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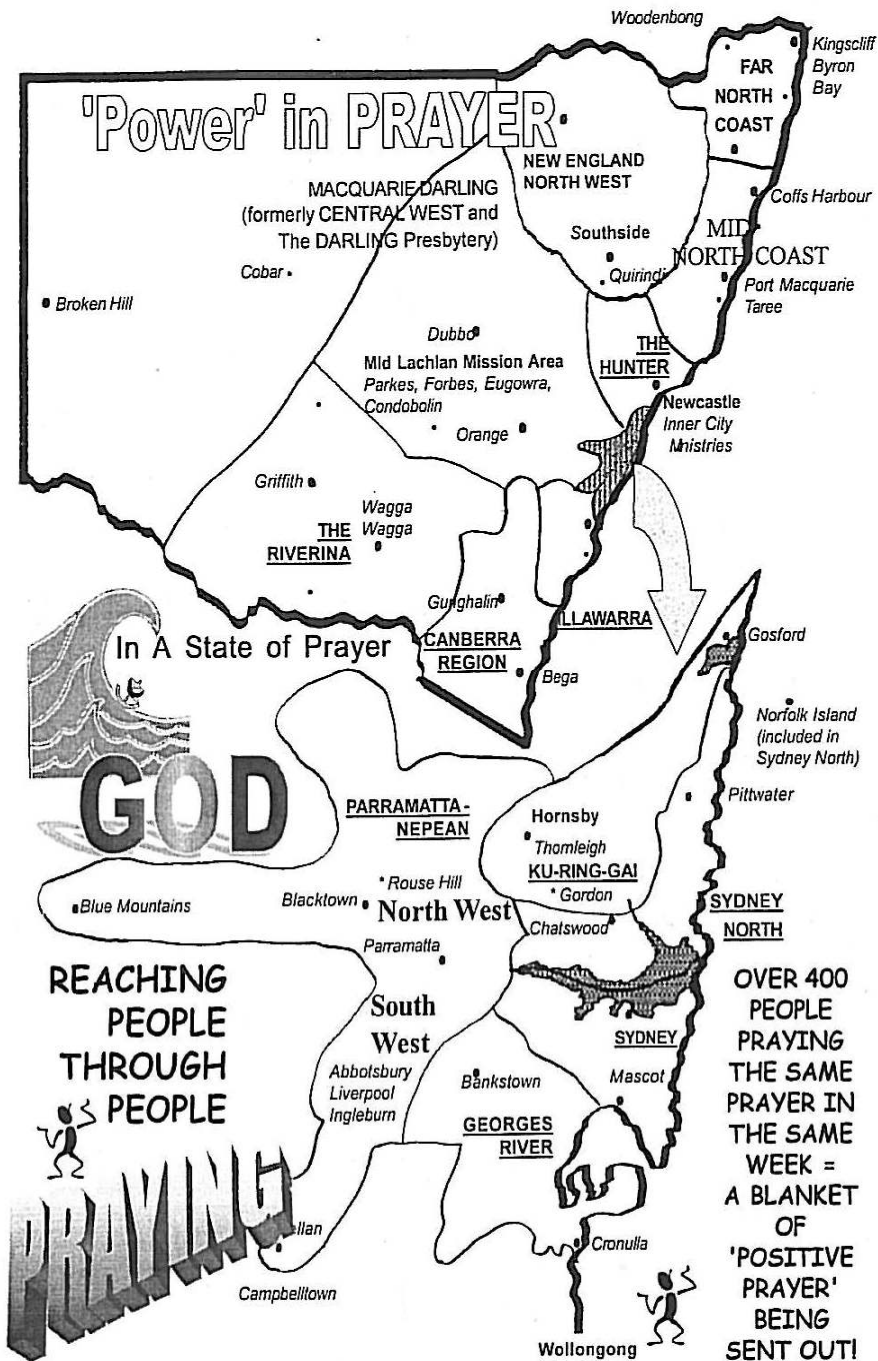
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## **ALERT**

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Bill Rosier continued.

**The Aims of the Committee**

The committee exists to assist the local church in such training, and is open to receive invitations from local churches for this purpose.

The aims of the committee are expressed in the ten points that follow.

1. Promote a ministry of healing and wholeness in the local church.
2. Encourage the local church to make a ministry of healing and wholeness part and parcel of normal church life - including worship.
3. Educate people in the practice of healing prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing.
4. Assist the local church to understand the place of church elders in this ministry in keeping with James 5:14-15.
5. Assist the local church to understand and provide pastoral care for those in need; especially, but not only, the sick.
6. Encourage use of the telephone for pastoral care and healing prayer.
7. Promote the use of the internet in this ministry. (see below)
8. Assist the church to see the ministry of healing and wholeness as a tool for evangelism.
9. Engage the local church in healing and wholeness seminars and other activities to achieve the above aims.
10. Engage other courts of the church (eg. Presbytery, Synod) in healing and wholeness discussions as appropriate.

**Healing and Wholeness Website**

With the assistance of the Board of Mission the Committee for Healing and Wholeness has put together a website to help in the development of a healing ministry.

The website URL is:

<http://nsw.uca.org.au/bom/healingwholeness/index.htm>

An important page in this website is the Prayer Request page.

The Prayer Request page contains prayers for particular situations; for example, those facing life-threatening health problems, those with financial problems, and those who are fearful for whatever reason. More prayers for particular situations will be added to the website from time to time.

If you would like a prayer added for a particular situation that is not on the Prayer Request page please call Reverend Bill Rosier on 02 96347445 or email [w.rosier@optusnet.com.au](mailto:w.rosier@optusnet.com.au).

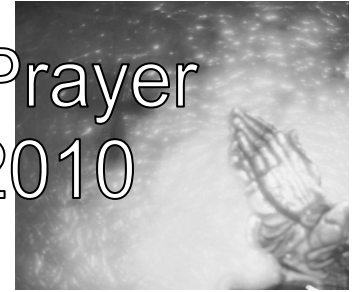
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## May June 2010



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Chairperson,  
Committee for Healing and Wholeness**

### **MINISTRY OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

#### **The Jesus' Model**

The ministry of Jesus was, and is, a ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. (Matt 4:23; 9:35) A ministry of healing without a ministry of teaching and preaching can lead to a false understanding of this ministry, and false teaching. However, a ministry of teaching and preaching without the ministry of healing can lack a real cutting edge.

