. Give thanks for the appointment of Rev Tom Hargreaves to the position of Senior Minister from 26th August this year. Pray that God would be preparing his heart.

DAY 22:

SYLVANIA: Rev Mark & Merryl Charleston, Rev Ben & Sara Gray (AM), Ian Cartwright (SenM), Linda Greenwood (CM), Louise Davies & Tom Melbourne (SM), Diane Saunders (A): Give thanks for: Vibrant Pyramid Rock Kids Camp & IMPACT Youth Camp; Launching of a new lunchtime group at Sylvania High; opportunities to connect with Seniors in the Parish. Pray for: Every member to be a partner & every partner a minister of God's Word; Generous giving in view of our 2012 budget; Our Term 3 expository preaching on The Minor Prophets and development of our integrated bible study approach; Ongoing vision for our wardens in property & financial matters; and, most importantly, a genuine hunger for God's Word with a commitment to prayer.

ANGLICARE SHOALHAVEN: Glenda Devlin (Regional Manager), Jacqui Leonard (Deputy Manager), Judith Edwards & Kevin Percival (Program Managers), Karen Langton (A): Thank God for a positive Opening Celebration in May of our new premises 47 West Street, Nowra and for the development of positive working relationships. Please pray for the ongoing development of new programs and services, including Outreach services to Aboriginal Communities and new group programs.

BERRIMA cum MOSS VALE: Rev Dean & Catherine Reilly: Give thanks to God for the new families and individuals who have settled into our congregations. Praise God for the maturity of our regular members. Pray for the continued growth in unity across our churches and for the wisdom to know how to reach the lost in our Parish. Pray for understanding and enthusiasm for our 10am service as more families and children will bring about necessary changes.

DAY 13:

BERRY with KANGAROO VALLEY: Rev Neil & Leanne Percival, Rev Andrew & Cecily Paterson, Katrina Thomas (YM), Grant Abbott (ptYM), Cecily Lewis (A): Please give thanks that Grant Abbott has joined the team as a part-time youth minister in Berry and for the new youth group he has started. Pray for growth of a solid core group. Thanks also for Katrina Thomas doing youth ministry in Kangaroo Valley and for the steady growth of that ministry. Thanks for 140th Anniversary Celebrations in the Valley and opportunity to reconnect with those who have had contact with the Church in the past. Thanks for new families at both Churches. Pray that the Berry building project will continue to progress. Pray for wisdom for the ministry team as we seek to move our members forward in the knowledge and love of God and in active service and witness in our community.

BOMADERRY: Rev Sean & Linda Heslehurst, Rev Graham & Lesley Errington (SAM), Emily & Danny Heath (ptCM), Shane & Emma Orchard (YM), Dan Allan (SM), Sue Davies (A): Please pray: for Graham Errington as he gets ready to lead Bomaderry Anglican in Sean’s absence; for a safe and enjoyable plus a refreshing long service leave for Sean, Linda and the Kids; for the Parish as there are some major changes on the horizon; that they respond to these changes in a Godly and respectful ways and that the outcomes may be God honouring. Give thanks for the growing Youth Ministry. Pray that we will be able to properly disciple all who God gives us to care for.
BOWRAL: Rev Stephen & Sharon Fifer, Rev Mathew & Cathy Brooks-Lloyd (AM), Larry & Caroline Mullan (YM), Rev Dr Vic & Delle Roberts (ptSM), Carmen Williams (KC), Glenys Howarth (PW), Allan Beavis (M), Jeannine Garrard (A): Praise God for the continued growth and blessing from the young people in the 5.30 pm Service. Pray for Carman Williams who has the major responsibility for the preparation of the Kids Holiday Club, a Community Outreach week, the 2nd - 6th July. Pray for preparation for 7 evenings of Christianity Explored from 10th October. We need continual financial support for the Parish, Mission and Property Development.

DAY 14:
CHESALON CARE: Nowra:

CULBURRA BEACH: Rev Paul & Ingrid McPhail, Matt & Amanda Rose (ptCM):

FLEET AIR ARM HMAS ALBATROSS: Chaplain Ian & Maggie Lindsay: Please pray for the ministry of permanent and reserve Australian Defence Force Chaplains across Navy, Army and Air Force. Pray for the “Faith under Fire” course (based upon the Life of Jesus series) - that this course when next run at HMAS ALBATROSS would be well attended and that participants would have a clearer understanding of the Christian faith and the need of Christ Jesus in their lives. Pray that Christians in the Australian Defence Force would not be ashamed to live out the faith in their daily place of service.

DAY 15:
HUSKISSON: Rev Ray & Louise Goldman, Trish Vaughan (A): Thank God for the start of our new 6.30pm church plant at Vincentia High School. Pray that God will give growth and that he will have mercy on young people of the Bay and Basin area and bring them to faith and repentance as they hear his word. Pray for parish property matters, that better facilities will be provided for the long term future of our church.

