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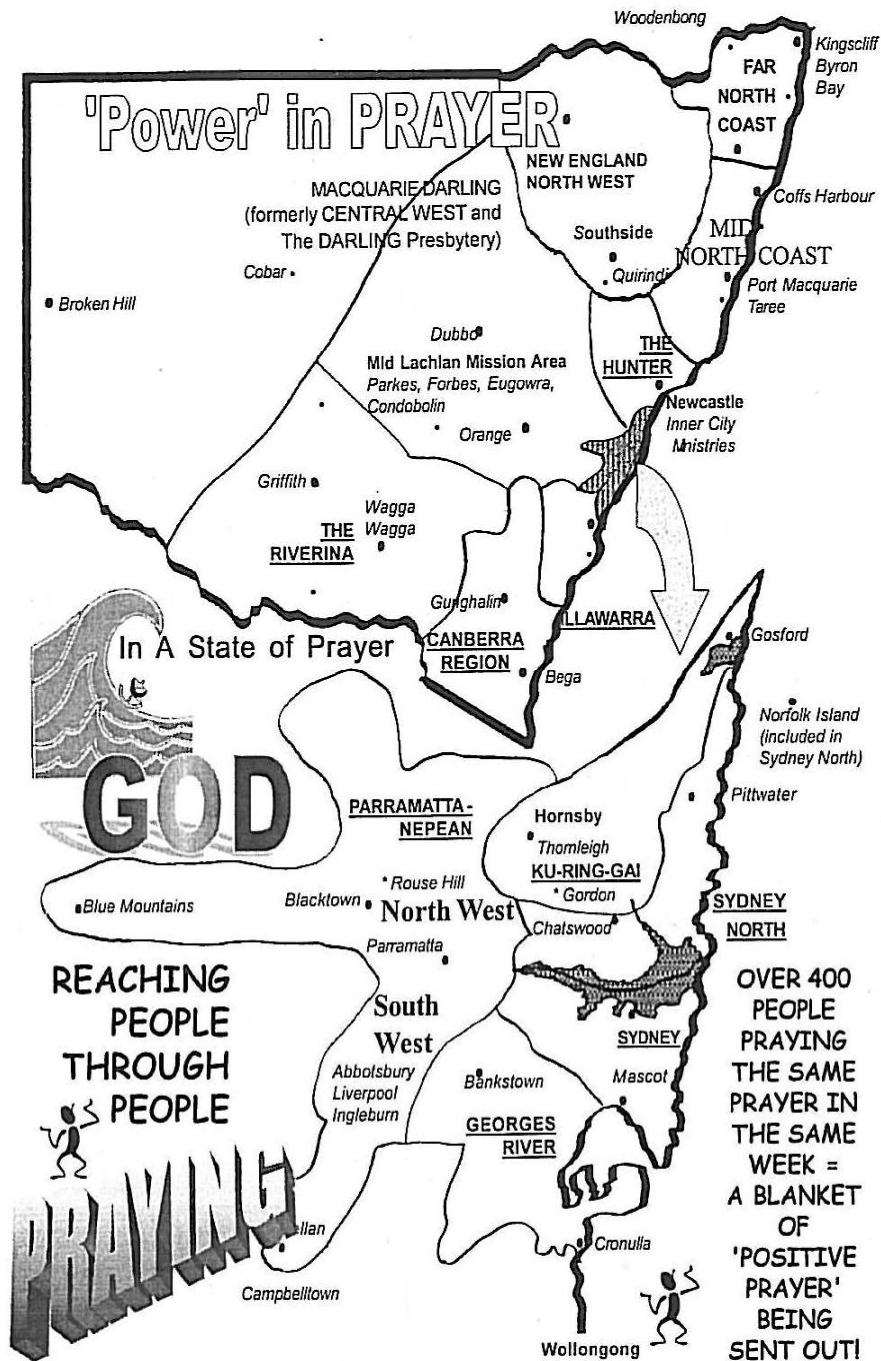
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## POEM—THE WEAVER

My Life is but a weaving  
between my Lord and me;  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow  
And I, in foolish pride,  
Forget He sees the upper,  
And I the under side.

Not til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives His very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him.

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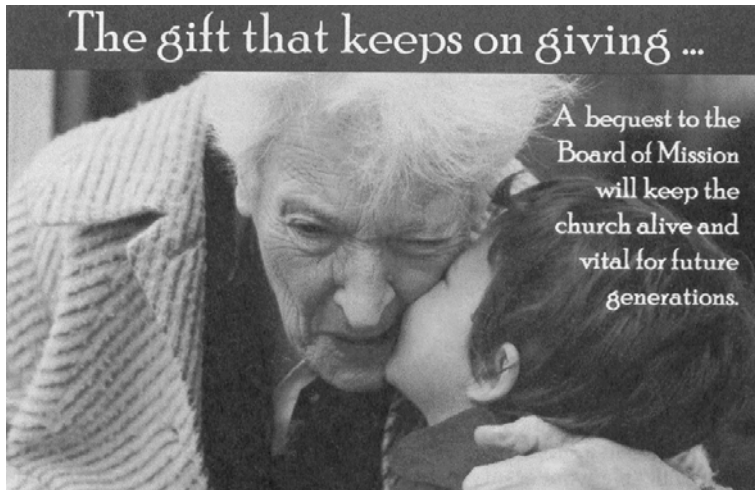
# IN A STATE OF PRAYER

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In A State Of Prayer gives people a chance to hear about what is happening in the Board Of Mission and Churches around about and be a part of helping - we know we are not alone and it is even better to hear about answers to prayer. We are not on our own, we are part of a 'bigger picture'. There is POWER in prayer... Jesus said: "If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20

### HISTORY OF IN A STATE OF PRAYER

#### COVER

The original wave design shown on the cover of IASOP was drawn in 'Arnhem Land Style' by John Rudder of O'Connor ACT who was an Anthropologist in 1979 who lived amongst the Aboriginal people who trained him in their style of art. John had their permission to design the drawing in this 'special' way as part of the move towards 'Reconciliation'.



