



COLOSSIANS

ALIVE IN CHRIST

DAILY LIFE
TERM 1 2024

Bible Reading | Calendar | Prayer



Tuesday Maintenance

Every Tuesday Starting at 7:30am

If you are available, and enjoy good company and doing something practical, then we would really appreciate your help. Talk to Jon Thorpe.



Mobile
Community
Pantry



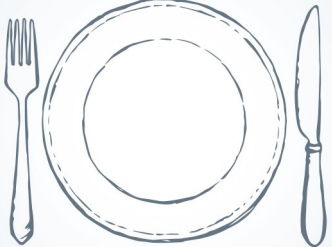
A great way to save a few dollars on your groceries and support our local community.

\$12 for a bag full of pantry items.

Come along, invite a neighbour and enjoy some afternoon tea while you shop.

Every Second
Friday

1:30-2:30pm
See website



Meals Ministry

We all have times when life gets difficult and we need help. The aim of the meals ministry is to provide dinners for members in a time of need. Contact Karin at meals@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au
Details can also be found on our website under **members**.



MISSION PARTNERS

They really appreciate our prayers and support. Why not send them a brief email this week. Details can also be found on our website under **members**.

Amy Stephens | astephens@cms.org.au

Mel Higgins | melissa.higgins@mafint.org

Sparks family | srchispas@gmail.com

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TODDLER TIME

Tuesday 10-11:30am

Crosslife Kids

FRIDAY
4:30-6PM

CROSS LIFE

SHELLHARBOUR CITY ANGLICAN YOUTH

Friday | 6:45-8:45pm



Creative Hands

Craft Space

Every Thursday during term
9am - 12:30pm



NO
HELMET
REQUIRED

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

An afternoon of games and good company.
1-3pm during term | Everyone welcome

WEEKLY MINISTRY

TUESDAY

10:00am Toddler Time

1:00pm Tuesday Fellowship Group

THURSDAY

9:00am Creative Hands

FRIDAY

1:30pm Community Pantry (every second week)

4:30pm Crosslife Kids

6:45pm Crosslife Youth

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00am A casual service with programs for children/ youth
+ Livestream via our Facebook Page.

10:45am A more conservative service with elements from the Anglican Prayer Book

5pm A younger service for high school youth, young adults and families

LIVESTREAM

Our 9am service is on our Facebook Page. A podcast version can be found on our website. If you do not have internet, contact Jon for a CD.

CONNECT GROUPS (During school term)

Connect Groups are about connecting with our God and connecting with each other. Contact Jon Thorpe for more information.

EVENTS

Details on our webpage under 'EVENTS'. Also Facebook.

February 3	Prayer & Potluck
February 11	5pm Picnic at Little Park
February 25	Crosslife Parents Afternoon
March 3	AGM
March 16	Women's Event
March 24	9am & 10.45am Belong Lunch
March 24	5pm Belong Afternoon Tea

GIVING

Thank you to everyone who financially supports our ministry together. Everything we do as a church is paid for by the members of the church. As a church we are committed to being good stewards of the financial resources God has given us.

GENERAL

Account: Shellharbour City Centre Anglican Church

BSB #: 032-605

Acc #: 129 671

Description: Giving

Budget \$12 250 per week

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | SRE

(Tax deductible)

Account: Christian Education in Schools Program

BSB #: 032-605

Acc #: 220 168

Description: Name (so we can distribute a tax receipt)

Budget: \$31 000 per year

Daily Life

Welcome to your Daily Life. As Christians we want to be **loving Jesus, growing together, speaking the good news** and **supporting others**.

The aim of this booklet is to help us do that together through:

- Reading the Bible personally and regularly
- Praising God for his character; righteousness, love, justice, mercy and holiness (to suggest a few)
- Praying fervently
- Engaging with our weekly ministries and ministry events.

A few points of direction

- The Bible readings are a combination of the sermon reading for the week ahead and other passages that pick up similar themes. They are mostly brief and encourage you to engage with a single idea for the day. Use the guide in a way that best suits you; for example, you may choose to finish the week by doing all the personal Bible readings together in a single sitting to bring together what you have reflected on through the week.
- For each reading you may want to ask yourself, or journal, the following three questions. Finish by praying.