HELENSBURGH & STANWELL PARK: Rev Steve & Kelly Carlisle: Rev Jai & Christie McMordie (AM&YM), Marina Gebauer (Y13), Terry Mann (A): Thanks to God for the work he has been doing in growing and shaping us as a church. Pray for our Exploring Christianity course coming up. Pray for our impact in the community more widely for the gospel. Praise God for the changes in our youth ministry which have borne some immediate fruit.

JANNALI: Rev Neil & Sandra Fitzpatrick, Rev Stephen & Jacky Hooper (AM), Rev Cameron & Fran Hyslop (YM), Rev Andrew & Ruth Barry, Evelyn Street (WM), Lauren Dewhurst (CM), Meagan Bartlett & Matthew Beresford (MA), Rachel Ware (A): Please pray for the upcoming Youth Camp in July. Pray that many will grow in faith and come to know the Lord. Please pray for the staff, that they continue to be godly and wise in their decisions and leadership. Pray that we will continue to encourage and welcome new people amongst us.

DAY 21:
MENAI: Rev Bruce & Judy Dingwall, Rev Steve & Noni Wakeford (AM), Andrew Hartman (YC), Jenny Maskell (CM), Marg Hudson (ptWPC), Margaret Icke (ptWM), Ben Stewart & Patrick Jones (YM&ptSM), Stella Brown (ptCRO), Michael Chen & Joel Nankervis (SM), Denise Gellett (ptA): Please thank God for our very successful and enjoyable parish conference in March, our expanding high school work and youth groups, an increase in giving. Please pray that we use our resources wisely, that our ministries plan well and focus on gospel outreach, that we think clearly and plan well for the future. Pray also that we be a church where Christ is honoured in word and action.
Please thank God for the impact of the "God's Story - Putting the Pieces Together" Series across the church and pray it may better equip our church family to understand the Bible as they read it. Pray for the second Kids' Mega Day on 16 July and pray it may reach many families in our community. Pray also that our regular ministries (ESL, Playtimes, Seniors Groups etc) continue to see people connect with Christ and grow as Disciples of Jesus.

DAY 19:
CHESALON LIVING: Sutherland, Jannali:
CRONULLA with KURNELL: Rev Rich & Juliet Wenden, Rev Michael & Karen Baines (AM), Bec Baines (YI), Susan Fleming (A):
Give thanks: for recent confirmation service and those who publicly declared their trust in Jesus; for celebration of 50 years of ministry at St James Kurnell; for small but significant growth in youth and kids club at St James; for recent Moore College mission and those who heard the gospel proclaimed; for new families at Family Church. Please pray: for ongoing implementation of particular areas of Vision2020 especially welcoming & integration and outreach - that energy and enthusiasm can be maintained; for ongoing ministry to baptism families and wedding couples.

ENGADINE: Rev Tom & Simone Hargreaves (AR), Rev Ben & Kate Boardman (AM), Lauren Tucker (SRE), Robyn Lofberg, Margaret Chapman & Barry Watson (A):
Please pray: for Rick Lewers in his new position as Bishop of the Armidale Region; for Tom Hargreaves now in charge following Rick’s departure & also as he prepares to take up the position as Senior Minister at St John’s Sutherland; for Ben Boardman as he takes on more responsibility in the Parish; for Lauren Tucker as she coordinates all the SRE in our local area; for wisdom for our nominators as they continue the search for a new Senior Minister for our Parish; for Scott Hedley now in his new role as Senior Minister at Ross River Anglican Church in Townsville QLD.

DAY 20:
GYMEA: Rev Graham & Jane Crew, Rev Paul & Vicki Brigden (AM), Tracy & Graham McCall (CM), Tim & Ros Beilharz (ptYM), Kim Cooper (A):

MITTAGONG: Rev Richard & Marge Mills, Don & Lesley Taylor (SLW), Canon John & Jan Livingstone (ptSenM), Di Roki (FM), Kathy Crawshaw & Julie Marks (A):
Pray for those who are involved in the two evangelistic courses we are running at the moment. Pray that they might come to a full knowledge of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for effective outreach into a new housing estate (Renwick) in Mittagong as people begin to move in from June onwards. Pray that we would continue to work on our welcoming and integration strategies and procedures. Give thanks for the great opportunities for evangelism with our three cubby clubs (playgroups).