"The boat represents the Uniting Church surfing on the wave of the Spirit, not thinking that by its own designs it can build the Kingdom."

We have kept the wave theme over 2010 and have featured God's wonderful creation of the ocean.

Beginnings.... In A State Of Prayer Audrey Drury writes...

"This type of prayer is not a daily devotional booklet but more correctly an 'aid to intercession'.

Rev John Paton began the booklet and engaged the help of Don Robertson who using the phone at the Board of Mission rang to enlist the cooperation of ministers across New South Wales. He at the time was a member of the Hornsby Parish and folk there were keenly involved from the start, especially Mrs. Jessie Longmuir who assisted in preparing the prayers for the parish and

also the Parramatta Centenary prayers. By the time I was involved, in May 1993, Rev Ian Robinson was the man at the helm and his lectionary-prompted-prayers each Sunday were appreciated by many.

Jessie Weatherlake was an assistant also and she and Don spent time in the office in the city preparing the prayers sent in. In 1993, the first of my collected copies, the cost had to rise to \$10 per year (with \$9 for those sent in bulk to a church address). I heard stories of real cutting and pasting (was it on the floor?) and much work at assembling the prayers.

Jessie went to Victoria with her minister husband and I joined the team. Since 1991 I had been the proud owner of a Brother Word Processor and that was my implement as I received FAXes from Sandra at the office and put the prayers together. I notice that in 1993 Don and I were supplying the co-operative St Lukes church in Weipa Queensland. The faxes came to the local garage, where the proprietor was a Christian. Sometimes his wife brought them to me and as I recall she had a bad back and was glad for us to pray for her. I stood among the grease and clutter as I sent the faxes and was glad of the help of these great country blokes. Because of my retired minister husband's many supply opportunities I have been in many places receiving faxes from the Board and sending them. The Chiropractor at Ballina, the Presbytery office in Canberra, our manse fax at Katherine, and the churches at Penrith, and Coffs Harbour, Various towns have sent prayers for many years. Others have joined the "family" as Don Robertson or I rang to encourage the minister and suggested we could be praying for this and that work they mentioned. We realised that some folk are not geared for this type of prayer, which is not a daily devotional booklet but more correctly an aid to intercession."

We are thankful for our team members: Barbara Brackenbury, Jenny Mathieson, Jeanette Wood and Barbara Carr who have helped over the years, cutting and pasting hand written and typed prayer points along with Rod Blackmore doing the checking.

**The 'In a State of Prayer' team:**  
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# Vale

Graeme Gardiner writes

*With deep sadness I write to inform you that my beloved Jenny went home to be with her God this afternoon, Saturday 31st July. My apologies that this news comes through this impersonal means. However, as you might well understand, it is a difficult time for us as family, and we are simply not able to make all the phone calls necessary to reach every person important to Jenny and us. As most if not all of you will know, Jenny's journey with breast cancer was reignited just a couple of months ago, and she has been being treated with a further course of chemotherapy since that time. Last Saturday we had to admit her to Nepean hospital. When it became plain that healing this side of the Kingdom was not to be her pathway, our prayer was that her time of suffering would be cut mercifully short. This prayer we feel has been answered, and though our grief feels unbearable, we are deeply thankful for the extraordinary gift we received through her life amongst us, and grateful that she is now at rest, whole and complete in the heart of God. Anna, Naomi and Drew and myself have taken the journey together along with other close family and friends and discovered strength together. We are thankful for the countless prayers and expressions of love we have received from many of you along the way, and covet your continuing prayers as we seek to take our next steps without her.*

*A service of Thanksgiving & Graveside Burial was held on  
5/6 August 2010*



## 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."

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

ACCOUNTS:  
Pray for **Koko Sunarko**, Accountant and **Veronica Rebolledo**, Front Desk and Accounts Support person.

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

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For matters concerning healing, visit our website:  
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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 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—Synod Mission Resource Fund, who will be leaving soon. We pray for her as she embarks on new adventures. We also welcome and pray for her replacement **Rebecca Wing** as she begins her new role this month.

We pray for **Carolyn Robertson** and **Adele Smith** in their roles as SMRF Consultants.

Pray for support being given to congregations. Preparation for the sessions held throughout the year. Pray for the new mission projects funded by SMRF.

CROSS CULTURAL:  
Pray for Myong Duk Yang who, having completed his placement with the Board of Mission, takes up a position with the Presbyterian Church of Korea.

CROSS CULTURAL CONSULTANT  
Pray for **Charissa Suli**, whose role has expanded to full time Cross Cultural Consultant, as she continues working with congregations providing intergenerational workshops.

## 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 Chan** who visits congregations and makes presentations on behalf of Living is Giving.

## NCLS

Pray for them in their new office location. **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 on maternity leave with her new baby.**

We welcome **Kesaia Pohiva** who will be taking over Belinda and Rosaleen Roles.

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

Pray for Peter as he leaves the Board of Mission to take on new adventures.

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.

## New church work:

Any new church work is a challenge and North West Uniting Church at Annangrove is one of several initiatives across our church. New things are happening across our rural areas and in many urban and regional situations.

Please continue to pray for and seek to know more about new mission work in your areas and presbyteries.

Pray for our Synod and Presbytery mission consultants and leaders as they continue to encourage and resource across the State.

### Mathew 6:6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your father who is in the secret place; and your Father who see's in secret will reward you openly.

who share there gifts and talents in this way. We give thanks Lord for the support and encouragement Ross Neville gives to these congregations, Lord we ask your continued anointing on him for your work.

**Narrabri** are thankful for the emergency services in our town. We ask for prayer for their training, safety on the job and what has been achieved so far.

## Frid Oct 29

Lord we pray for **Wesley Mission's** preparations for Wesley Fair on November 4. Please help us stock our stalls with homemade goods and other saleable goods. We pray that many will be called to volunteer and that the publicity material will be well received. We pray for smooth preparations.

Heavenly Father, **Narrabri** pray for cooperation among the churches of Narrabri so that we may bring Christ to those in our community who do not know him.

## Sat Oct 30

Christian Meditation group, Prayer in Community, meets on Saturday mornings in **Springwood**. Holy Spirit meet with them as they wait upon you this morning.

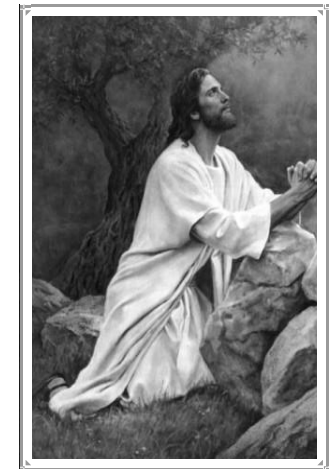
Please pray for the Emmaus Gathering being held today at **Bega**. Remember the leader and speaker and all who contribute to this happy event.

## Sun Oct 31

Heavenly Father, we pray for the group from **Pittwater** church visiting Wesley's Edward Eagar Lodge in late October to lead "Worship at the Margins". Thank you for their willingness to be Christ to

those in need of your love. We ask you to bless this church partnership; guide and bless all involved that they may be amazed by your grace and mercy.

**Narrabri** ask for prayer for the facilitation of small groups in our church. May everyone in our congregation be part of a group and be encouraged to ask someone from the community to come to a home group. Maybe a group could be one family or friend that we read Bible with regularly?



*Grace & Peace*



his team as they seek to bring your good news to the young people.

The **Macquarie Darling Presbytery** Fellowship Rally will be held at Broken Hill today. Pray that all who attend and the Broken Hill people, who are rather isolated, will be blessed by it.

**Sat Oct 23**  
**Alstonville** members will travel home today from the Global Leadership Summit. We thank God for all his blessings over these two days. This is a new venture for the **Bomaderry** congregation. They have taken a stall at the local Market Day. Heavenly Father, give strength and guidance to Patty and team as they sell their craft and produce to raise money to finance the building loan. Especially help them to network well with the community and be a witness for you to all they meet.

**Narrabri** pray that we can centre on the Bible and indeed the Word who is our Lord Jesus. We pray that as we read and prayerfully meditate on His word we will be inspired and sustained for this life and our future life in heaven.

**Sun Oct 24**  
Be with those leading worship this morning at **Burringbar** and **Murwillumbah**. Father, you have been in the midst of the service preparations, give wisdom, guidance and vision to all leaders so that your word may be fully heard and understood. Bless those who share in these services today.

**Mon Oct 25**  
Thank you Heavenly Father that our pastor Rob at **Bega/Tathra** is back again after not being well. Please pray

for Rosemary in her work with CWCI.

**Tues Oct 26**  
**Alstonville** Church Council meets tonight. We thank God for the leaders he has sent to help at this time as we wait for a minister.

We ask your blessing and enabling for **Hazelbrook** congregation, Lord, as they continue to witness to your love in their community. Bless those who work so faithfully on the committee for their monthly markets.

**Narrabri** are thankful for our faithful Sunday school teachers and ask for a blessing on their valuable ministry. We ask for prayer for some Scripture teachers of God's choosing to come forward for training and ministry in our local schools.

**Wed Oct 27**  
Thank you Lord for the leadership Lucie Gabb is bringing to the Leisure Learning Centre at **Becroft**. May the committee working with her seek God's wisdom and honour.

Lord, we ask your continued enabling for the congregations at **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath**. Continue to lead, inspire and encourage them as they adapt to the changes which have taken place. Help them to look forward with enthusiasm to the opportunities they have for mission.

**Thurs Oct 28**  
Please pray with **Port Macquarie** for all the lay-led congregations in our state. We give thanks for the preachers, music teams and all who contribute to the worship services. Lord God we ask for continued guidance, inspiration, strength and health for all



# PRAISE

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER 2010

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**Port Macquarie** congregation give thanks to you Lord God for Marion, the Children and Families Worker, and for the ministry to young families that is taking place.

**Yass** parish gives grateful thanks to God for answered prayers with the full time placement of intern Apelu Tielu from August 1.

Heavenly Father, **Bomaderry** folk are very thankful for the overwhelming response of its members in donations and fundraising efforts to make up the shortfall needed to finance the soon-to-commence renovations to the building.

Give thanks for a great **Central West Emmaus** team training on July 3 and 4. The teams are forming together very well.

**Wesley Mission** gives thanks for the provision of the wonderful area Vision Valley that provides an opportunity for so many people to "take time out" throughout the year. We especially thank you God for the July school holiday camps and the children who were able to experience your creation. Thank God for the opportunity we have to serve our guests.

Give thanks that the **Peak Hill** Youth Services called F2W, the Peak Hill Girls Club and the Peak Hill SRE classes continue to go well. Give thanks for the wonderful crops that are growing in the Peak Hill district as a result of better rain this year. Pray that they will not be eaten by grasshoppers in the spring because there will be a big hatching of grasshoppers.

**Narrabri** praises the Lord for the provision of a Ministry Agent for its North-Western Resource Program. Narrabri and Moree churches share in this cooperative ministry. We are excited and delighted with what God is doing in this mission.

**Romans 12:12**  
Be joyful in hope, patient  
in affliction, faithful in  
prayer.



# SEPTEMBER OCTOBER In A State Of Prayer 2010



## SEPTEMBER PRAYER POINTS 2010

### Wed Sep 1

This morning, we pray for the music team meeting in **Alstonville** to plan for the next few weeks. We uplift and give thanks for *Maggie, Ruth and Margaret* for leading this program.

Lord we pray for discernment for the Joint Nominating Committee (*JNC*) in calling a new minister for **Carlingford**.

Living Lord, Phil, the Southern Region Chaplain of *UnitingCare Ageing* and also a faithful member at **Bomaderry**, is negotiating with *UnitingCare Ageing*

regarding the possibility of an Aged Day Care operating out of our refurbished building. May the discussion prove fruitful and the result be a cooperative venture which will serve the community.

Lord, continue to encourage the congregations of **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath** as they continue to plan their separate mission strategies. Particularly equip the new church councils who are now responsible for organising worship and other activities in each of the congregations. May they know your wisdom and encouragement.

### Thurs Sep 2

Red Dove Op Shop is open for trading at **Murwillumbah** today. Thank you Father for the faithful volunteers who serve in this outlet. Bless all who enter these premises today.

Gracious Father, encourage those who gather at Camden for the National Conference of the **Assembly of Confessing Congregations** (September 2 to 4) as they consider the theme "Marriage and Family in the 21st Century". Give grace to the speakers as they enable the participants to hear your word clearly through their presentations. Pray for the **Dubbo** congregation in a time of transition - as it adjusts to a

being included in this facility. Lord please continue to guide the creativity being shown here and may Port congregation support this new venture with prayer and care.

Lord, you have blessed so many through the **Emmaus** movement. As many folk gather at Corrimal today for a Reunion Day may their spirits be filled with the warmth of your love enabling them to enthusiastically return to serve their communities and congregations. Bless those leading, speaking, catering and providing music.

### Sun Oct 17

Each month the **Finley** congregation preside at the **Berriquin/Ulupna** Nursing Home communion service. It is a privilege to bring this service to the residents of the Home. We give thanks for the people who look after the residents in a loving caring way.

We pray for the children and the staff of the preschool at **Burwood** who this morning will participate in a service to celebrate 60 years since a foresighted group in the then Congregational Church started the preschool. We thank you Lord for the dedication of the staff as they help the young children from the many, many language groups to learn and socialise together in a Christian environment.

### Mon Oct 18

**Yass** and **Rye Park** invite prayers for their new intern ministry leader Apelu and his wife Grace. May Apelu find encouragement and support as he develops his ministry together with the ministry of all the people.

**Narrabri** ask for prayer for the planned visit of a children's evangelist in October. May the school students and families benefit from this visit.

### Tues Oct 19

Pray for Maurine as she visits **Peak Hill** hospital where there are nursing home residents. Please pray for one man who has lost his sight completely that he will be blessed by the presence of God as he reflects on his life.

We ask your blessing, loving Jesus, on **young people** sitting their HSC during this time. May they know your strength and peace.

### Wed Oct 20

Give encouragement and inspiration to the church council at **Hazelbrook**, Father, help them to seek new ways of being at mission in their community.

The Bargain Basement at **Alstonville** opens for the first time this week. We pray that the shop will bless all who come.

### Thurs Oct 21

Dear Father, please assist in the rearrangement of leaders for "Theos" in **Bega**, and the girls' study changes. May our young people continue to be challenged to grow in their faith.

We pray father for the Ministry Committee of the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery. That you will enable them to develop ways of supporting congregations.

### Frid Oct 22

Lord Jesus, as the youth group Momentum continues to meet each Friday night at **Springwood**, give wisdom and creativity to Jonathan and

for those who have health problems and experience difficulty in getting around. We value the contribution of our golden oldies to the wisdom and nature of our congregation.

### Wed Oct 13

We pray for the ongoing growth of the OneHeart initiative and the deepening collaboration between **West Epping** and **Eastwood** churches. May we see this missional worshipping community expand and flourish.

Pray for the **Dubbo** congregation as it moves to one morning worship service in September - for the worship task group and teams as they endeavour to give faithful and creative leadership to an all age congregation.

May the "Food for Thought" program at **Beecroft** Seniors bring God's encouragement to all the frail aged folk who come along. Pray that more care facilities will utilise this ministry.

### Thurs Oct 14

This morning at Alstonville is the Senior Service followed by morning tea. We thank for all who help this morning to happen. Continue to pray for the farming community in the **Finley** district. Give thanks for the very worthwhile rains which have fallen. The district looks wonderful, so green, crops and pasture growing, water in the table drains. This has put so much hope into the community, however the financial situation of the farmers hasn't changed. They have a long way to go before this can happen. Please pray that farmers will have the strength to persevere and that the current stress levels will diminish.

### Frid Oct 15

Alstonville's mainly music programme restarts today after the school holidays. We give thanks for all the hard work the team do, and ask for a special blessing on each family that attends.

**Peak Hill SRE** – Please pray for Gai, who has recently lost her husband, as she continues to teach SRE to the Primary classes, and for Caleb, who is also school chaplain as he teaches scripture to years 7 and 8 at Peak Hill Central School.

### Sat Oct 16

Market Day at **Springwood**. As people come to the church complex today, Father, we ask that they might see that your love does make a difference.



Bless the workers; give them a special measure of your grace as they interact with the community.

As **Port Macquarie** congregation watches the progress of Shalom House, the UnitingCare Complex, being built next to the church we are excited to hear of the new initiatives

cluster structure with Trangie, Wellington and Yeoval congregations. Pray for patience, forbearance and goodwill.

### Frid Sep 3

As negotiations continue at **Katoomba** to use the old manse as an Aged Care Day Centre, Lord, we ask that your wisdom and insights will be given to those who are responsible for the decision making in this project.

The youth group meets fortnightly at **Maitland**. We ask your blessing, Lord, on the young people who come and pray that others will join them. We

thank you for the leaders and support people. May they all know and grow in the love of Jesus Christ.

Dear Jesus, thank you for your support of the children of the "Rock Kids Club" at **Narrabri** and for the leaders of this group. We value the regular participation of the Uniting, Anglican and Presbyterian churches in the club. Jesus please bless the team and continue to touch the children who come. Pray that the club can meet the needs of the primary school aged children. Most of all may the love of Jesus surround the kids who come. Praise the Lord for the Triple Super Kids Club run by Youth Works and our local churches. Heaps of kids participated and we finished up with a family barbeque.

### Sat Sep 4

**Port Macquarie** Spring Fair is being held in the church grounds today. We give you thanks Lord for all the folk who have used their many gifts and

talents in bring this day to fruition. May your love be felt by those who attend and we pray the finances generated will be used effectively for the kingdom of God.

God bless all who take part in **Kincumber** church's Springtime Car Boot sale. That there be smiling faces and good bargains for Fathers' Day.

### Sun Sep 5

Give strength and inspiration to the lay leaders as they continue to serve you and the congregation at **Hazelbrook**, Lord.

Thank you dear Father that the Night Church at **Bega** is such a blessing. Be with the music team, leaders and those who organise the accompanying meal.

**Alstonville** welcomes *Rev. Ken Day* to lead in worship. Lord, we give thanks for all the help and support Ken has given.

### Mon Sep 6

**West Epping** asks for prayer for our Leisure Ministry Group on tour in Western Australia from September 6 to 19. May they have a safe and enjoyable trip as they share the blessings of Christian fellowship together.

The **Peak Hill** church council meets. Pray that decisions which will bring glory to God will be made at this meeting.

### Tues Sep 7

Lord Jesus, we ask for your guidance as the **Alstonville** Evening group plan for the "November Market Morning" today. We also ask you to bless both

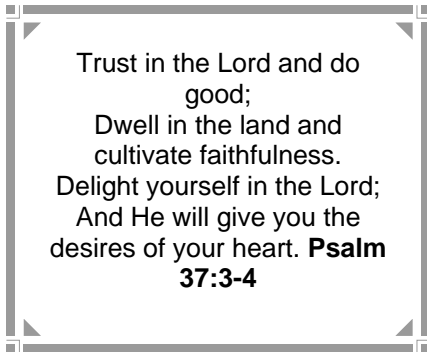
fellowship groups.

Loving Jesus, be with the children and leaders as KUCA meets each Tuesday afternoon at **Leura**. May this be a special time of fun and learning for the children.

As there have been recent elections at **Maitland Eastside** for eldership and church council membership, we ask your guidance for those newly elected or re-elected, that they may have wisdom in their responsibilities.

### Wed Sep 8

Father, we give thanks for those who volunteer to have the church at **Megalong Valley** open to visitors. The memorial garden there has been established for 50 years. Bless those who come to meet with you in this special place. We pray for the future management of the property and for services held there.



As the gatherings on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of the month continue at the **Port Macquarie** church, for a time of hymn singing and fellowship, may all who attend be blessed and as friendships continue to grow as a result of these gatherings,

may the transforming love of Jesus Christ be experienced in these groups.

Praise God for Ken Mitchell's leadership of the Network of Care at **Beecroft** and his rendition of bush poetry at the Seniors' Club today!

Please pray for the **Peak Hill** Girls Club which meets on Wednesday after school. Pray for the leaders that they will be able to share the love of God with the girls.

### Thurs Sep 9

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the elders who will be leading the senior service, which will be held today at **Alstonville**.

For the Children's Church at **Bega**, Term 3 is mission-focused. Please pray for the new leaders. May all be challenged to read more of God's word and help others to have access to it. Our Seedlings (preschool) are precious and need our prayers and love.

**Wesley Mission** gives thanks for the recent success of the Lifeline Sutherland Bookfair which raises money to support Lifeline, Sydney and Sutherland. We pray for blessings for the many volunteers who provide a listening ear in times of trouble.

We thank God for funding to increase John Cutts to fulltime, and for a part-time PA in the **Parramatta Nepean Presbytery**. We also give thanks for the appointment of Chris Lochley as Presbytery Mission Resource Officer.

### Frid Sep 10

Lord Jesus we pray for the combined churches high school ministry in

occasions for people to enjoy one another's company and also to get to know others from their community. Be with those who serve and those who are waited on.

### Sun Oct 10

Thank you Gracious God for the people who continue to lead our weekly services of worship in your name in the **Southern Newell Parish (Jerilderie, Finley and Tocumwal)**. Their dedication is very much appreciated.

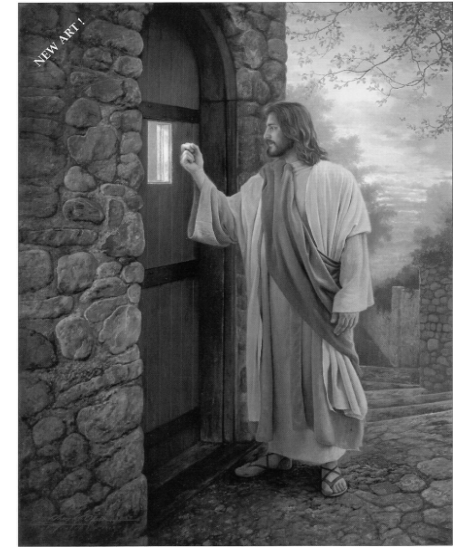
Many people combine to help for the services at **Bega/Tathra**. Pray for the music teams, flower arrangers, cleaners, news sheet editors and others who take part.

### Mon Oct 11

Term 4 begins today for **Murwillumbah** UnitingCare preschool. Father, be with the staff as they welcome back the children for this busy and exciting term. May staff be ever mindful of the individuality of these young people, and ever open to developing their creative minds in a productive and meaningful way.

Father, give your wisdom and insights to the group, *Mountain Journeys*, as church people reach out to members of the community in these issues based discussions. Bless them as they meet in venues in the **Blue Mountains**.

**Narrabri** ask for prayer for personal retreat and ministry time for our lay preachers and leaders. A women's retreat was held in March.



### Tues Oct 12

At 1.30pm the **Alstonville** Elders meet. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this group in supporting all in the church family.

Loving Heavenly Father, as **Port Macquarie** church council considers the future of the Children and Families Ministry Worker, we ask the Holy Spirit for guidance planning for this ministry within our congregation and the wider community.

Give encouragement and strength to those who so lovingly provide the meal at Open Hearth at **Katoomba** every Tuesday. May those who come along be aware of your love for them too.

Heavenly Father, please support the elderly folk in the **Narrabri** congregation and community. We pray particularly for the church services conducted once a month at the two aged care facilities in Narrabri. We pray

Sunday School teachers, playgroup leaders and youth leaders. Lord we ask especially for your blessing on Charla, Family worker, at **Springwood** and her team of helpers.

The **Alstonville** Afternoon Fellowship will meet at 2pm this afternoon, to share their faith journey followed by afternoon tea. Evening Fellowship will also meet at 7.30pm. We give thanks for both groups and their leaders.

### Wed Oct 6

Continue to give wisdom and insight, Holy Spirit, as the congregations of **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath** plan their mission strategies for the future. Continue to help their newly formed Church Councils as they consider the best way of being at mission in their area. We ask also that there will continue to be good relationships between these congregations as they witness to your love in the Upper Mountains

### Thurs Oct 7

**Emmaus Alarga** is to be held at Elanora Conference Centre from October 7 to 10. This is an Emmaus Stroll for disabled people. Pray for the team and the pilgrims as they spend this time with God and each other.

Thank you, Lord, for singing groups who bring much blessing to our churches through song. Bless the ecumenical singing group at **Leura** as they practice each Thursday night.

### Frid Oct 8

Be with residents and staff present at the worship service at **Murwillumbah** Nursing Home this morning. Thank you

Lord for the opportunity to participate in this service to the residents, and for the lay leaders who share this task on behalf of Tweed Valley church.

Dear Father, **Narrabri** folk are thankful for our lay preachers and leaders who are doing a wonderful job. We ask that at least two more suitable preachers come forward for training and working in this area. One member of our congregation has completed Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) through Moore Theological College External Studies unit and has started the intermediate level study. Three members have commenced the ELM lay preaching course.



### Sat Oct 9

Rev Roy Cowin will be conducting the marriage service at **Alstonville** between Eric Holm and Shirley Moffitt. We pray that the Lord will richly bless this union.

The Great Fete at **Leura** today. We ask, Father, that all who come to the church buildings today will be aware of your love through those who interact with them. Give strength and grace to those who serve you and members of the community in this outreach activity.

Today and November 13 **Morpeth** church is conducting "High Teas". These are planned as special

**Springwood** and **Winmalee**. Bless Connor as he serves you in this vital ministry. May this be an effective means of bringing the Gospel to the young people at these schools. We pray for a sound financial basis for this ministry.

Father we pray for the staff, children, families and Management Committee of the **Murwillumbah** UnitingCare Preschool. We pray against disruption to routine caused by the "Speed on Tweed" car race event which shuts off access to the property. Father we pray protection and safety for all concerned.

**West Epping** prays for all those who serve the mission of God through our community - from office-bearers to volunteers on rosters - that we would all be one in the Spirit, unified in purpose and in praise.

### Sat Sep 11

Lord, we ask you to bless the **Canberra Monaro** Emmaus community "Going Fourth" gathering at Yass today. Empower the worship, uphold the speakers and enrich the fellowship, we pray.

Open Day at Uniting Kids Care at **Springwood**. Father, we ask that today will be a great time of celebration as the community are invited to come and share in activities with children and staff. We ask too that people will be aware that your love makes a difference in this Centre also.

Pray for ministers Chris and Margaret in **Dubbo** as they adjust to their new roles as Resource Ministers in the Dubbo/Wellington/Yeoval and Trangie cluster.



### Sun Sep 12

We praise you, O God, for the enthusiastic young people who attend and help in conducting the **Burwood** evening service each Sunday. We thank you for their participation in organising the music. And we particularly pray for the young people who take a turn at filling the preaching spot.

Father God, we pray for your Holy Spirit's peace, guidance and encouragement for **Kincumber** congregation's contemporary service at 9 a.m. for the leaders and congregation. In Jesus' Name.

Today, Lord Jesus, the Christmas Shoe Boxes will be brought to church at **Springwood**. Thank you for all those who have participated in this venture especially the older folk in the aged care facilities. May they and the children who receive these gifts be blessed.

Loving Lord, you have gifted your people enabling them to serve you and each other. We, at **Bomaderry**, want to thank you for the many people, lay and ordained, who lead and preach each Sunday as we have no paid ministry agent. These folk give their

talents and time willingly and are much appreciated as they help us to worship and discern your will.

### Mon Sep 13

Tonight is a time of fellowship over a meal for men and women of **Tweed Valley** congregations. Men are meeting in the church hall to share a BBQ meal and the ladies are gathered for a meal in a restaurant down town. We give thanks for the opportunity to share fellowship and for the blessings this gentle way brings in witness to the wider community.

Father, we ask your special blessing on the congregation at **Blackheath** as



they continue to serve you and their community. Bless them as they prepare their musical programs which are part of their outreach in the community.

Jenny Pearson began a new Leisure Learning group this term, "Connecting through Stories", at **Beecroft**. Pray that, as friendships develop and life experiences are shared, meaningful God conversations will take place.

### Tues Sep 14

Lord Jesus, we pray for the elders meeting at **Alstonville** this afternoon

as they continue to care for the church family.