What stands out to you from the passage?



What questions do you have?



How should you apply the passage to your life and circumstances?

- Please pray for the preacher as they prepare. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide their understanding and their words.
- You may want to join with someone to keep you accountable, or ask members of your Connect Group to keep you accountable. Alternatively, you might want to meet up with someone to read the personal Bible reading together and pray. However you choose to use it, we hope it is helpful as you engage with the living and active word of God.

Colossians Snapshot



Colossians was written by the Apostle Paul in approximately 60AD, around the same time he wrote to the church in Ephesus. We know Paul was imprisoned at the time, probably in Rome but possibly in Ephesus.

In the first century Colossae was a relatively minor city. It is located in what was known as the Province of Asia, about 120km from Ephesus, and about 15km from the regionally more significant city of Laodicea.

We know from the letter the church was founded by Epaphras who possibly became a Christian as a result of Paul's time in Ephesus (Acts 19:10). Epaphras visited Paul in prison. We don't know his motive for visiting but his news regarding the church in Colossae was the catalyst for Paul writing the letter.

Paul never articulates a specific purpose for writing however the content of the letter provides some clues. It is a word of encouragement as Paul reflects on the maturity of the Colossian Christians. It also seeks to warn against a movement that threatens to undermine their foundational gospel convictions with their "hollow and deceptive philosophy" (Colossians 2:8)

Some key themes

- The supremacy of Christ
- The message we have accepted (the gospel)
- Church as the body of Christ
- Living the Christian life
- Living in the now (raised with Christ) but not yet (appeared with Him in glory)

Week 1

January 29 - February 4

Passage: Colossians 1:1-8 | Preacher: Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Caitlin Cornford
 - Robyn Cox
 - Andrew, Hayley, Asher and Eden Craddock
 - Kevin and Denise Creighton

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

Pray through our four purpose statements

- **Loving** Jesus
- **Growing** Together
- **Speaking** the Good News
- **Supporting** Others

Mission Partners

- Mel Higgins as she serves with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Arnhem Land
- Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Church and their Minister Brendon Garlett

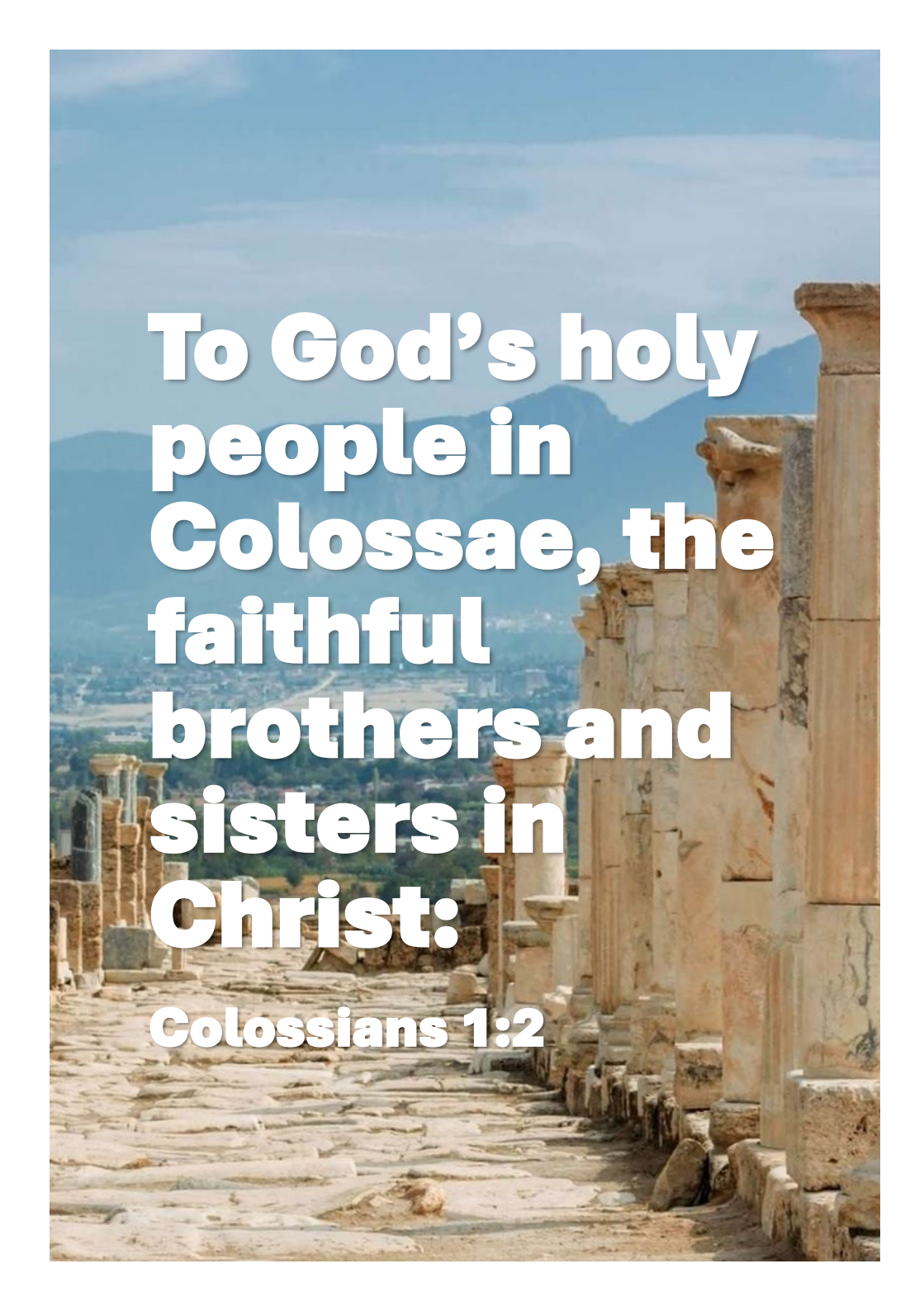
Colossians 1:1-4

Colossians 1:5-8

Acts 9:10-16

Acts 16:1-6

Acts 19:1-10

The background of the image shows the ancient ruins of Colossae, a city in the Lycus valley of Phrygia. The scene is dominated by a long, straight colonnade of massive, weathered stone columns that stretch into the distance. The ground is a mix of dirt and stone, with some debris scattered around. In the far background, a valley opens up, showing a small town and rolling hills under a clear, bright sky. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and archaeological significance.

**To God's holy
people in
Colossae, the
faithful
brothers and
sisters in
Christ:**

Colossians 1:2

Week 2

February 5 - 11

Passage: Colossians 1:9-14 | Preacher: Pete Stacey

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Jan Crook
 - Yvonne Curtis
 - Josh D'Souza
 - Thuy, Kelly and Grace Dang
 - Ian Dang

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week

Parish Ministry

- Church Services - 9am, 10:45am and 5pm
- Creche
- City Kids
- City Youth

Our Community, nation and the world

- Local Hospitals and Emergency Services

Other Local Ministries

- Shellharbour Anglican College and their search for a new chaplain
- Southern Highlands Christian School and the chaplain Mark Grieve
- Calderwood Christian School and the Principal Darren Hutton
- Illawarra Christian School and Cedars College.

Colossians 1:9-14 Romans 11:33-36 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
 Ephesians 1:17-19 Philippians 1:9-11

Week 3

February 12 - 18

Passage: Colossians 1:15-23 | Preacher: Pete Stacey

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Yolonda Davis
 - Gary and Nadine Dean
 - Grahame and Nola Deck
 - Jerome, Glauca, Isabella, Melissa and Emma Denley

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Parish Ministry

- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Connect Groups
- Young Adults Groups

Anglican Ministries supporting local churches.

- Tim Bielharz & Matt Bartlett,
Wollongong region Youthworks Children & Youth advisors

Regional Anglican Churches

- Helensburgh & Stanwell Park Anglican Church

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-18

Hebrews 1:1-3

Galatians 3:20

Colossians 1:21-23

Week 4

February 19 - 25

Passage: Colossians 1:24-2:5 | Preacher: Jacob Mierendorff

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Rosemary Dickinson
 - Paul Dickson
 - Paul, Lydia, Ethen and Kaiden Dimitrievich
 - Warren , Wendy, Kevin and Patrick Dingwall

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Parish Ministry

- Staff and Families
- Parish Council, Wardens, Maintenance Ministry
- Unity within our church community

Our Community, nation and the world

- Local or world events

Supporting Others

- Mobile Community Pantry
- Adjumani refugee camp and our support for students through Anglican Aid.

Regional Anglican Churches

- Huskisson Anglican Church

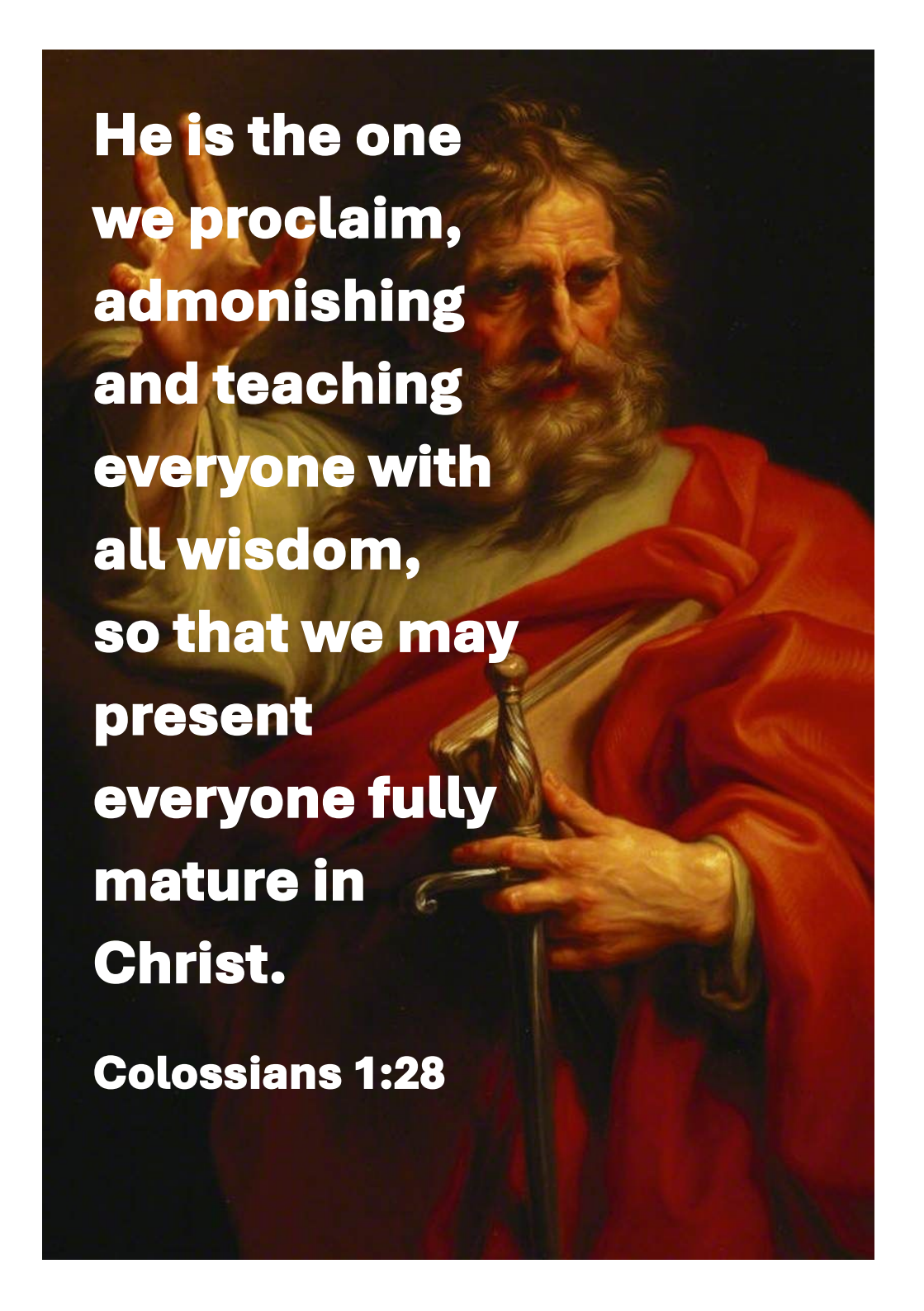
Colossians 1:24-2:5

Proverbs 2:1-6

2 Corinthians 2:8-11

Ephesians 4:11-16

Acts 28:17-31

A classical painting of a bearded man, likely a prophet or saint, wearing a red robe. He is holding a staff in his left hand and gesturing with his right hand. The background is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting his face and the texture of his robe.