#### **The Committee for Healing and Wholeness**

The Jesus' model for healing suggests strongly that a ministry of healing and wholeness is a tool for mission. The Committee for Healing and Wholeness of the NSW Synod sees a ministry of healing and wholeness assisting the development of a vibrant faith - a faith that wants to reach out to others. Such a vibrant faith comes about because the healing ministry enables people to experience God's hand upon them in a very meaningful and personal way. The local church is the key to such a vibrant faith. The local church, the grass roots church, is normally where people are led to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and receive training for ministry and mission. If ministry is to have a real cutting edge training in a ministry of healing and wholeness is essential.

#### **The Aims of the Committee** *Continued on page 31*

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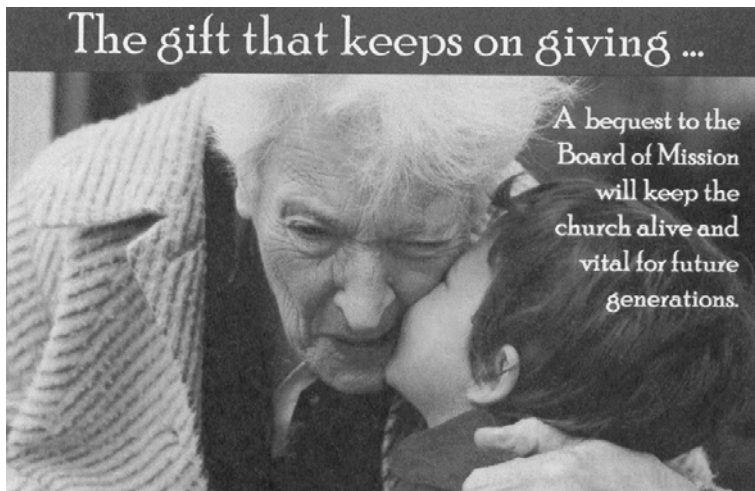
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# BOARD of MISSION

Our staff and volunteers are committed to assist congregations, faith communities and individuals exercise their mission and discipleship in such a way that people are: "changed, gifted, called, equipped and sent."

Continue to pray for **Tina Rendell** Director and **Sue Willgoss**, assistant and support person.

**ACCOUNTS:**

Pray for **Koko Sunarko**, Accountant and **Veronica Rebolledo**, Receptionist, Accounts support person.

**RURAL MISSION & DEVELOPMENT**

Pray for **Ross Neville** in the offices at Orange and for **Gillian Blowes**, Administration Assistant.

**Healing & Wholeness**

Pray for 'Healing Workshops' being held at a number of congregations. Visit Website: <http://nsw.uca.org.au/bom/healingwholeness/index.htm>

**RURAL CHAPLAINS**

Pray for Kel Hodge in this important role of assisting our people in Rural areas in this time of need.

Pray for Julie Greig, based at Hillston, enable her to be able to provide support and encouragement to people in the bush, particularly isolated Christians. Keep her safe whilst living and travelling alone.

**SMRF: Pray for:**

**Allison Forrest** Administrator: Continue to pray for **Carolyn Robertson** and **Adele Smith** as they work together in a part time job share in SMRF.

**CROSS CULTURAL:**

Pray for **Myong Duk Yang** Cross-cultural Consultant, Asian Congregations and Education as he continues in this area of mission.

**CROSS CULTURAL CONSULTANT (PACIFIC ISLANDS)**

Pray for **Charissa Suli** (two days a week) as she works in this important area of the intergenerational workshops, Pray for **Saleisi Faupula** staying on four hours a week to assist.

**LIVING IS GIVING**

Pray for **Danielle Pitts** as she keeps in touch with congregations. The gifts donated throughout the year despite the hardship in some areas are very much appreciated. Pray for ongoing support of the mission focused areas of Living is Giving.

Pray for **Wah Sim** (accountant who helps often when needed).

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John 14: 25-27

Jesus is speaking:

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I Leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

NCLS

Pray for **Ruth Powell**, NCLS Director, pray for the Lord's guidance as she continues this important work.

Pray for: **Amelia Fotofili**,  
Admin Assistant

Pray for the team workers:

**Sam Sterland, Michael Pippett, Chris Simpson, Michael Brady and Natalie Swann.**

LEADERSHIP INSITUTE

Pray for **Peter and Sue Kaldor** as they continue to work with ministers and lay people in Leadership Intensive Courses within the Leadership Institute.

Pray for **Belinda Fry** as she continues working for Cross Cultural consultants, and the Uturn Consultant along with working on Interaction.

U TURN **Peter John Hopkins**,  
U Turn Consultant

The Uniting Church is discovering new ways to be a practical witness to people in local communities. Pray for Peter as he assists the growth of creative small groups, evangelism, contemporary worship and regional congregations.

UAICC Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. Pray for **Pearl Wymarra**, in her position as Development outreach Officer for Congress.

Pray for **Hazel Leano** as UAICC Resource Officer. Hazel is assisting Pearl and Congress NSW and ACT.



**Peak Hill** give thanks for wonderful rain in February. The Bogan River flooded, dams on properties are all full, the grass is a foot high and there is sub soil moisture in the ground which will benefit crops when they are sown.

We join with **Maitland** to give thanks for the wonderful evening arranged by *Newcastle and Hunter Lifeline for the Steel Magnolia Award*. The awards honour women who overcome adversity to help others. We thank You God for all those women who work in the community in so many ways for the benefit of others. We ask Your continued blessing on Lifeline in all its places of operation.

Thank you to the **Dee Why** Bible study leader *Grahame's wife Joan* for preparing pancake batter for the beginning of Lent. We also thank Gail for cooking the pancakes and thank You Lord for all the good fellowship created by sharing a meal and Your love.

**Dapto** gives thanks for the commencement of the *Pastoral Care Network* this year with its aim of ensuring every person in the church family is being looked after.

The new *monthly Men's Group* at **Dapto** is proving a great success as it engenders good fellowship.

**Peak Hill** give thanks for *The Macquarie Darling Presbytery Leadership Training* days 17-18 March being a great success with 40 people attending. *Peter and Sue Kaldor* and *Rob McFarlane* were great leaders. Many went home with new challenges to put into practice in their areas of leadership.

Thank you heavenly Father, for the way you have encouraged the **Bomaderry** congregation through visiting preachers, increased numbers, a real spirit of cooperation and fellowship and increased giving. Go with them as they seek to be your people in serving the community in which you have placed them.

5<sup>th</sup> March *World Day of Prayer* at **Springwood** UC. Great time of fellowship and encouragement.

Give thanks for the willingness of Lay Leaders and volunteers who have served the **Murwillumbah** and **Burringbar** congregations during this period without settlement. May God's word continue to be a blessing to all through services and activities.

**Hornsby** and **Sydney Senal** congregations give thanks for the successful completion of their new church and activity complex, and pray for the ongoing development of this partnership.

*Ross Neville, Rural Evangelism & Mission Consultant* gives thanks for God's timing for the Synod presentation of the 'Rediscovering Hope' program and the final arrangement of the resources.

It was PRAYER that sustained Jesus and caused Him to minister with power, and it is prayer that will sustain us and enable us all to serve the Lord.



## PRAYER POINTS

Jesus' words: "...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

**Sat May 1 Maitland East and West's Weekend Away** (April 30, May 1,2). The speaker, *Rev. Simon Hansford from NorthWest Presbytery* will use the stories of hope from the Bible as the focus. We pray for Simon and all who attend that this will be a time of relaxation, fellowship and a reminder of God's faithfulness to those who seek Him.

The **Alstonville** Uniting Church *Market Day* will be held this morning. May this be a special time of outreach into the community as well as rich fellowship, and a good fundraiser.

### Sun June 27

Today we ask Your blessing Lord, on all those involved in the *Worship Service* at **Maitland**, led by members of their *Samoan families*. We pray that this will be a time of praise and thanksgiving for all.

**Peak Hill Youth Service F2W** will be held today. Lord, we pray that the worship and messages given will be relevant and helpful to the young people and encourage them to have faith in God.

Lord, we know it is not always easy to keep up enthusiasm when numbers are small. We ask your encouragement today for all small congregations as they seek to witness to your love in their communities.

We ask a special blessing for **Katoomba, Blackheath and Hazelbrook** congregations.

**Port Macquarie Mission Support Group** will be holding a concert this afternoon. We praise God for the availability and willingness of the artists who will be performing. We pray for all those involved in the various ways.

### Mon June 28

Lord, as **Wesley Mission** seeks to be your hands and feet here on earth, we pray that our *program managers* will reflect the deep love of Jesus Christ in their day to day administration

### Tues June 29

Loving Father, give your encouragement and wisdom to the *Church Council* at **Hazelbrook**. Help them as they seek your leading in dealing with the continuing issues surrounding their future.

### Wed June 30

We pray with **West Epping** for *Ace Kim's ministry* with *OneHeart* in our community and also as the *associate chaplain at Macquarie University*. We ask that you will provide him with many opportunities to connect with and be a blessing to the students.

We give thanks and praise for completion of *another financial year* and for the work and witness achieved at **Murwillumbah and Burringbar** congregations during this past season.

Thank you Father for all the gifts and talents shared in worship and mission, continue to go with us into the new financial year.



May God's peace and presence be in the midst.

Families of **Murwillumbah UnitingCare Preschool** are enjoying a *Family Disco Night* in the Hall tonight. A night of 'Fun and fellowship' with all ages sharing in the music and movement.

**Wed June 23**

Lord, we pray for the *scripture teachers* in the **Dubbo** area, especially for those who are new to this form of ministry.

We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the **Port Macquarie Joint Nominating Committee**. May they feel encouraged and supported by the congregation and receive God's wisdom for their task.

**Thurs June 24**

Lord, we pray for the involvement of **West Epping** with the *Men's Shed* held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at *Arrunga Retirement Facility*.

We ask that God will bless those who participate and continue to provide the resources needed for the expansion of this much needed activity.

Loving Lord, we pray for the *elderly folk* in the congregation and community at **Narrabri**.

We pray especially for the *Services* conducted once a month in the two *aged care facilities* in Narrabri.

**Fri June 25**

**Peak Hill fellowship luncheons** for older members of the community will be held today. Lord, we pray that these luncheons will be an effective outreach to the community and that those who come will be blessed by being there. We pray for the teams who prepare food and organise entertainment that all will be done to the glory of God.

Give wisdom and insight, loving Father, as **Leura** seek to provide programs to *support the elderly* in their community.

**Sat June 26**

**Maitland Eastside** and **Maitland Westside** meet at East Maitland for a *combined breakfast*. Thank You Lord that they are able to share together and we pray that this will be a time of growth in fellowship overflowing to the community around them.

Give your wisdom to the *elders* at **Hazelbrook**, Lord, as they decide how best to cater for the pastoral care of the congregation.

As the women from **Springwood** share in their *monthly walk* together, this time on a *visit to Eskebank historic house in Lithgow*, may they be aware of your blessings as well as sharing in fellowship together.

**Port Macquarie** congregation are holding their *markets* this morning. Lord, we pray that this will be a time of real connection and outreach into the local community.

**Sun May 2**

We ask You, dear Lord, to be with the **Dee Why** minister, *Rev Meredith Williams* as she takes the service at the *War Veterans' Chapel* at Collaroy.

*The Moderator* will be at **Peak Hill** today for a *Grace Workshop*. He will also preach at the morning service. Lord we pray that this visit will bring great blessing to all who attend.

Lord, we pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit on the **Dubbo** congregation as they continue to experiment with "worshiping in one place" through May and June.

*Congregational meeting* at **Springwood**. Give your guidance and insights, Holy Spirit, as the congregation looks at the strategies in place for their future mission.

Today is *Rev. Ron Law's final Service* at **Alstonville**. We give thanks to God for *Ron and Coralyn's* time in Alstonville, and we pray for God's blessing and guidance for them as they leave and begin ministry in Tuggeranong. We also give thanks for their ministry to the whole community.

We pray for the Alstonville congregation as they now seek a new Minister.

**Mon May 3**

We ask You Heavenly Father to be with the **Dee Why Ministers Collegiate**, promoting a spirit of cooperation between different denominations in joint activities and bearing a united and committed witness to the community.

Heavenly Father we pray for the *Playgroup for 0-4 year old children* held each Monday at **Malvern Hill** (Croydon). Particularly we pray for those new mothers who find it difficult to cope with motherhood, who need to learn to accept the beauty and the wonder of motherhood, and to learn how incredibly valuable the role is.

**Peak Hill SRE classes** – Lord, we pray for *Caleb* who teaches the *high school* classes and *Gai* who teaches *infants and primary* classes as they teach and connect with the children. Pray especially for Gai as her husband has been diagnosed with serious illness.

As **Wesley Mission** releases the results of *recent research* into the state of mental health in the community we are shocked to learn that 77% of people in NSW will experience, or know someone who has experienced, a mental illness.

We pray that everyone realises they have a role to play not just the professionals in dispelling the misinformed fears surrounding mental ill-health and in supporting those people – friends, family, workmates, classmates – who are suffering.

We join with Narrabri congregation in giving praise for the provision of a *Ministry Agent for the Western Resource program*. **Narrabri** and **Moree** churches share in this resource ministry and look forward with excitement in regard to what God is going to do in this co-operative mission.

**Narrabri** grieve with those who have lost loved ones during the past year and are also aware of the difficulties faced by others who are ill or who have had accidents. We pray especially for the families and carers of those grieving.

