

We believe as a parish that God wants us to pray and we seek to integrate it into all aspects of our life as the people of God. If we are going to encounter God daily and be empowered by His Spirit it is vital that prayer becomes second nature to us. It's my desire that we all find a little time each day to stop, be still and think of God, and quietly place before him our thoughts and our cares. We hope the following prayers will assist you to do this. These prayers have been carefully chosen to help you grow closer to God and discover a deeper awareness of the spiritual needs of the world around you.

Rev David Ruthven

This month our focus is on the Season of **ADVENT**

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas pray and contemplate their lives in the light of God's great gift of his Son Jesus, born in a humble stable at Christmas. It's a time when we await His first coming while we also prepare and look forward to His second coming. For our prayers this Advent each of the four weeks has a different focus- Hope, Peace, Joy, or Love.

Individual needs Please pray for the following people each week:

(Please check E-News or the Weekly News for updates to the Prayer List.)

Immediate & Urgent Prayer Needs: Chris Weldon; Glen Weldon; Barbara Cooke; Tim Forrest; Gail Paige; Ashley Jones; Julian Baines; Elaine Brown; Tracey Goodwin-Smith; Archie Shoebridge; June Holmes; Jayden; Nancy Parsons; Joan Baker-Winn; Maeva.

Please continue to uphold: Yvonne Chapman; Wilma Cotterall; Eric Jacob; Ralda Wicks; Lyn Cooper; Paul Lorroway; Barbara Lorroway; Evan Davies; Maureen Davies; Linton & Clare Goodwin-Smith; Jane Harbour; Janet Haddon; Karen Wilson; Simon Johnson; Judith Wilson; Dawn Acworth; Margaret Thompson; Sarah Bennett; Harrison Brough [13yrs]; Pam & Darryl Kilby; Tiahn Welsh.

WEEK 1 BEGINNING SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

HOPE

Prayer - Tarquin Nesbitt Foster (2021)

Father God,

We are daily reminded of your faithfulness, seeing, as we do, the fulfilment of your promises. Your goodness and fidelity encourage us to look with hope to those things yet to come. Especially God, we look with hope to the story of Christ, the anniversary of whose birth we celebrate at this time of year. From the fulfilled promise of a saviour, born amongst us to atone for our sins, we take hope in the ultimate completion of the story of Christ, the realization of your promise of redemption and grace for all who believe.

Lord, we pray that we are compelled to be messengers of hope, bringing to others some reflection of the light of your goodness, and the story of the birth of your son, our Lord Jesus, is whose holy name we make this prayer to you. Amen.

This week in your prayer time please be praying for:

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Pray for Bishop of Aipo Rongo and Acting Archbishop of Papua New Guinea the Right Rev'd Nathan Ingen. The Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea is made up of five dioceses - Aipo Rongo, Dogura, New Guinea Islands, Popondota and Port Moresby.

- Give thanks and pray for AID (*Anglicans in Development*) which works in partnership with Anglicare PNG and the Anglican Church as part of the Church Partnership Program.
- Pray for the Anglicare programs focused on the areas of adult literacy, health, disaster risk reduction, gender equality, and child protection.
- Give thanks and pray for the members of Mother's Union in Papua New Guinea where they are active in their local communities, with activities across the country including adult literacy, health programmes and campaigning against gender-based violence.
- Micah 7:7, *"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me."*

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- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Mark Calder Bishop of Bathurst, and the clergy and people of the Diocese. The Diocese covers about a third of NSW, stretching from the Blue Mountains to the Queensland border.
- Pray for the mission of the diocese, *Sharing Jesus for Life*. Pray for the teams and parishes seeking to be involved in communities in many and various ways, building networks and raising the profiles of their churches. Pray that the churches will be a blessing to their communities with their presence and become a vital and valued part of the towns.
- Pray for Steven Klouth working as part of the Bush Church Aid team and serving in Bathurst.
- Pray for the ordinands in final preparations for their Ordination on Saturday 3 December. *Fill them with your truth, clothe them with holiness, that they may faithfully serve to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church.*
- Pray for Archbishop Phillip as he lays up the pastoral staff when the Diocesan family gathers in St John's Cathedral for the ordinations on 3 December 2022.
- Pray that every parish fosters and develops a culture that encourages everyone, no matter what their age, to continue the journey towards God this Advent.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Barambah which is currently vacant, pray for the wardens and parishioners at St Faith's in Mondure, Christ Church in Murgon, St David's at Boonara, the Church of the Epiphany in Goomeri and St Mary's Woodai. Several of these churches are grappling with closure.
- Pray for the events and services at NPAC this Advent and Christmas that they will give glory to God and bring people to Him.
- Give thanks and pray for Rev David Ruthven as he leads us into the new church year. Pray for David, Sharon and their family as they manage one of the busiest times of the year.
- Pray for people in need in our local area facing heightened pressure as Christmas draws near.