**He is the one
we proclaim,
admonishing
and teaching
everyone with
all wisdom,
so that we may
present
everyone fully
mature in
Christ.**

Colossians 1:28

Week 5

February 26 - March 3

Passage: Colossians 2:6-15 | **Preacher:** Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

[Pray in response to your Bible reading](#)

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

[For members of our church and their family](#)

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.

- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Pat Dobbie
 - Claire Donnelly
 - Leigh Drummond
 - Marcia Eade

[For people we know personally in need of prayer](#)

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

- CrossLife Kids
- CrossLife Youth
- Toddler Time
- SRE

Mission Partners

- Shane and Ruth, Kye, Joel and Finn Sparks in Gijon, Spain
- Amy Stephens in Cordoba, Argentina

Regional Anglican Churches

- Ingleburn Anglican Church

Colossians 2:6-8 Colossians 2:9-12 Colossians 2:13-15
 Deuteronomy 10:12-17 Deuteronomy 30:1-6



**He forgave us
all our sins ...**

**He has taken
it away,
nailing it to
the cross.**

Colossians 2:13+14

Week 6

March 4 - 10

Passage: Colossians 2:16-23 | Preacher: Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Wayne and Sam Eagleton
 - Micaela East
 - Kareen Edwards
 - Adam, Melinda, Ashleigh, Jess and Laura Ellis

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

- Pray we will look for opportunities to encourage one another as Christians and support one another practically

Our Community, nation and the world

- Local or world events

Anglican Ministries supporting local churches.

- Moore College
- Youthworks College
- Anglican Deaconess Ministries

Colossians 2:16-17

Colossians 2:18-19

Colossians 2:20-23

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Matthew 12:1-8

Week 7

March 11 - 17

Passage: Colossians 3:1-11 | **Preacher:** Pete Stacey

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Alexis Elvy
 - Kim Elvy
 - Nathan, Jo, James and Kate Evans
 - Brett, Joanne and Zoe Fahey

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

- Tuesday Fellowship
- Creative Hands
- Residential Care Ministry

Our Community, nation and the world

- Sharing the gospel with our family, neighbours, colleagues and friends

Supporting Others

- Mobile Community Pantry
- Adjumani refugee camp and our support for students through Anglican Aid.

Regional Anglican Churches

- Jamberoo Anglican Church

Colossians 3:1-4

Mark 14:55-62

Colossians 3:5-11

Ephesians 4:17-24

Galatians 3:26-28

Week 8

March 18 - 24

Passage: Colossians 3:12-17 | Preacher: Jacob Mierendorff

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Russell and Melanie Farrell
 - Charles and Gianna Feneck
 - Troy Filby
 - Kaye Fitzpatrick

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

- Church Services - 9am, 10:45am and 5pm
- Creche
- City Kids
- City Youth

Mission Partners

- Mel Higgins as she serves with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Arnhem Land
- Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Church and their Minister Brendon Garlett

Our Community, nation and the world

- Local Hospitals and Emergency Services

Regional Anglican Churches

- Jannali Anglican Church

Colossians 3:12-17

Galatians 5:22-26

Matthew 6:12-15

Philippians 2:3-4

Mark 2:5-7

Week 9

March 25 - 31

Passage: **Easter** | Preacher: Pete Stacey + Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.

- This week we pray specifically for:
 - David and Angela Fogerty
 - Mark and Debbie Forsyth
 - Ryan Forsyth
 - Tristan, Chloe, Rowan and Samuel Fox

For people we know personally in need of prayer

Write down a couple of names and pray for them each day this week.