#### **Tues May 4**

**Beecroft's Leisure Learning Centre** is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. This outreach ministry offers an enjoyable time of learning and friendship to the local community through its 8 different classes. We

pray that the *new walking group* will get under way in Term 2 and that the congregation will be involved in the classes to make friends for Jesus.

**The Central West Ministry Area** of the *Macquarie Darling Presbytery* will meet at Parkes. **Peak Hill** ask prayer for wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit as issues are discussed and decisions made. Lord, we pray that the fellowship of the day will bring inspiration and encouragement to all who attend.

Father, guide and direct your people at **Hazelbrook** as they seek to find effective ways of *being at mission* in their community. Give them your insights and encouragement.

We ask your blessing, dear Father, on the newly appointed **Bega / Tathra Elders Council** and pray for their meeting today. Guide them in these first months of planning.

*Two Fellowship groups* meet at **Alstonville** today – the afternoon and the evening group. We pray for God's blessing upon those who meet, and for wisdom for the evening group as they plan for the church market day to be held in June. We give thanks for the rich fellowship enjoyed by both these groups. We pray that those who have already commenced some study will be encouraged and blessed in their journey.

**Ross Neville**, Rural Evangelism & Mission asks prayer for the **Mid North Coast Presbytery Meeting** (19 June). Lord, we pray for travelling mercies and the presentation of the "Rediscovering Hope resource" to congregations.

#### **Sun June 20**

Bless the children in our *Sunday Schools*, Lord Jesus, thank you for the privilege we have in working with them and their families. We pray for *Charla and her team* as they teach the children in **Springwood** this morning.

As the **Murwillumbah** and **Burringbar** congregations gather for worship this morning, we join with others throughout our Nation to celebrate the Uniting Church's 33rd Anniversary. We pray for leaders at all levels of our church.

#### **Mon June 21**

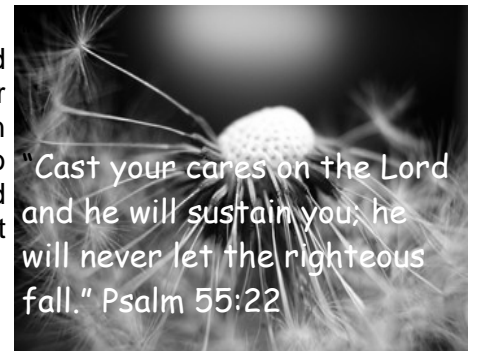
We thank and pray for all the *willing helpers* who provide lunch, entertainment and fellowship for a *group of disabled and elderly* people at **Dee Why** church every Monday morning. May they both help and influence the disabled people.

Heavenly Father, we seek your inspiration for the *Worship Committee* of the **Thornleigh Hillcrest** congregation as it meets tonight to plan services (both traditional and contemporary). May the services be meaningful and

challenging for all those who attend and be welcoming to newcomers.

Heavenly Father we ask that you will brighten the days of the *aged and infirm* who are cared for through **Wesley Mission's** services. Grant them your peace.

Lord God, we pray for the new *Church Council* members at **Narrabri**. We pray that they may be guided by God's spirit as they work with the new ministry agent, the congregation and the community.



#### **Tues June 22**

Lord, we continue to ask your blessing on *Open Hearth* at **Katoomba** as meals are provided for needy folk in the community.

The **Alstonville Church Council** meets this evening. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be upon each member of the Council, Lord. Bless their time of discussion and planning, and guide the worship leaders as they plan services during this time without a minister.

We pray for meaningful interaction for *Pastor Don Walker* with the lonely and those estranged from their families living in:

#### **Wesley's Greenacre**

supported accommodation centre (which provides permanent accommodation to elderly folk who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless).

*Red Dove Op Shop* is open for trading today at **Murwillumbah**. We pray blessings on all who enter through these doors this morning. As the volunteers serve in this outlet today, may they be alert and equipped to witness the love of Christ at every opportunity.

#### **Fri June 18**

**Berrigan** and **Savernake KYBs** meet every Friday. We thank You Lord, for those willing to lead these groups and we pray that each participant will grow in their faith as they learn more from Scripture.

We thank you Lord, for the involvement of your people in **Blackheath** with the *musical programs* in the community. May this be a means of witnessing to your love and grace also.

*Ross Neville*, Rural Evangelism & Mission asks prayer for the *Fellowship Rallies* held at **Coffs Harbour** (18 June). These meetings are times of encouragement, fellowship and teaching. We pray that the words

shared may be a true reflection of God's ministry and challenge to everyone.

#### **Sat June 19**

**Central West Emmaus Gathering at Bathurst**. **Peak Hill** ask prayer that there will be a good gathering of people from across the Central West as the community prepares for the walks in August. Lord, we pray that the members of the community will continue to grow in their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we pray for the *OneHeart* Community at **West Epping** - that it would continue to reach our community with God's love that breaks down barriers between people

*The Far North Coast Emmaus community* gather at **Alstonville** Uniting Church this afternoon. We give thanks for all the lives that have been changed by participating in A Walk to Emmaus weekend. This will be the final year of Walks in the Far North Coast.

Lord be in the midst of the congregations (Hornsby and Sydney Senal) this afternoon and evening as they celebrate with many visitors the official opening of the new church and activity centre complex at **Hornsby**, and give guidance to this partnership as they develop the centre as an outreach for this community.

#### **Wed May 5**

We pray Lord for a group to be established in *St. Columba Woollahra* - parents, grandmothers and aunts with their little ones.

Lord, as the *Widows Support Group* at **Dapto** under the leadership of *Pat* meets today, may their time together with like minded people uplift them as they continue their journey.

How blessed we are to have so many *Scripture teachers* working in high schools around the State. We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the energy and enthusiasm for the Gospel which *Grant Abbott* at **Bomaderry High School** imparts to the students. The folk at Bomaderry Uniting are very thankful that he is able to bring a small group of students to lead worship for them this month (May).

Father, we ask blessing and safety for the *Theo's team 'race'* around **Bega's** town centre today. May they have fun.

**Narrabri** congregation is thankful for their *lay preachers and leaders*. We pray that the need for at least two more lay preachers will be met, and that some will feel called to commence their training.

Jesus' words: "...O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'... your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

#### **Thurs May 6**

Lord, we pray for the two worshipping groups – *English speaking and Mandarin speaking at Carlingford*. We pray for increase in co-operation in regard to mission goals.

**Rockdale** is blessed to often have *new people* coming to church. They come from many countries, sometimes with very little English. We pray for our minister *Martin Goodwin* and our congregation, that the worship service and the welcome they receive will encourage them to want to keep coming so that they can learn more about God's wonderful love for them.

We continue to pray for the *Strategy Committee* at **Springwood** as they seek to refine and facilitate the implementation of the *5 year Strategic Plan* for their future mission and ministry.

As the *Ministry and Mission team* at **Wesley Mission** engage in a pastoral retreat at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, we pray they may have a fresh encounter with your Holy Spirit and step more closely on the path with you.

We give praise for the recent *Women's Retreat* held in **Narrabri**, and pray that the lay preachers and those in leadership roles in Narrabri will be given the space for personal retreat time.



**Fri May 7**

What a privilege we have, Father, of direct access to You through Your Spirit to form a power-house of prayer. **Dapto** is blessed with so many faithful members through the various avenues giving thanks for so many blessings and praying for the needs of the ministry team, members and the vision of the church: *“to be recognised as followers of Jesus Christ, working in and for the community.”*

Several of the *young people* from **Bega / Tathra** have gone to various Universities this year. May they settle in, overcome homesickness and enjoy their studies.

Father, bless the *leaders and young people* as *Priority One* meets on Friday nights at **Leura**.

**Sat May 8**

The churches of **Berrigan** and the district are combining for several events. We thank You Lord for the encouragement and fellowship of these gatherings, where everyone can learn and appreciate more about the Christian faith.

This morning, the women of **Thornleigh Hillcrest** congregation

are gathering for breakfast, catered by men from the congregation, to celebrate Mother’s Day (one day early).

*Jo-Anne Berthelsen, an author,* will be talking about having a *Novel Life in God*. Lord, may all those who attend be inspired to ‘live out their own God journeys’.

As the monthly *Markets* are held in **Hazelbrook** today, Father, we ask especially for *the workers* who tirelessly support this outreach and fundraiser for the church.

A *Mini Fete* will be held at **Murwillumbah** this morning with funds raised to support the work of the Special Religious Education Teacher working in our high schools, Father we pray for a day of fellowship and sunshine, may each stall be well patronised by the wider community, and may each person serving, reflect the face of Jesus, in all they do and say.

*Ross Neville, Rural Evangelism & Mission* asks prayer for the *Presbytery Meeting* at MD Western Div **Broken Hill**.

Lord, we pray for travelling mercies and the presentation of the “Rediscovering Hope resource” to congregations. Pray that the material will be used to help everyone to talk about their faith and experience of God in this new environment in a relaxed informal way dealing with life issues.

We praise you, Lord for the *children’s ministries* in both **Bega** and **Tathra** churches. We pray for this term’s teachers, that they will continue in inspiration and enthusiasm, and you will be at work in the lives of all the children.

Tonight is *Fellowship night* at **Murwillumbah**. As the men meet in the church hall for a BBQ meal and the ladies share in a meal at a local restaurant, we pray that the bonds fellowship will be further strengthened, and that through this, we witness to the wider community.

**Tues June 15**

Loving Jesus, bless the children and the leaders at *KUCA* in **Leura** on Tuesday afternoons, help them as they seek to support young families in their area.

Lord, we pray for the **Port Macquarie Church Council** meeting tonight, and for God’s wisdom in decision making.

Gracious God, we pray for the meeting of the **Hunter Presbytery** tonight and for all who attend. May they be granted wisdom in their participation. We pray for the annual election of offices and Committee convenors and members, that the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be in the midst. Lord, we pray for *Ross Neville, Rural Evangelism & Mission*, for travelling mercies and the presentation of the “Rediscovering Hope resource” .

**Wed June 16**

*Communion Service at Frazer Court Aged Care Hostel, Peak Hill.* Lord, we pray that all will be touched by the great love of God. We pray for *Maurine and Kay* as they lead this Service.

Thank you, Lord, for the *volunteers,* who staff the *Homework Centre at Katoomba North Public School.* Bless them as they continue this valuable support.

This initiative of the **Upper Mountains Congregations** is greatly appreciated by the school and the parents. May this be a means of showing your love in a practical way, as your people and children interact each Wednesday afternoon.

Holy Spirit, we pray that the **Narrabri** congregation will be motivated and equipped to commence *U\_Turn groups* in the community. May they experience your wisdom and guidance as they seek ways to make this happen.

**Thurs June 17**

**The Macquarie Darling Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee** meets at *Molong.* **Peak Hill** ask prayer for this committee as some travel long distances in order to be at the meeting. Lord we pray for safe travel and that wise decisions will be made according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, be with the ladies at **Dee Why Craft Group** today. We pray for those who help with crafts, providing chat, cheer and comfort. Some continue on with lunch afterwards and we ask You to bless them with your Holy Spirit of love.

Be with those leading a *worship service* at **Murwillumbah Nursing Home** this morning. As these seniors gather, may they know the love of Christ in their lives and be blessed by the words of the familiar hymns they love.

We pray for those who went **KYCK** from **Bega / Tathra**. May they be molded by God's Spirit to put into action the Word that they heard. Pray for the young people who are being challenged by the Gospel and grant them understanding as the Spirit points them to Christ.

**Sat June 12**  
Lord, we pray for the *Midnite Cafe Team* in **Dubbo** as they explore future options and especially for *Naomi Nash and Ruth Donnison* as they provide co-ordination and leadership.

A special *Church Service and morning tea* are held on the second Thursday of each month in **Alstonville**. Bless the older fold who gather today for this service.

**Sun June 13**  
**Rockdale Anniversary and Covenant Service** with *Rev. Caroline Thornley* from UTC. We pray Lord that this will be a special time of thanksgiving and renewal.

**Fri June 11**  
Father we thank you for the opportunity of *leasing our Church facilities* to members of the community. We pray that as people come into our buildings they will be aware of your love. We ask a special blessing on those who use **Hazelbrook** and **Katoomba's** halls.

Today we ask your blessing on all who will meet in the *Community Church* at the *homeless shelter Wesley's Edward Eagar Lodge* in **Surry Hills**. Pray for rich life-changing fellowship during the church service and the bible study which follows.

**Port Macquarie Prayer group** meets at 9am each Friday. Lord we pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire more members from the congregation to attend.

**Mon June 14**  
**Riverina farmers** are having to adapt to changing weather and climate patterns. Lord, we pray that they will be enabled to remain firm in their faith and will not be overwhelmed by the challenges of droughts and floods.

1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..."



**Sun May 9**  
**Mother's Day.**  
Thank You Lord, for mothers.

Jesus is speaking: John 14:15-17  
"...I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth."

We join **Port Macquarie** on this *Mothers Day* in praying for the precious role of motherhood, and asking God for His guidance in all of our family relationships.

*Mother's Day* is not always a happy time for so many in our community. We especially pray for those who are living in homeless shelters, especially those seeking to rebuild their lives at **Edward Eagar Lodge**. Please be their all in all today and always.

On this Mother's Day 2010 we ask a special blessing on all mothers everywhere. Be with the Worship teams at **Murwillumbah** and **Burringbar** as we share in services this morning.

**Dapto** gives thanks for the *music team* who play each Sunday. Lord, we pray for all involved, may their gifts with various instruments be honouring and glorifying to You.

**Mon May 10**  
With the many *small groups* in **Dapto** church, we pray that God will build up true disciples whose increased faith will enable them to serve Him in new ways.

During *National Volunteer Week*, please pray for all the many volunteers who give their time in service to families, homeless people, youth and isolated elders that they may recognise the true value of their gift of time throughout **Wesley Mission Newcastle**.

Loving Jesus, we give thanks for the support for the children of the *"Rock Kids Club"* at **Narrabri** and for the leaders in the group. We give thanks for the regular participation of the Uniting, Anglican and Presbyterian churches in the club. We pray that the *team* will be blessed as they touch the children who attend. We pray that the Club will be able to meet the needs of the primary aged children, and may the love of Jesus surround all who come.

**Tues May 11**  
Lord, we pray for **NorthWest** Uniting Church for all involved in the ministry with young people: Children's Ministry:

**GO M.A.D.** We pray for safety for all especially with increased numbers, opportunity to build relationships with children and parents, **Oasis & Lift Off!** – continuing enthusiasm of children, helpers for both groups, **Nippers** – parents prepared to take responsibility for own child during worship, Playgroup – building relationships and opportunity to witness.

Lord Jesus, as the 'new look' *Kid's Club* begins at **Springwood** this afternoon, we ask that you will especially encourage *Charla and her team*. We pray that this will be an effective outreach to children in the community.

### **Wed May 12**

**Beecroft's Seniors Club**, a monthly outreach for aged people in the community is 'Celebrating mother's Day' today, with interesting activities and a lovely afternoon tea.

Loving Father, we thank you for the care and interest the volunteers give the children at the *Homework Centre* at North Katoomba school on Wednesday afternoons. Bless this initiative of the congregations of **Leura, Katoomba & Blackheath**.

Caring God, we give thanks and praise for the many *volunteers* who care for and raise funds for the *Uniting Church Retirement Village* in **Gerringong**. Bless them all. We pray that younger people will join them.

### **Thurs May 13**

**The Maitland Eastside Linked Congregations** of Black Hill, Morpeth and Wesley East Maitland are reviewing their goals and strategies. We ask You Lord that Your Holy Spirit will give them vision, encouragement and power to take hold of opportunities to share their faith so that they may see Your Kingdom grow.

Loving Lord Jesus, we thank you that you continue to guide the **Bomaderry** congregation as they press on with the challenging task of dealing with the local council in relation to the *Development Application* submitted recently for the planned renovations to their buildings. May small problems be overcome, the loan secured and the building work commenced soon.

The final *Women's Emmaus Walk* begins on the Far North Coast at **Evans Head**. We pray that the Pilgrims will be aware of your presence with them as they gather. We pray for wisdom and sensitivity to the leaders who will be sharing their experiences. We give thanks for the many lives blessed by being part of the Emmaus family.

### **Fri May 14**

We praise You loving Father for the group that are meeting in the Chapel in **Double Bay** each week and ask for Your blessing on all involved.

Guide the discussions, Father, as the monthly *Food for Thought* addresses topical issues this afternoon in **Springwood**. May this also be an opportunity for people in the community to feel free to come and talk over their opinions.

### **Mon June 7**

Loving God we pray for *Don Walker and Peter Pereira* as they attend *Sue and Peter Kaldor's Leadership Intensive Course over the next 2 days*. May they be equipped and strengthened for future ministry through **Wesley Mission**.

### **Tues June 8**

We thank You Heavenly Father that the **Bega Adult Fellowship** has continued to flourish. One of our members turned 90 last month; others need much prayer for their health issues. We pray that interesting topics and speakers may be found for the monthly gatherings and that we may continue as long as possible. Interest from some younger adults would help.

### **Wed June 9**

*The Arden School Choir* will entertain everyone at **Beecroft** Uniting. We pray that You God will prosper the church's promotion of this ministry, which always includes a devotion, and brings along lots more elderly folk to be blessed by all that's shared each month.

**Macquarie Darling Presbytery Leadership course** (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June) will continue within their 8 day course. **Peak Hill** ask prayer that the participants will continue to grow in their leadership abilities so that greater things can happen in their congregations.

**Wesley Mission** thank you, Lord God, for the *Operation Hope Program* and for the *60 young people* who were able to camp, learn more about themselves and you in this relaxing fun yet challenging environment. We pray that **Operation Hope** will continue to be funded so these camps for disadvantaged young people can continue so their lives can be changed for good.

As *Church Council* meets tonight in **Springwood**, we ask Lord, that your Spirit will give your perspective and creativity as matters are discussed and decisions made.

We give thanks for all the *emergency services* in the **Narrabri** Community, and pray for safety for all those involved.

### **Thurs June 10**

We thank You Lord for the *English conversation Group* that meets on Thursday evenings in **Burwood** church. We pray for the very varied groups of students from so many countries, who definitely need to practise their English with patient caring Australians.

### Wed June 2

Lord, as the *Widows Support Group* at **Dapto** under the leadership of *Pat* meets today, may their time together uplift them as they continue their journey.

*KYB* meets in **Hazelbrook** each Wednesday morning. Father, thank you for the faithfulness of these ladies, enrich their lives as they study your word.

Lord, we pray for *Paul Bartlett* from *Frontier Services* as he comes to speak to the *Missionary Fellowship* at **West Epping** today. We seek your renewal strength upon everyone connected with the ministries of *Frontier Services*.

### Thurs June 3

We thank God for the *Horse Department (Wesley Mission)* and the growth the department is experiencing. We pray for its continued work with children and adults and for their enjoyment with the horses.

Lord, we pray for wisdom as the **Dubbo** congregation adjusts to the opportunities and challenges of entering into a "cluster ministry arrangement" with congregations of *Wellington* and *Narromine*

### Frid June 4

Lord Jesus, give your special wisdom and insights to the *committees* which have been established at **Leura, Katoomba**

and **Blackheath** to work on the process of their individual mission and responsibilities for the future.

### Sat June 5

Today the *Women's Walking Group* from **Springwood** will do a circuit of the rowing course at *Penrith Lakes*. Bless this activity, Father, may it also be a means of attracting others from the community to share in the fellowship.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the **Bega / Tathra Combined Churches Council** meeting today. They are a newly elected group and need your guidance as they plan and co-ordinate as a group.

Thank You Lord for the opportunity that **Port Macquarie** congregation has at their *markets* today, to build bridges into the local community.

### Sun June 6

Thank You Lord for the great **Dee Why** musical group '*Loosely Woven*', conducted by *Wayne*, who gives much time and effort rehearsing and presenting delightful musical concerts. The proceeds from these are donated to 'Living is Giving' charities of the church.

We pray today, giving thanks, for the *retired ministers* who continue to serve you, Lord, especially where there is no local minister in settlement. Bless those who take services in **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath**.

We remember, Lord Jesus, how two of your friends felt their hearts warmed as they walked the *Emmaus Road* with you that first Easter. Warm the hearts of the pilgrims and team on the **South Sydney / Illawarra Men's** walk. Renew their commitment to you and sent them out rejoicing with a firm purpose to serve you wherever you lead.

Holy Spirit, we pray for your leadership in the initiative to promote the youth in the community at **Narrabri**.

The *youth co-ordinator* plans to be involved in the *SES (State Emergency Services) pilot program* in second term 2010 at *Narrabri High School*.

This cadet unit at the High School is for 14 – 16 year old students and it prepares them for entry as full members of the *SES* from age 16. We pray that this program will offer structures training for youth in the community which will help them to obtain work when they leave school.

### Sat May 15

We ask You dear Lord, for *lots of customers* for the **Dee Why Street Stall** today, proceeds of which will be going to their disabled bus service "Kaddy". We thank You for all the people who donate goods and craft for sale.

A **Pentecost Biblical Culture Day** will be held at **Dubbo**. **Peak Hill** ask for prayer that this day will bring greater understanding of the season of Pentecost to all who attend.

The **Thornleigh Hillcrest Cluster Group** (*a seniors' social activity group*) will meet this evening to hear *Roy Leembruggen* speak on developing clean emission light rail and road systems. He will bring a Christian perspective. Please pray that *Roy's* presentation will be a challenge to our church members and others who attend.

Loving God, we pray for the **OneHeart Community** at **West Epping** - that it would continue to reach their community with God's love that breaks down barriers between people.

*Ross Neville*, *Rural Evangelism & Mission* asks prayer for the *Presbytery Meeting* at **Canberra** (15 May) Lord, we pray for travelling mercies and the presentation of the "Rediscovering Hope resource" to congregations.

### Sun May 16

We thank You Lord for the dedication of the *Sunday School teachers* at **Maitland**. We pray for the families involved and ask that You will show them how they can reach out to other families within their community and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Lord, we pray for the *worship teams* now functioning in the **Dubbo** congregation and especially for those people who are finding this a new experience in ministry.

As the *Presbytery Consultation Team* meets with **Springwood** congregation today, Lord, we ask that you will bless this time of discussion.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the faithful *Sunday School teachers* at **Narrabri** and pray that they will be blessed as they serve in this valuable ministry. We pray that the need for more scripture teachers in the Narrabri schools will be met, and that God's Holy Spirit will speak to some members to respond to this need.

### Mon May 17

Father God, we pray for **Rockdale's Playtime** as we try to find a new co-ordinator. Many of the Mums are isolated in a new country, far from family and old friends. We thank you that we are able to show them your love and help them to make new friendships.

We pray for the young Christian *school leavers* who have apprenticeships and jobs in **Bega**. We pray that a *Bible Study group* catering for their needs may start soon. We pray that they may continue to grow in our church family.

### Tues May 18

**Berrigan** congregation *Parish Council* meets tonight. Heavenly Father, please guide those who chair and direct the meeting and those who participate so that Your work in this place will be effective and bring many to You.

Lord, we pray for the involvement of **West Epping** with the *Men's Shed* held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arrunga Retirement Facility. Bless those who participate and continue to provide the resources needed for the expansion of this much needed activity.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the **Port Macquarie Church Council** meeting tonight. We praise God for the extra work being undertaken by the Executive at this time.

### Wed May 19

*Communion Service at Frazer Court aged care Hostel, Peak Hill.* Lord, we pray that all will be touched by the great love of God, especially those with dementia. We pray for *Maurine and Kay* as they lead this Service.

Lord, as the **Thornleigh Hillcrest Church Council** meets tonight, we seek your guidance and wisdom in the various decisions that will need to be made regarding the life and witness of the congregation.

### Sun May 30

**Peak Hill Youth Service F2W** will be held today and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Lord, we pray that the worship and messages given will be relevant and helpful to the young people and encourage them to have faith in God.

Lord, we pray for *Revs Chris and Margaret* in **Dubbo** as they provide a resource ministry to congregations now linked with Dubbo as part of a new cluster, including providing pastoral care to those people who are having difficulty adjusting to the change.

Father God, as **Port Macquarie** congregation say farewell to *Rev. Roz Bond* today, we praise God for her wonderful ministry, and give thanks that God continues to use her so wisely in her retirement. We give thanks for her willingness and spirit filled ministry.

### Mon May 31

Give your special enabling to *Geoff* as he continues to work on the resolution of the financial affairs of the congregations at **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath** in preparation for their future mission.

Gracious God, we pray for the interdenominational group *AREA* who employ a full time *Scripture teacher and chaplain* at **Alstonville High School**. Bless *Bruce's* work amongst the young people and the staff.



## JUNE 2010 PRAYER POINTS

We read Paul's words: Romans 8:28 "All things work together and are fitting into a plan for good, to those who love God..."

### Tues June 1

Lord, we pray for the parish of **Double Bay / Woollahra**. We give thanks and praise for their minister *Rev. Alan Russell and his wife Dianne* and appreciate the approval of his extension to be with them until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. In the meantime we pray especially for the person of Your choice to come to minister in the new year.

Be a guest too, Lord Jesus, at the meal as *Open Hearth* continues to provide a midday meal at **Katoomba** each Tuesday. Bless the volunteers who make this a service of your love. May those who come along for this time of blessing be drawn to you too.

### Thurs May 27

**Springwood Men's Walking Group** outing. Thank you, Father, for the opportunity for fellowship these outings are for the men and the potential there is for visitors to join the group. Bless them today.

We remember, Lord Jesus, how two of your friends felt their hearts warmed as they walked the Emmaus Road with you that first Easter. Warm the hearts of the pilgrims and team on the **South Sydney / Illawarra women's Walk**. Renew their commitment to you and sent them out rejoicing with a firm purpose to serve you wherever you lead.

### Fri May 28



**Peak Hill Fellowship Luncheons** for older members of the community will be held today. Lord, we pray that these luncheons will be an effective outreach to the community and that those who come will be blessed by being there. We pray for the teams who prepare food and organise entertainment that all will be done to the glory of God.