As Treasure Seekers Kids' Club program continues this afternoon in **Springwood**, loving Jesus, bless the children and helpers. Give enthusiasm and encouragement to Charla as she plans the program and prepares the material.

Holy Spirit please lead **Narrabri** congregation in an initiative to promote youth in the community. The Youth Coordinator will be involved in a State Emergency Service (SES) pilot program in third term 2010 at Narrabri High School. The SES Cadet unit at the local high school is for fourteen to sixteen year old students and prepares them for entry as full members of SES from age 16. Our church is hoping that this system will offer structured training for youth in our community and help them get work when they leave school.

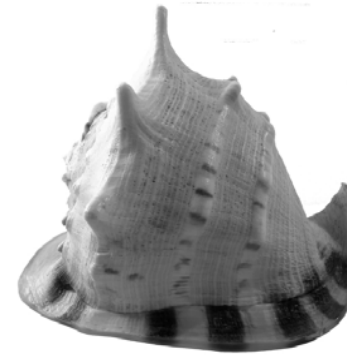
### Wed Sep 15

Communion services will be held today and October 20 at Frazer Court Aged Care Hostel in **Peak Hill**. Pray that the residents will be blessed by God's great love.

Loving Lord, be in the midst of those who gather at **Burringbar** church this morning to share in the weekly Ecumenical Craft Day. Thank you Lord that through this interest in creative work, there is opportunity for witness and outreach into the wider community.

### Thurs Sep 16

As the Divorce and Separation and Grief and Loss Recovery workshops continue at **Port Macquarie** church we pray God's love will be experienced in a way that will draw these people to



## OCTOBER PRAYER POINTS 2010

### Frid Oct 1

**West Epping** would value prayer for our various ministries with women in our community, including Ladies' Fellowship, Mum's Revive and Survive, and Amazing Space. May they all be upheld in God's grace and energised by God's Spirit.

Please remember in prayer the elders and church council members of **Bega/Tathra**, and the responsibilities which fall to them. Bless their meetings throughout the coming months.

### Sat Oct 2

Women's Walking Group from **Springwood** are walking the Lawson Waterfall circuit today. Lord bless this activity and fellowship, may there be opportunities to share your love as friends are invited to join this outing.

### Sun Oct 3

Father God, as Alstonville welcome the Moderator, Rev Niall Reid and all church folk of the Far North Coast to a 3pm service, We pray for all who attend that they will feel the Holy Spirit

move among them and for safe travel for all.

As we meet for worship at **Murwillumbah** this morning, we pray blessings on all who lead the service. Be with the musicians, the bible readers, the stewards, the projectionist, the singing group and all others involved, that the message we bring will equip each member as they enter into this new week ahead.

Organ recital at **Katoomba**. Lord, as people come to the church today to enjoy the organ and the music of the Cathedral Singers, may they be aware of your love for them in this beautiful building. Let today be a celebration not only of music but also of your gift of creativity to us.

God bless our choir and choirmaster, Paul, as we practice in earnest to lead the 10.30 a.m. worship services especially as we prepare for **Kincumber** congregation's Anniversary and Christmas Carols in December. May we blend in well with occasional combined services of a general nature.

### Mon Oct 4

As **Port Macquarie** congregation continues the process of calling a Minister, we pray those people involved will be listening very closely to God in their considerations. Please pray that the Lord is preparing and making the way clear for the person he wills to lead Port Uniting in ministry.

### Tues Oct 5

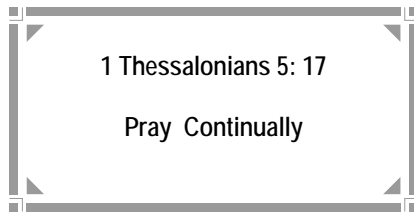
As children's workers enjoy a well earned rest during the school holidays, we ask for refreshment and encouragement for Scripture teachers,

new Mission Resource Officer.

### Mon Sep 27

As the renovations at **Bomaderry** are proceeding, gracious Lord, we ask that you will help the builder and his team to work well together safely so that the finished building will be a very useful tool for furthering your kingdom in our community.

Lord we lift up to you the ministry at



**Wesley Mission's** Edward Eagar Lodge. We pray for DJ Grant as he ministers with Pastor Don Walker each Sunday and for fellowship after church. May those studying the book of Proverbs be filled with your understanding and new wisdom as they seek to live their lives according to your word. We pray also for the Bible Discovery Group on Wednesday evenings studying Gospel of John.

### Tues Sep 28

Open Hearth continues each Tuesday at **Katoomba** where a midday meal is served at the church for people in the community. Bless this activity, Lord, as your love is shown in this practical way. Help them also as they settle into the smaller hall for their meals.

We ask God's blessing, strength and guidance on all those who so regularly lead worship in our **Maitland Eastside** congregations of **Morpeth, East**

**Maitland** and **Black Hill**. We think of our minister Warwick, our visiting preachers and our own worship teams.

### Wed Sep 29

We give thanks to all people who entered the Bargain Basement at **Alstonville** today.

Lord Jesus we pray your presence will be evident at the **Mid North Coast Lifeline** annual general meeting tonight. We give thanks for the wonderful work done by this organisation; may needy people continue to be touched by your love through Lifeline.

**Narrabri** pray for the development of pastoral caring ability for each and every member of our congregation. A Pastoral Care course has started. Church Council is looking at "Pastoral Partners".

### Thurs Sep 30

Today at Alstonville we welcome the moderator Rev Niall Reid as guest speaker at the North Coast fellowship rally. We ask a blessing on all who attend this special day.

Lord, you know the importance of funding **Wesley Mission's** Lifeline services in Sydney and Sutherland. Help us to find suitable accommodation soon as a permanent base for the Lifeline Bookfair, including sorting workspace and storage now that the current location is no longer available.

Jesus Christ, the ultimate healer.

The Friendship morning at **Finley** is held on the third Thursday of each month. This is a UTurn initiative - it is wonderful to see and share in the fellowship experienced each time. Thank you Loving God for this great time held in your name.

The **Macquarie Darling Presbytery** Pastoral Relations Committee meetings will be held at Molong today and October 14. Pray for safe travel for members of this committee and that they will make good decisions that will benefit the mission of the Presbytery.

### Frid Sep 17

The **Maitland** property is heritage listed and there is constant maintenance required. Please God give the committee wisdom as they make decisions especially with the problem of rising damp in the brick work. We thank you Lord for all that they do.

### Sat Sep 18

Give your enthusiasm and encouragement, Lord, as the folk at **Katoomba** and **Blackheath** organise concerts in their churches with visiting performers. May those who come be aware of your love for them as they enjoy these special times in the church.

Please pray for the success of the garage sales in **Bega** today, and in **Tathra** on October 9. These are specifically designed to raise money for missionaries whom we support.

Please pray for Katherine Bell and the high school ministry team at **Narrabri**. Praise the Lord that the school meeting building "The Living Room" is complete

and in service. The 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.

### Sun Sep 19

**Port Macquarie's** young people have their special monthly gathering this afternoon. Please Lord Jesus, continue to inspire and strengthen Marion our Children and Families Worker and her helpers. We thank you for the wonderful response by many families to this outreach and we pray these people will come to know you as Lord and Saviour.

Father, we ask your special blessing on those who lead worship at **Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath**. Give them your special insights as they bring your Word to their congregations.



### Mon Sep 20

Tonight at **Alstonville** is their weekly bible study. We gave thanks for those who attend.

Pray for Naomi Nash as she moves from her ministry with Young Adults in

**Dubbo** to a time of leave and refreshment and study. Pray also for Ruth Donnison as she continues to minister in Dubbo with young adults and the Midnite Cafe.

### **Tues Sep 21**

Lord reaching the lost and the lonely is at the heart of what you call us to do. We ask you to hear our call for groups from the Uniting Church to help with "Worship at the Margins" – for groups of musicians to play, sing and lead worship with Pastor Don Walker at **Wesley Mission's** Edward Eagar Lodge in Surry Hills on Sunday mornings – O Lord hear our prayer.

### **Wed Sep 22**

Give thanks for Stuart, who is the **Finley** District Board of Christian Education teacher at Finley high school. Stuart is also the school chaplain. We pray that the children / young adults Stuart meets with will grow and flourish in your name Loving God.

Thank you, Lord, for the volunteers, who staff the *Homework Centre* at Katoomba North Public School. 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, as your people and children interact each Wednesday afternoon.

### **Thurs Sep 23**

Lord we thank you for those who care, pray and visit **Wesley Mission's** homeless lodge Edward Eagar Lodge in Surry Hills. We thank you for the group from Youth Dimension who are visiting in mid-September to lead worship. May these young people in their gap year connect naturally with the residents and be moved by compassion during their time at the lodge.

Holy Spirit please motivate our congregation at **Narrabri** to start U TURN groups in our community. Maybe the SES cadet scheme could be considered a U TURN group?

Pray for wisdom for the pastoral relations committee who oversee the pastoral well-being of the Presbytery's congregation, faith communities and ministry agents.

### **Frid Sep 24**

As Term 3 concludes today we pray for the staff and children of **Murwillumbah** Uniting *Care* Preschool. As the holiday period begins we pray protection and safety for all during this break. Thank you Father for the commitment and dedication to the development and guidance of these children demonstrated of our staff.

Bless those who serve and those who come along to share in the meal at **Katoomba's** Open Hearth this evening. Thank you, Father, for this practical demonstration of your love to the people in the community.

The **Peak Hill** Friendship Luncheon for older people in the community will be held today and October 29. Please pray for the teams who will provide food, entertainment and a short devotional. Pray that those who come will be blessed and that more local people will be able to come.

As women from around the **Macquarie Darling Presbytery** meet for their Fellowship Rally today, please pray for our Executive Director, Tina Rendell, as she speaks a message of challenge, hope and encouragement. Gracious God, please grant safe travelling to all who attend and may our gifts to Angel Flight enable this charity to continue their service to country folk in times of bad health, poor finances and daunting distance.

### **Sat Sep 25**

**Kincumber** congregation opportunity shop was dedicated after the 10.30 a.m. service on August 1. God bless the dedicated workers and each person to come for a bargain, a chat or simply browse in peace.

**Bega/Tathra** has a part time assistant, Jenny O. Pray for her ministry. She also has three young children. Grant her grace, patience and blessing.

The **Central West Emmaus** will be holding a luncheon and gathering at Molong today. Pray for the Molong ladies as they cater for it. Pray especially for those who have recently done their Emmaus Walk that they will be particularly encouraged by attending the gathering.



### **Sun Sep 26**

The **Peak Hill** youth service F2W happens on the last Sunday of the month. Pray that it will be an inspiration and a blessing to the young people.

Loving God, we are conscious that many congregations need to rely on lay and visiting preachers each Sunday. We give thanks for those who are willing to be used to serve you and the congregations with their preaching gifts. **Hazelbrook, Leura, Katoomba** and **Blackheath** congregations are especially thankful for all those who minister in this way and ask that you bless them with fresh insights from your Word each week.

Today the **Maitland** congregation will focus on the church in Nepal. We pray for Rinzi as he cares for homeless children in Kathmandu and his work as a pastor. We pray your blessing on Dil as he leads the Himalayan Bible Study Academy, a training centre for pastors. We thank you Lord for their faithfulness and witness and pray for their safety as they visit isolated villages.

We pray for the Mission and Evangelism Commission in the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery. We ask you today father for renewal in direction for this committee. Be with Chris Lochley as he starts work as the