NOWRA: Rev Matthew & Anne Pickering, Rev Graham & Michelle Thomas (YW), Jan Tillott (PW), Rev David & Camille Woodbridge (SenM), Lyn Miles (All Saints’ Community Care), Josh & Brandy Murphy (MTS), Jan Booth (A):
Thanks for a wise and mature Church where we love one another carefully. Give thanks for the free access we have to Nursing Home ministry. Please pray: for the Seniors’ lunch Friday 15th June; for combined Choral Evensong with St Luke’s Berry on Sunday 22nd July; for Retired Men's Bible Study group that meet each Friday at 8am; for All Saints Community Care need for higher donations than usual to cover moving expenses. Praise God for a good series on Tithe challenging us to respond to Gods truth in the gospel with obedience. Thanks for recent growth in the youth ministry and in the evening service. Pray for continued wisdom, patience and generosity as we face some challenges over the next few months.

DAY 16:
ROBERTSON: Rev Barry & Anette Lee:
Pray that finances will continue to improve and that we can work towards returning to full parish status. In August it will be 5 years since we opened the new building, give thanks and pray that we will continue to find ways to use it for the kingdom. Pray for our Wardens and Parish Council operating with less than a full complement.

SCHOOLS: Tudor House: John Stewart (HS):
Shoalhaven Region Anglican Schools: Chris Pitt (HS): Give thanks and praise for the appointment of excellent new Student Services staff at both Nowra Anglican College and Shoalhaven Anglican School. Give thanks for God’s provision of the new Bishop Reg Piper Chapel at Nowra Anglican College and new roadwork and related capital works at Shoalhaven Anglican School. Please pray for a smooth transition and welcoming for Shoalhaven Anglican School’s new chaplain. Please pray for the staff of both Nowra Anglican College and Shoalhaven Anglican School as they reach one of the busiest times in the year with myriad assessments, examinations, reports, camps, sports events and cultural activities. Please pray for wisdom for staff dealing with student welfare issues and opportunities to demonstrate God’s love and grace. Pray for safety in travel for staff who travel between Nowra Anglican College and Shoalhaven Anglican School. Please continue to pray for the local economy, for employment for current and prospective parents and consequential growth in enrolments.

SHOALHAVEN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brendan & Amy Garlett (MTS): pray for Brendon and Amy as they continue to support ministry at ShAAC. Pray for Archdeacon Deryck Howell as p/t Acting Minister.

SHOALHAVEN HEADS: Rev Anthony & Jude Douglas (CIC), Rev Eric Bird (Assoc), Vacant (A): Thank God for a fantastic response to our new youth ministry with a number of people who we haven’t had contact with previously; pray that this group may develop a culture that maximises our impact in the lives of local youth. As we work towards saving for and recruiting a new staff member to minister to children and youth, pray that God will provide all we need for his mission.

DAY 17:

SUSSEX INLET: Rev Marty & Vivien Davis (CIC): Pray for the follow-up from the Christianity Explored course run in Term 1. Praise God for some new teachers for Scripture at Sussex Inlet Public School. Pray for wisdom for our leadership team as we work with the practical outworking of the ‘Effective Ministry Conference’ material and connecting more effectively with people in our community.

SUTTON FOREST: Rev Jeremy & Danielle Tonks, Matthew Taylor (SLW), Rev Cyril Turner (Hon), Rev Colin Reed (Hon), Danielle Tonks & Jackie Bonham (A):

ULLADULLA: Rev Ross & Leanne Maltman, Rev Jake & Jennifer De Salis (AM), Vacant (A): Give thanks for: our gracious, merciful and compassionate God, who saved us through the blood of Christ; the wonderful opportunity and privilege of ministering to the lost, where community is of great significance; the great start to our new contemporary morning service at Ulladulla, which began in May 2012; our church family, who serve the Lord with great joy. Please pray for: our new contemporary morning service to be relevant and attractive to young families; our church family to continue growing in desire to win the lost for Christ; continued bridge-building with local community as we make connection through our churches, with the genuine aim of winning them for Christ; our church family to be comforted as they grieve the loss of fellow Christians and other loved ones, throughout the past year.

YOUTHWORKS OUTDOORS SHOALHAVEN: Norm Black (Venue Manager): Pray for the staff and their health over the winter months. Pray for our staff studying theology whilst working. Pray for the maintenance of our site and that great improvements will be made to benefit our guests. Pray for the programs team who will preach the gospel to the children who come to our site, that it is clear and that the kids will come with open hearts to His word.

MISSION AREA: Sutherland

DAY 18:

MISSION LEADER: Rev Neil Fitzpatrick:

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES: Kirrawee: Peter Crawshaw (ActMgr), Julie Bryant (Coord): Praise God for so many active, amazing saints at Donald Robinson Village. Please pray for their witness and tenacity as they continue to minister to those who do not know Jesus: also for open hearts for those who need to know the truth. Pray for those who struggle with pain and sickness and loss of mobility, and therefore independence. Pray for Management as they seek a Godly leader to lead us into the next phase of Village life and for Peter Crawshaw as he managers both Woolooware Shores and Donald Robinson Villages.

Woolooware Shores: Peter Crawshaw: