

This week, bring your face mask to church.

After almost 9 months of keeping silent, we can now lift our voices together in unison to praise God. What a joy! Praise the Lord!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: Come ye who hear, Brothers and sisters draw near, Praise him in glad adoration.

(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty by Joachim Neander & Catherine Winkworth)

#### - SAM PURSELL

# **Prayers**

#### **CURRENT PRAYERS**

#### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Christina Paduch, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

#### Recent surgeries and hospitalisations

Pray for Christina Paduch who had surgery last week. Pray also for Olga Covetz who is currently in Hospital. Pray for healing and a quick recovery, and for their family as they support them during this time.

#### **Easing of restrictions**

We give thanks to God for the easing of restrictions that enable to now sing at church and also allow us to fit more people at our church services.

#### NTE Mission

We give thanks that we were able to host students from Wollongong University last week. Pray that their time helping serve at the Pantry lunches, Kids' Club and Refuge was a time of great encouragement and training.

#### **Christmas Services**

Pray that this weekend's 5pm Carols service, and the 9am Christmas Day service would see many members of our wider community join us to hear us sing and share about Jesus.

#### COVID-19

Pray that God would grant Australian, world Governments and others in authority wisdom in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 1 0F 4)**

#### **Government:**

Our Queen, The United Nations, other major governments.

#### **World Focus:**

The continent of Africa. The persecuted church.

#### **Mission Partners:**

Adrian and Anita Lovell, training Christian leaders in Bolivia.

Grahame and Patty Scarratt, providing distance training for Word ministers in Latin America.

#### **Organisations We Support:**

Church Missionary Society (CMS).

## **Word Ministry Training:**

Moore Theological College.

## Staff and Senior Leadership:

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

## Children's and Youth Ministry:

TOTS, our playgroup for toddlers.

#### **Adult Ministries:**

Our Prime Time ministry to seniors, and the ministry at Warrigal.

## Local Evangelism:

Our schools ministry - scripture (SRE).

## **Special Needs:**

Those who are poor and needy. The growth of the gospel among our Indigenous communities.

## **Other Regular Matters:**

For more Word ministers, here at Oak Flats and in all the world.

## The Messiah King Isaiah 11:1-10 Sam Pursell • 13th December 2020

- The shoot from Jesse's stump (1)
- The Spirit filled king (2)
- The righteous ruler (3-5)
- The prince of peace (6-8)
- 5. The teacher of the Lord (9-10)

## **Next Sunday...**

Advent • Matthew 1:18-25 • Sam Pursell

## THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service 13th December

Welcomer: C Smith Bible Reader: J Mills Prayer Leader: V O'Regan

Kids' Program: A Hadley/M Klasson D & J Orange C Bonnici/J Mills A Hadley/M Klasson

20th December

C Smith

R Hannam

B Hadlev R & K Eton

K Fton

**Morning Tea:** 

Meal Clean Up: C Smith

**COVID Cleaning:** J & M Klasson

3.30pm Service 13th December 20th December Carols Service

Welcomer: V O'Regan Bible Reader: J Orange **Praver Leader:** D Orange Afternoon Tea: C Pratt Meal Clean Up: V O'Regan A & M Peters **COVID Cleaning:** 

Cleaning Saturday: P & C Pratt/V O'Regan **Mowing Saturday:** J Klasson/A Peters

## **Church News**

## **CAROLS SERVICE**

Next **Sunday 20th December**, we're opening our doors at **5pm** for a night of Christmas Carols, with a free sausage sizzle.

Invite your friends for this great night of singing and sharing about the saviour of the world! Singing will be allowed as long as you have a mask. This will be a COVID safe event.

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY AT 9AM!**

Join us at the special time of 9am on Christmas Day for an all-age, community celebration of the birth of Jesus! See Val to register.

#### **CHRISTMAS & PANTRY LETTERBOX DROP**

Can you grab a pile of brochures for our Christmas Celebrations and Pantry flyers and deliver them to our neighbourhood?

Grab a pile, mark down your name, and hit the streets this week!

#### CMS STAMP COLLECTING

Help CMS (the Church Missionary Society) by bringing your stamps to church and put them in the brown box located on the bookstall. Over \$17,000 has been raised for CMS from the collection of stamps.

For details contact Robyn Thomas.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 120 people in the whole church building premises, but only 90 adults in main hall.
- Children and youth under 18 do not need to physically distance.
- Hand sanitiser must be used.
- Your name and number will be recorded as per Health NSW regulations.
- Wearing a face mask is recommended when singing.
- Stay home if you have any signs of being unwell. We will sadly need to turn you away at the door if you come to church sick.
- Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other people.
- BYO Bible as church bibles are not available.
- · No news sheet or handouts will be given.

#### **OUR BIRTHDAYS**

15th Christopher Meek (Mission Partner)

#### **OUR ANNIVERSARIES**

15th Paul & Hazel Hall

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