

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

SEPTEMBER *This month our focus is on our core value of Life Changing.*

We intentionally invest in children, young people and families to see them grow in their love of God.

Individual needs *Please pray for the following people each week:*

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

Immediate & Urgent Prayer: Norma Miney; Kimberley Weller; Andy Sargent; Chris Weldon; Tim Forrest; Amanda Mercieca; Chris McKillop.

Please continue to uphold: Shona Duncan; Graham & Joyce Duncan; Glen Weldon; Peter Weldon; Margaret Duke; Bruce Gibb; Yvonne Chapman; Nancy Parsons; Joan Baker-Winn; Karen Wilson; Ashley Jones; Wilma Cotterall; Paul Lorraway; Barbara Lorraway; Jane Harbour; Janet Haddon; Dawn Acworth; Harrison Brough [13yrs]; Pam & Darryl Kilby; Tiahn Welsh.

WEEK 1 BEGINNING SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

ABM New Guinea Martyrs Prayer 2023 - The New Guinea Martyrs died in support of a Church which was addressing the challenges of the mid-20th century. New Guinea Martyrs Day is celebrated on 2 September each year.

*Almighty and everlasting God
We give you thanks and praise
for the ministry of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.*

*Urged on by the love shown to them by you,
and by the Martyrs of New Guinea,
may those involved with the Agents of Change course
help to transform lives
and bring hope to communities
throughout the country.*

*May the life of your Son
and the example it gives us all
help to shape the lives of those
who turn to you in faith,
so that those lives
can be seen and said to be truly
Jesus-shaped.*

*This we ask in the holy Name of Jesus,
who with you and the Spirit
lives in glory for ever.
Amen..*

This week in your prayer time please be praying for:

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, the bishops of the 42 Provinces clergy and congregations.
- Give thanks and pray for the Province of York, Archbishop the Most Rev'd Stephen Cottrell Primate of England.

- Give thanks and pray the Commissions established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York: Families and Households, Reimagining Care, Racial Justice and Housing, Church and Community.
- Give thanks and pray for Church of England Community Action project which seeks to serve local communities and change lives in response to needs as varied as tackling loneliness, isolation, poverty, hunger and abuse, to of integration between ethnic groups, right through to promoting local recycling initiatives.

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- Give thanks for pray for the Diocese of Willochra, Bishop the Right Rev'd Jeremy James, and the clergy and congregations of its parishes. The diocese covers some 90% of the geographic area of South Australia and is a diocese of great contrast.
- Pray for the people of Willochra, in the words of Bishop Jeremy James, *"who are people of this vast land, truly they are the 'Little Tribe, Big Vision'; people of HOPE following where God leads, confident in the reign of God."*
- Pray for rural and remote congregations served by locums and supported by BCA.
- Give thanks and pray for the ABM 2023 Martyrs Appeal, which aims to provide much-needed training in the Anglican Alliance's Agents of Change course in Anglican parishes across Papua New Guinea. One participant has said, *"This training to me is a life changing course that every Anglican must do to live better lives using our own resources."*
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Quilpie under the care of the Bishop of the Western Region the Right Rev'd Cameron Venerables, and the wardens and congregations of St Matthew's Quilpie and St Clare's Windorah.
- Give thanks and pray for the fathers and men in our congregations.
- Give thanks for all involved in Men's Ministry at NPAC who meet to study God's word and who give their time talents and resources to grow God's Kingdom.

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WEEK 2 BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

An NPAC prayer for committing your life to Christ

Dear Lord, thank you for your love for me, and for all that you have done for me.

Please forgive me for all I have done, which has hurt you and others.

I am so sorry for my sins.

Thank you that on the cross you offer me forgiveness and show me the way to new life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Please come into my life and take over as my Lord and Saviour. I commit myself to you.

Please fill me with your Holy Spirit, and help me to live for you every day;

in Jesus' name. Amen.

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Ireland led by the Most Right Rev'd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. The Church of Ireland has around 375,400 members – 249,000 in Northern Ireland and 126,400 in the Republic of Ireland. The history of the church in this land is the story of almost 1,600 years of Christian worship and witness in Ireland.
- Give thanks and pray for Pioneer Ministry in the Church of Ireland which is seeking to reach those with little or no connection to church through posts and photos on Facebook. It stands, *"in the widening gap between the Church and contemporary culture with the aim of reaching those outside the Church in new ways and in different places."*
- Give thanks and pray for the Inside Out Outside initiative. This initiative is a collection of ideas to help churches think about different ways to engage with the community covering themes like: Outreach; Community; Welcome; Fellowship; Children & Youth; Families; Senior Citizens; Schools; Poverty; and Communication.
- Give thanks and pray for Tony Rinaudo an Australian agriculturist and missionary. Tony spent years working in Niger with local people to develop a technique called Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration, which is a life changing *"low-cost land restoration technique used to combat poverty and hunger amongst poor subsistence farmers by increasing food and timber production and resilience to climate extremes."*

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- Give thanks and pray for the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, the Right Rev'd Dr Richard Condie Bishop of Tasmania, and the clergy and congregations of the 44 parishes.
- Give thanks and pray for the vision of the Diocese to be a "church for Tasmania", helping people to encounter Jesus and His love.
- Give thanks and pray for the parishes of Midlands in Campbelltown and Channel and Cygnet in Cygnet partnering with Centacare Evolve Housing to develop of a new affordable housing in their districts. These developments offer lifechanging opportunities sharing Christ's compassion with the communities.

- Pray for The Maranoa-Warrego Anglican Mission Area encompassing and ministering within a large region of Western Queensland, finding ways to meet the needs of remote communities.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Mitchell part of the Maranoa- Warrego Anglican Mission Area. Pray for the Rev'd Gerard Bahre (Hon. Deacon), the wardens and congregation of All Saint's.
- Give thanks and pray for the Parish Council. Pray that they will discern God's will for our church and community.
- Pray for David Ruthven and other clergy attending the Clergy Retreat this week.

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WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

A Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel from *A Prayer Book For Australia (1995)*

We praise you, Lord of all,

for the gifts of Christ our ascended King:

For apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

Hear our prayer for all who do not know your love

and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Send out your light and truth

through the messages of your word.

Help us to support them by our prayers and offerings,

And hasten the coming of your kingdom;

through 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 the work and witness of the Scottish Episcopal Church, its Primus (Primate) the Most Rev'd Mark Strange. Pray for the seven dioceses: Aberdeen & Orkney; Argyll & The Isles; Brechin; Edinburgh; Glasgow & Galloway; Moray, Ross & Caithness and St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane.
- Give thanks and pray for the clergy and congregations of the over 350 Scottish Episcopal Churches across Scotland covering the mainland and islands.
- Pray for the Mission Board of the Scottish Episcopal Church overseeing the Church's mission in Scotland and overseas including engagement in Scottish life and society.
- Give thanks and pray for the Season of Creation celebrated from 1 September until 4 October across the world. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for all creation.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, Primate of Australia, Archbishop of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia. Pray for the Bishops, the Right Rev'd Denise Ferguson and the Right Rev'd Tim Harris and Assistant Bishop the Right Rev'd Chris McLeod.
- Give thanks and pray for the clergy and congregations of the 65 parishes of the diocese.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Charleville, part of the Maranoa- Warrego Anglican Mission Area, the wardens and congregations of All Saints' Charleville, St Luke's Augathella and All Souls Morven.
- Pray for the Holiday Kids Club being held at St Bart's Toowoomba.
- Give thanks and pray for every member of NPAC in our everyday frontline ministry.
- Pray for new people to join our Church and that we would grow in invitation and welcome.
- Give thanks and pray for the Ladies Fellowship group, the Seniors Moments group and Mother's Union all meeting this week.
- Pray for Dylan Blocksidge and Lily Armstrong being married at St John's on Saturday 23rd September.
- Give thanks and pray for the members of the Mother's Union meeting this week."

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WEEK 4 BEGINNING SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

A Prayer for God's Guidance from *A Prayer Book For Australia (1995)*

*Almighty and everlasting God,
direct, sanctify, and govern
our hearts, bodies in the ways of your law
and the works of your commandments.
By your mighty protection
may we be kept safe in body and soul
and serve you with generous and joyful hearts,
bringing glory to your holy name;
through our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the Church in Wales, its Primate The Most Rev'd Andrew John Bishop of Bangor. The Church in Wales has six dioceses St Alphs, Llandaff, St Davids, Monmouth and Swansea & Breacon.
- Give thanks and pray for the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children. The fund has been set up to support children in need and their families and local communities.
- Give thanks and pray for the Food and Fuel campaign of the Province tackling Wales' cost of living crisis.
- Give thanks for the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Keith Dalby, Bishop of the Diocese of The Murray. The Diocese is located in the south-eastern region of South Australia, taking in the Fleurieu Peninsula, Riverland, Adelaide Hills, Murraylands and the southern suburbs of Adelaide. The Diocese has 13 parishes or pastoral districts.
- Give thanks and pray for the Parish of Cunnamulla, part of the Maranoa- Warrego Anglican Mission Area. Pray for the wardens and congregations of At Alban's Cunnamulla and St Aidan's Wyandra.
- Give thanks and pray for the Bush Church Aid Society supporting people living in remote and regional Australia and committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.
- Give thanks and pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland Ministry with Street Kids.
- Pray for all attend the Diocese Junior Ichthus camp this week.
- Give thanks for all small groups at NPAC, for all the learning, caring and growing in Christ that happens within small groups.
- Give thanks and pray for Care Cupboard at NPAC reaching out into the community with the love of Christ. Give thanks and pray for the dedicated team of volunteers and the generosity of parishioners.
- Give thanks and pray for the NPAC Furniture Ministry reaching out to families doing it tough. Give thanks for the volunteers who enable this ministry and show the love of Christ in action to people from the wider community giving them help when it is most needed.

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