



## Book Reflection: *Humble Roots* by Hannah Anderson

This year I have been (very slowly) reading my way through everything Hannah Anderson has written. *Humble Roots* is my favourite so far.

She writes as one who is, like me, 'in the throes of responsible adulthood' (p.9) - busy with caring for family, busy at church and busy with all those extra things we say 'yes' to because they are such good things.

The rare weeks when I am on top of my to-do lists, I have a dangerous sense of invincibility, of self-sovereignty. When I am drowning in unfolded laundry and have forgotten a doctor's appointment and my children's toenails no longer fit in their shoes, the sense of failure and the anxiety can easily creep in.

Anderson rejects the soft solutions that sometimes come to us in the words of friends or through our social media feeds: that we just need better boundaries, smarter productivity apps, more 'me'-time or a gratitude journal. Not that these things don't have their place, but ultimately, Anderson argues, our sense of peace must come from outside ourselves.

Jesus invites tired, weary people --"*all who labour, and are heavy laden*"-- to come to him for rest (Matthew 11:28).

Peace starts with him, not our own efforts and clever organisation systems. Jesus invites us to throw off our pride and our messiah complexes and come to him. And, sitting at his feet, we can learn to lean on our humble and lowly teacher, in our success as much as in our brokenness.

- Susan Pursell

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### People in need

Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga & John Covetz, Jan Crook, Sherida & Gary Findell, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Raija & Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Joy Meyer, Pam Moore, Charlie October, Paduch family, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Sandra & Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Greg & Sue Vickery, Chris & John Wilson.

### Sandra & Hanno Stanojevic

Continue to pray for Hanno as he deteriorates in his health. Pray for Sandra, Ed and the family during this difficult time.

### Christmas Preparations

Pray for our church as we make preparations for our Christmas services and other events, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. Ask that our events and services will bring many from our Church family and community together. May our celebrations in worshipping Jesus' birth, overshadow the difficulties that many have faced this year.

### HSC Exams

Pray for all students as the HSC exams continue.

Pray that students will have keen understanding, retentive memories and the ability to grasp questions correctly.

### COVID 19

For our Federal and State Governments as they try to balance the COVID 19 threat with employment and economic challenges and that people will exercise restraint and wisdom under the stresses which we all face at this time.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 2 OF 4)

### Government

The Prime Minister and our federal politicians.

### World Focus

The continent of Europe. The persecuted church.

### Mission Partners

Matthew Meek, ministry to overseas university students with AFES in Wollongong and beyond.

Shord and Ann van Donge, training and serving in cross-cultural ministry.

### Organisations We Support

Evangelism and New Churches and the director, Phil Wheeler, and the fruit of our regular gifts to purchase new church land.

### Word Ministry Training

Youthworks College.

### Staff and Senior Leadership

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

### Children and Youth Ministry

Kids' Club.

### Adult Ministry

Men's and Women's ministry.

### Local Evangelism

Local Anglican Parishes.

### Special Needs

Those serving in the defence forces, including chaplains.

### Other Regular Matters

Former members of our church currently in Word ministry roles.

# Lamentations 4: Re-evaluating reality

## Lamentations 4:1-22

### Sam Pursell • 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

1. No hope in degraded Jerusalem (1-12)
2. No hope in prophets, priests, nations and king (13-20)
3. The hope of relief in the Lord (21-22)

## *Next Sunday...*

'Praying & waiting in hope' • Lamentations 5:1-22 • Sam Pursell

### The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	21st Nov	28th Nov	5pm Service	21st Nov	28th Nov
<b>Welcomer:</b>	J Klasson	K Eton	<b>Welcomer:</b>	P Taylor	V O'Regan
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	V O'Regan	A Browne	<b>Bible Reader:</b>	J Evans	D Rainey
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	D Orange	R Hannam	<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	P Taylor	V O'Regan
<b>Kids' Program:</b>	R Hannam/ M Klasson	D & J Orange	<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	H Mills	TBC
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	R Slocombe/ G Taylor	C Bonnici/ M Klasson	<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	P Taylor	A Peters
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	P Pratt				

**Cleaning Saturday:** J & M Klasson/B Clarke

**Mowing Saturday:** D Orange/D Slocombe

# Church News

## Christmas Celebrations

Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 11th December** - *Christmas Gingerbread House Event* at **3pm**.

This event is for everyone: young, old, engineers, decorators and the sweet-toothed.

Each house will cost \$15 and can be built by 1-2 people. [Booking](#) is essential and friends are definitely welcome!

**Sunday 19th December** - *annual Community Carols* at **5pm** on the grass. More specific details to come.

**Saturday 25th December** - Christmas Day service at **9am**.

## Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

The parliament is still taking responses until Monday 22nd November.

You can access the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ).

## COVID Safety Practices

- everyone is required to check in.
- all are welcome regardless of vaccination status.
- Singing is allowed although unvaccinated people may attend the service they may not sing.
- masks need to be worn indoors
- maintain physical distancing of 1.5m where possible.
- frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned after each service.

## Birthdays

24th Valerie O'Regan

## Anniversaries

27th Adrian & Anita Lovell (Mission Partners)

## Financial Update

(YTD 18 November 2021)

**Income \$188,005**

(includes Government grants worth \$29,250)

**Expenses \$168,797**

**Difference \$19,208**

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