Individual needs

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WEEK 2 BEGINNING SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

PEACE

Parishioner's Prayer - Raelyne Harrison.

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life. You are the God who gives peace. This Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from worry, turmoil and anxiety. Regardless of our circumstances or situations, you offer us peace that passes all understanding. Thank you that because of Jesus we are able to have the fullness of peace in our hearts on Christmas Day and every day. Help us to trust fully in You and rest in the peace that You offer. Amen.

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, Archbishop and Bishop of Central Melanesia the Most Rev'd Leonard Dawea and its eight dioceses across Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.
- Give thanks and pray for the Melanesian Brotherhood who aim to live the Gospel in a direct and simple way following Christ's example of prayer, mission and service. The brothers work and live alongside the

people they are serving across Melanesia in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu & Fiji.

- Give thanks and pray for Anglican Overseas Aid - working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), including the Mothers' Union, on the Safe, Strong Communities: Gender and Climate Justice through the Solomon Islands project.
- Give thanks and pray for the Christian Care Centre where the Sisters from the religious order Community of the Sisters of the Church run a women's refuge for who have endured violence, shining light into the lives of women in the Solomon Islands.
- Colossians 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

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- Give thanks and pray for the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn; Bishop te Right Rev'd Mark Short, assistant Bishop Carol Wagner.
- Give thanks and pray for the small country churches of the dioceses and their ministry to rural areas and co-operating parishes.
- Give thanks and pray for the Pelican Foundation which funds projects in the diocese that expand the mission of God and engage the wider community with the love and truth of Jesus; develop missional leaders; equip God's people for mission in the world and ministry in the church; produce or strengthen new faith communities.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Kingaroy: the Rev'd Ian Bailey locum, the wardens, and parishioners of St Michael and All Angels Kingaroy and St Andrew's Wooroolin.
- Pray that our caring ministries will be able to meet the needs of people this Advent and Christmas.
- Pray for all people here at NPAC that our hearts find peace with You.
- Pray that the Christmas Care Hamper appeal which is a collaboration between NPAC and the Pine Rivers Uniting Church is well supported.

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WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

JOY

Parishioner's Prayer - Lyn Griffiths

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the joy that entered the world when Jesus was born. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. That joy that was heard in the song of the angels and that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the wise men, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power fill our lives.

Help us prepare our hearts this advent, repenting of our sins, to receive the child in the manger and to be ready for when he comes again. This Advent, amid the busyness of our lives help us to seek your quiet voice each day. Adorn us with your righteousness and teach us your way. Help those whose hearts are heavy seek and know the joy of your presence.

Stir up our hearts, that we may give thanks for the gift of your Son and the promise of complete joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia has a unique three-person Primacy, reflecting the three Tikangas, or cultural streams (Pākehā, Māori and Polynesia), within the Church.
- Pray for the Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki; Senior Bishop of New Zealand Dioceses; and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia the Most Rev;d Philip Richardson.

- Pray for Pihopa o Tairawhiti and Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia the Most Rev'd Don Tamihere.
- Give thanks and pray for Anglican Missions NZ putting the love of God into action and bringing hope to people who are vulnerable and living in poverty.
- 1 Peter 1:8, *"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,"*

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- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Archbishop Phillip Freier of the Diocese of Melbourne.
- Pray for the Bishops of the diocese, the Right Rev'd Bradly S Billings, the Right Rev'd Kate Prowd, the Right Rev'd Paul Barker and the Right Rev'd Genieve Blackwell.
- Give thanks and pray for The Bishop Perry Institute for ministry & mission. One of its foci is a parish renewal.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Dalby, Rev'd David Browne Priest in Charge and the Rev'd Zoe Browne Hon Assistant Priest. Pray for the wardens and parishioners of St John's Dalby and St Margaret's Cecil Plains.
- Pray for the parish's mission: "To know Christ and to make Christ known through worship, education, outreach and caring".
- Pray for school children and families as they begin the summer school holidays.
- Give thanks and pray for the Hall family as they prepare to present Classic Christmas 22 at NPAC on Saturday 11th of December. Pray that all who attend will be uplifted by the music, renewed by the and encouraged by the joy of these talented performers.
- Pray for all people here at NPAC that we may be given the grace to heed the messengers of the prophets and be ready to greet with great joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

LOVE

Parishioner's Prayer

Loving Father,

Help us celebrate the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

We give you thanks that you showed your love for the world by sending us your Son. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven and created humanity, dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred, dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that forgives and renews, dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that brings the blessing of peace, dwell within us this Christmas.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for Tikanga Pasefika encompasses Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands, and is known as the Diocese of Polynesia. Pray for the Assistant Bishops the Right Reverend Gabriel M P Sharma (Viti Levu West) and The Right Reverend Henry Bull (Vanua Levu and Taveuni) the clergy and parishioners.
- Give thanks and pray for Anglican Mission New Zealand supporting a range of partners to carry out Christian mission, development and humanitarian aid in the Pacific.

- Pray for the Anglican Missions New Zealand project *Water For All* which provides water tanks for communities in Fiji, with a particular focus on improving rural communities' access to clean water.
- Pray for all Pacific Island countries that are vulnerable to climate change. Pray for Agencies and relief workers supporting people suffering losses and damages, and helping communities recover better and build resilience to future crises.
- John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

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- Give thanks for pray for Right Rev'd Rod Chiswell Bishop of Armidale and the clergy and congregations of the Diocese.
- Pray for the Bishop's vision to train curates and send some of them to serve in rural areas of the Rockhampton, the North-West or the Murray dioceses.
- Pray for the Indigenous Ministry Initiatives Fund of the diocese which aims to encourage and support parishes to have a go at reaching out to Aboriginal people with the life transforming news of Jesus
- Give thanks and pray parish of Chinchilla part of the Leichardt-Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area. The position of priest is currently vacant. Pray for the wardens and parishioners of St Cecilia's Chinchilla.
- Pray that Christ may enter our hearts and fill us with love, compassion and joy this Christmas time and beyond.
- Pray for all who are separated from family at this time or who are alone. Pray for all who will travel over the Christmas break that they will be safe.
- Pray that the Christmas Care Hamper distribution is successful, and the recipients will know the love of Christ in our actions.
- Give thanks and pray for all who are involved in Christmas Services at NPAC this week.
- Pray for all who are searching for God this Christmas that they are welcomed at Christmas services and find a way to God through Jesus Christ.

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WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

Prayer of the Week Collect for Christmas

*All glory to you, gracious God,
for the gift of your Son,
whom you sent to save us.
With the angels, let us praise your name,
and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Pray and give thanks for the whole Anglican Communion and the five marks of mission:
- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
- Give thanks and pray for the Anglican Alliance across the Anglican Communion working for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict, and to safeguard the earth.
- John 1:14, *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

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- Give thanks and pray for the Diocese of Southern Queensland stretching from Bundaberg in the north to Coolangatta and west to the borders of South Australia and the Northern Territory with approximately 507 clergy in more than 130 parishes.
- Give thanks and pray for the Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane and assistant Bishops the Right Reverend Cameron Venables, Bishop of the Western Region; the Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves, Bishop of the Northern Region; the Right Reverend John Roundhill, Bishop of the Southern Region
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of St John’s Cathedral Brisbane.
- Pray for the Dean of Brisbane the Very Rev’d Dr Peter Catt, the Canon Pastor the Rev’d Canon Julia Van Den Bos, the Director of Music Dr Graeme Morton AM, the Holy Hermits Online Priest the Rev’d Jamee Callard, the Honorary Assistant Priest the Rev’d Dr Gemma Dashwood OAM and the Honorary Deacon the Rev’d Dr Ann Solar.
- Pray that we may we do all that we can to make sure that others know that God is love.
- Pray for those in our community who rely on care and support programs that may be reduced or suspended during holiday times.
- Pray that following Christmas the congregations at NPAC will continue a commitment to prayer and bible reading, weekly worship and faithfulness in all aspects of daily life.

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*We thank you for your prayers throughout 2022.
We also thank Lyn Griffiths for compiling our prayer points each month.*