Parish Ministry

- Staff and Families
- Parish Council and Wardens
- Unity within our church community

Our Community, nation and the world

- Christians in all levels of politics

Other Local Ministry

- Steve Jessop as he leads our Christian Surfers

Regional Anglican Churches

- Kangaroo Valley Anglican Church

Isaiah 53:1-6

John 19:1-16

John 19:17-42

John 20:1-18

John 20:19-31



**Fathers, do not
embitter your
children**

Colossians 3:21

Week 10

April 1 - 7

Passage: Colossians 3:18-21 | Preacher: Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Danielle France
 - Ross, Kaye, Alex and Hunter Franks
 - Val, Sharon, Emily, Harrison and Sienna Georgakopoulos
 - Geoff Gillard

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Parish Ministry

- CrossLife Kids
- CrossLife Youth
- Toddler Time
- SRE

Our Community, nation and the world

- Sharing the gospel with our family, neighbours, colleagues and friends

Other Local Ministry

- Pray for other local churches who are faithfully proclaiming Christ and sharing the good news of Jesus in our community

Colossians 3:18-21

Matthew 19:4-6

Proverbs 5:15-20

Malachi 2:13-15

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Week 11

April 8 - 14

Passage: Colossians 3:22-4:1 | Preacher: Murray Border

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Chris Girvan
 - Rob and Sue Gooda
 - Mez, Josiah and Kathleen Gordon
 - Pat, Amanda, Avery and Nathaniel Grace

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Parish Ministry

- Pray we will look for opportunities to encourage one another as Christians and support one another practically

Our Community, nation and the world

- Christians in all levels of politics

Mission Partners

- Shane and Ruth, Kye, Joel and Finn Sparks in Gijon, Spain
- Amy Stephens in Cordoba, Argentina

Regional Anglican Churches

- Keiraville Anglican Church

Colossians 3:22-4:1

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Proverbs 11:1-3

Matthew 5:33-37

Genesis 39:1-6

A close-up photograph of a hand sprinkling salt from a small container into a pan of food. The pan contains a mixture of vegetables and meat, with steam rising from it. The background is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the hand and the salt being added.

**Let your
conversation be
always full of
grace, seasoned
with salt, so that
you may know
how to answer
everyone.**

Colossians 4:6

Week 12

April 15 - 21

Passage: Colossians 4:2-6 | Preacher: TBC

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for those who are married and those who are single, that they may glorify God in their circumstances.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Mark, Carol and Zoe Grieve
 - Daniel Grieve
 - John and Lyn Grono
 - John and June Grugan

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Supporting Others

- Mobile Community Pantry
- Adjumani refugee camp and our support for students through Anglican Aid.

Our Community, nation and the world

- Sharing the gospel with our family, neighbours, colleagues and friends

Other Local Ministries

- Pray for other local churches who are faithfully proclaiming Christ and sharing the good news of Jesus in our community

Colossians 4:2-6

Isaiah 52:7

Psalm 71:14-18

Luke 24:44-49

Acts 10:34-45

Week 13

April 22 - 28

Passage: Colossians 4:7-18 | Preacher: Jon Thorpe

Prayer Points

Pray in response to your Bible reading

Let the reading guide your praise and prayer. Your prayer could focus on your attitude and an action you need to take.

For members of our church and their family

- Pray for families and for parents as they raise their children to love Christ.
- This week we pray specifically for:
 - Eduan, Charlene, Joshua and Olivia Gunter
 - Don Hammond
 - Suzanne Hankey
 - Andrew and Chelsea Hawken

For people we know personally in need of prayer

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Parish Ministry

Pray through our four purpose statements

- **Loving** Jesus
- **Growing** Together
- **Speaking** the Good News
- **Supporting** Others

Mission Partners

- Mel Higgins as she serves with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Arnhem Land
- Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Church and their Minister Brendon Garlett

Colossians 4:7-9

Philemon 1-7

Philemon 8-16

Philemon 17-25

Colossians 4:10-18



LOVING
JESUS



GROWING
TOGETHER



SPEAKING
THE GOOD NEWS



SUPPORTING
OTHERS

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STAFF

Ministry staff are always available but please limit non-urgent contact to the ministry days listed below.

Senior	Jon Thorpe	0412 679 771	jon@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun
Evening	Pete Stacey	0409 044 077	pete@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun
Youth + Young Adults	Murray Border	0400 397 274	murray@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sun
Children	Amanda Grace	0447 206 655	amanda@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sun
Ministry Coordinator	Janelle Hutchins	0425 316 810	janelle@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Mon, Tues, Thurs
Office	Volunteer	4295 1600	office@shellharbourcityanglican.org.au	Monday 9-12pm

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