We pray for the *newly arrived refugees* in the congregation in **Bega**. Thank God for their faith in Him. We pray that their children will settle in to school and life in Australia quickly. We pray that as a congregation we will demonstrate

our faith and love for Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters as they adjust to their new life.

**PALS (Parents and littlies)** meet in **Alstonville** today. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be with the parents and their children, and with the presenting team and the support team as they are involved in this outreach. We pray for the *new leader*, and that the program will continue to be a blessing to the community.

As Term 2 settles into routine, we give thanks for the children and staff of **Murwillumbah UnitingCare Preschool**. Give praise and thanks for full enrolments, interesting programs and support of families in the work being undertaken.

### Sat May 29

**Wesley Mission** thanks God for the amazing site, *Vision Valley* which provides the opportunity for so many to enjoy the beauty of your creation. Thank you for the number of young people that we have been able to engage in the holiday camps especially those that don't usually get this opportunity.

*Loving God, we ask for your blessing on our Building Project* at **Gerringong UC**, designed to add *community facilities* to our beautiful historic church. Many fund raising events will provide fellowship and fun. Give the *leaders the strength* to see it through.

Father, we pray especially for the **small groups** where your people learn more of you and are able to support each other. We ask that more people will be encouraged to join the groups available or look for ways of establishing groups which meet their needs.

Give your insights and wisdom, Lord, as *Presbytery* works with **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath** congregations in determining how they will function in the future. We pray that there will be good connections and support for each other.

Heavenly Father, we pray that God's leading will facilitate the *small group ministry* in **Narrabri** and that all the members of the congregation will be encouraged to join a small group and to invite someone to come with them.

*The Community Craft Group* are meeting this morning at **Burringbar**. We give thanks and praise for the opportunity to open our building weekly so that this group can have a safe and secure base for sharing their interests.

### Thurs May 20

**CWCI** is hosting a *Women's Gathering* in **Finley**. We ask You God to guide and bless the speakers and musicians that their words will encourage, comfort and guide those present, and that all will

walk more closely with You, our God.

**The Macquarie Darling Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee** meets at *Molong*. **Peak Hill** ask prayer for this committee as some have long distances to travel in order to be at the meeting. Lord we pray for safe travel and that wise decisions will be made according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Gracious God, as the **Bomaderry Church Council** meets tonight give wisdom and insight to the leaders as they plan mission strategies for the congregation for when the building renovations are completed. There are plans to reach out to the new housing developments nearby with *'Welcome Packs'* informing new residents of community services and church activities. Prepare the way, Lord. Make the rough places smooth.

A *craft afternoon* will be held in **Alstonville** today as women from the church and the community gather together. May this be a rich time of friendship and fellowship for all present.

### Fri May 21

We pray for guidance for the *Joint Nominating Committee* at **Carlingford** in their progress towards the *placement of a new minister*.

Dear Heavenly Father we give you thanks for **Wesley Packaging services** (David Morgan Enterprises) where *80 disabled work* each day finding a new sense of worth and belonging. Undertake for the new management team and that more work can be found for the employees in this very competitive marketplace so downtime will be minimal.

**Tweed Valley church** is sharing in worship with the residents of *Greenhills Lodge* this morning. May this be a special time of fellowship for the residents and all involved.

**Sat May 22**

The **Berrigan** parish is moving towards having to be responsible for their own services. Thank You Lord for the ministry of *Pastor Wal* and we pray that he will be blessed and guided during his final months in this role. We ask You God to *raise up more lay people* who are willing to participate in and lead services and sustain their pastoral programs so that their witness continues to grow in the district.

**Central West Emmaus Team Training** at Orange.

**Peak Hill** ask prayer for the men's and women's teams as they get to know each other and as they bond together as teams.

Guide the **Illawarra Presbytery** through its business and

information sessions tonight, Loving Lord. Give to its leaders wisdom in decision making that will benefit the whole Presbytery. Pray for *Ross Neville, Rural Evangelism & Mission* (22 May). Lord, we pray for travelling mercies and the presentation of the "Rediscovering Hope resource" to congregations.

**Sun May 23**

Thank You Lord, for the *many helpers* in **Dee Why** and all churches who prepare rosters, greet at the door, arrange flowers, provide morning teas, read the Bible, stay back after church for fellowship at morning tea and provide transport for the elderly. Bless all those who help in every way.



We ask Your blessing on the children and their parents as they reaffirm their baptismal vows at the *Baptismal Service* at **Maitland** today.

May they confirm their promises and seek You as they nurture their children in the years ahead.

We continue to ask your special blessing on the *worship leaders* at **Leura, Katoomba & Blackheath.**

Help and equip them, Lord, as they minister to their congregations.

**Mon May 24**

Lord, we pray for **NorthWest Uniting Church** for all involved in the adult programs organised as reachouts: *Pub Chat; Ladies Prayer Breakfast; Coffee & Chocolate* and more. Thank You Lord for these opportunities.

Lord we know you have called us into relationship with one another and with you. Yet many are lonely and do not know your love. We pray for extremely isolated and less privileged families in **Dungog** and **Lake Macquarie** and for *Wesley Mission's Family outreach workers* that they bring light into their lives.

Provider God, we pray for the members of **Port Macquarie Albion Park** for their annual congregation and other churches in the Mid North Coast who are a part of the *Kairos team* going into the *Kempsey Correctional Centre* each day this week.

**Tues May 25**

We give great thanks for the more than *3,000 volunteers* who support the work of **Wesley Mission** each year – without them we would not be able to fulfil our mission to be Christ's hands and feet to the lost and marginalised. We ask your special blessing on them today.

Gracious God, we pray for *Katherine Bell* and the *High School*

*Ministry team* at **Narrabri**. We give thanks that the school meeting building; "*The Living Room*" is complete and in use. This facility is for ministry and school use and is an initiative of the combined churches of Narrabri. Pray for a sound financial basis for paying staff for this ministry.

**Wed May 26**

We ask for Your Holy Spirit to be present when **Dee Why Elders** meet for an '*Enrichment*' evening.

Give your wisdom to the *elders* at **Hazelbrook**, Lord, as they decide how best to cater for the pastoral care of the congregation.

Gracious Holy Spirit, as the members of the *Adult Fellowships* of the **Illawarra** converge today at **Albion Park** for their annual rally give them an awareness of your Presence as they listen to the speaker, *Ross Neville*, tell of his work among the rural folk of NSW. Bind them together in the fellowship of your love.

Lord God, we give thanks for the work of the *combined churches* in **Narrabri** and we pray that their co-operation will be strengthened so that they may bring Christ to those in the community who do not know Him.

Psalm 91:1-4

"We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods."