

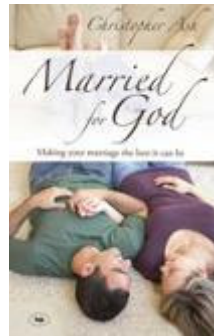
Book of the Month

Married for God by Christopher Ash

It seems rather obvious to look to our Maker for marriage instructions. After all, God invented marriage. Yet by nature we prefer to work it out for ourselves, starting with our own needs, hopes and desires.

This book turns our thinking upside down. The author examines the Bible's teaching on marriage, while remaining firmly earthed in the twenty-first-century world where messing up, heartbreak, divorce and sexual chaos are distressingly common. Starting with God's grace applied to our pain and failure, the author centres on God's plan for sex and marriage, one of service.

Cost: \$ 14.95 each



Matt's Matters

Your monthly update on what Matters at St Matt's. Reflecting the generosity of Christ in and to our community.

St Matt's
Reflecting the
Generosity of
Christ



St Matt's Services

Sunday 8am	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion
Sunday 9am	St Matts @ School; WPH Public School
Sunday 10am	Multi Generational Family Service
Sunday 9.45am	Chinese Service; Cherrybrook PS
Sunday 11.15am	Asian Congregation; Cherrybrook PS
Sunday 5pm	Contemporary Service
Sunday 7pm	Contemporary Service
Wednesday 10.30am	Traditional Anglican Service

Ministers - All members of the Congregation

Minister	Steve Abbott	Mobile 0417 410 596	9479 3700
Assistants	Nerida Pearl	Young Adults	9479 3702
	Rob Conway	Youth Minister	9479 3704
	Wendy Estall	Pastoral Care/Seniors Minister Mon - Thurs	9479 3707
	Karen Braga	Pastoral Care/Young Women	0401 933 264
	Kenneth Leung	Chinese Minister	0433 766 211
	Kenny Liew	Minister of Asian Congregation	0448 515 408
	Jacki Hellstrom	Children's Ministry Coordinator Tues & Fri	9479 3700
Administrator	Tina Piccione	Monday-Friday, 9am - 2.30pm	9479 3700
Finance	Nicola Fynes - Clinton	Friday, 9am - 3pm	9479 3710
Organist	David Parsons		9871 8007

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February Preaching Calendar

7 February	Unrelenting Prayer to the Father	1 Timothy 2:1-6
14 February	Undying Devotion to the Word of God	2 Timothy 3:15-17
21 February	Unreserved Commitment to Love People Impartially	1 John 4:7-21
28 February	Unquenched Heart for Evangelism	1 Peter 2:9-12



If you are feeling new to St Matthew's, please fill out a Communication Card found in the church or hall. One of our ministry team will be in contact with you soon.

Stay for morning tea/supper after the service to meet others who have made St Matt's their spiritual home.



St Matthews Church
West Pennant Hills

www.stmatts.org.au

Minister's Pastoral Message – Matt's Matters February 2010

Dear sisters and brothers,

Let me say "welcome back" to all those who had holidays during December & January. It's terrific you've returned safely and, hopefully, refreshed, ready to serve our Lord and his church in the year ahead. Given our staff comings and goings over the past two months the majority of this month's letter will be informational rather than directly pastoral.

As we rush headlong into another year of gospel ministry here at St Matt's we find ourselves in a significant period of transition staff-wise. Andrew and Jo Lewis finished their formal ministry with us at Christmas and Andrew will commence as Naval Chaplain at HMAS Watson's Bay in mid-February. Adam and Sam Taylor completed their service with us on 24 January and have commenced their ministry at Cranebrook with Castlereagh Parish. On 18 January we were delighted to have Nerida Peart commence as our new Young Adults Minister, but of course it will take her a little time to settle into this position. Please be praying for Adam, Andrew and Nerida as they embark on new ministries, that they will settle in quickly and provide wonderfully effective service.

I'm also very pleased to announce that Chris Jones (CJ) currently studying at Sydney Missionary Bible College (SMBC) has accepted our offer to serve as a Student Minister in 2010. CJ is a child of our parish and has been heavily involved with the Youth Ministry for several years. His focus will continue to be Youth Ministry but he will also preach 6-8 times and have some pastoral responsibilities at the 5 & 7pm services. Another member of our volunteer youth team, Craig Reid, will, in 2010 be participating in a part-time Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) position, which will involve ministry training and participation at St Matt's, the University of Western Sydney and St Paul's, Carlingford. Please pray for CJ and Craig as they seek to develop their ministry skills. Another very encouraging announcement is that Andrew and Jo Lewis have offered to attend the 9am St Matts @ School service for up to a year or until we have a new Associate Minister. In the context of this service Andrew and Jo will provide some pastoral care and encouragement to this relatively new congregation in the interim between ministers. This is a very generous offer made possible by the fact Andrew's new chaplaincy role doesn't involve many Sunday obligations. However, he will not be available during the week.

Let me say that I am giving time to the search for a replacement and what began with frustration has now become a good deal more encouraging. I'm in conversation with two young assistant ministers who will be formally interviewed in the first half of this month and it is my prayer that one or other of these will be appointed. However, we may still have to wait for some considerable time before a new associate minister can commence since he will have to give appropriate notice in his current position.

I will keep you informed of the progress and seek your prayers for God to lead myself and the interview panel to the ordained minister of His choosing.

Life in a seven-service-Sunday Parish is, to say the least, complex and as the appointed overseer I see it as my responsibility to provide spiritual input and care across all the congregations including our important Wednesday Service. Consequently I do need to preach at all services from time to time, which in our current staff shortages means I will not be able to attend 8 and 10am as often as in the past. I am of course extremely grateful for our retired ministers and members who have willingly put their hand up to preach more frequently. We are incredibly fortunate to have such gifted people in our fellowship. While things may not be ideal in the coming months, I appeal for your prayers, patience and ready participation so that St Matt's can continue to effectively grow both in depth and number, despite our being short one full time minister.

Finally let me say that I'm really excited about the preaching series for February and March. Over the past year or so staff and Parish Council have been working on developing some core operating values which we see as shaping who we are and how we function as a Christian community (check them out on our website www.stmatts.org.au). Every society has values, which may be expressed or unexpressed. What I am praying is that this series of eight messages on our clearly articulated core operating values will begin to shape how we think about and operate in gospel ministry. Please join me in praying that this series of 8 messages on our solidly biblically based core values will make a significant impact in our lives both corporately and individually.

Till next time, may the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the unconditional love of God and the intimate fellowship of the Spirit be with us all.

Steve Abbott



Steve's Prayer Requests:

- *For the Lord to provide an associate minister of his choosing for St Matt's*
- *For my, and the other preachers, effective preaching on our 8 operational core values in February and March*
- *For wisdom and energy to serve St Matt's well while being understaffed*
- *That Sue will provide excellent administrative ministry to Kidzlink on Mon, Tues & Thurs in the city*
- *That Steve will maintain a regular prayer and personal Bible reading discipline during this busy period while short staffed.*

St Matt's Diary and Notes



MIKE & JO OPEN HOUSE

When: 1:30 - 5pm Saturday 13 Feb

Where: 39b Bryant St Rockdale

(entrance is on the right hand side of the house)

No need to RSVP, just drop in!

Any questions contact us on 0420 647 015

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH

14 FEBRUARY 12.30—2.30pm:

If you usually eat alone on a Sunday and wish to join with others for lunch and fellowship, you are invited to our 'Second Sunday Potluck Lunch' in NewLine Cottage. Tea and coffee will be supplied and it would be appreciated if you could bring finger food to share.

Further details:

Pattie (9484 0174) or

Pat (9868 4630).

SAFE MINISTRY COURSE:

A Safe Ministry course will be held on 13 Feb for all those who are going to be involved in children's ministry this year. This is an essential course for everyone volunteering in Sunday School, Scripture, Youth ministries or Matts4kids. Please check the date you were previously trained to see if you need to update your knowledge.

There will be a cost associated with all sessions. Contact Jacki Hellstrom for more details 9479 3700

MISSION AID GROUP (MAG) -

TAKE NOTE OF CORRECT DATE

A warm invitation is extended to anyone interested in MAG to attend our first meeting for 2010 on Wednesday 17 February, at 1pm. Some of the goods collected since December will be on display. There will be a short meeting, with a summary of 2009's activity. We have as our guest speaker Michael from our parish, who together with his wife Jo and children, live and work in South Asia. MAG is in need of stationery for the next container to go to Tanzania. During January stationery is available at most supermarkets at special prices. Don't forget we collect used stamps too; these are sold and the cash used towards the shipping of the containers.

Roslyn

WORKING BEE & SPRING CLEAN

27 February 2010

8.00am—12.30pm

Calling all volunteers who can help with our Working Bee and Spring Clean of the church cupboards. If you can come for an hour or stay the whole time, please put your names down on the clipboard in the foyer so we can allocate the jobs accordingly. There is a heap to do, so we would appreciate all the help we can get.



ANNUAL DEDICATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES TEACHERS

Thursday 18th March, 7.45pm

St Marks Church at Pennant Hills.

Everyone is welcome!

St Matt's Diary and Notes

LOST A WATCH OR A HANGING EARRING?

A man's wrist watch and a blue earring has been handed in to the office. Please contact Tina 9479 3700 if you think it may be yours.

BIBLES

We have 12 Bibles which have been left at the church over the past few weeks. Please contact the office to collect them if you have left yours behind

LOST PROPERTY

A number of jumpers and odd items of clothing have been accumulating in the lost property bin. Please check if any of them belong to you, as we will be putting the clothing in the Anglicare bin at the end of February.

COME TO TURKEY WITH THE CLAYDONS

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of St Paul? Well, the Claydons have been asked to be guides for a tour being organised for St Swithun's Pymble and friends. We plan to leave on August 27th this year for Damascus, then to Petra in Jordan followed by a visit to Mt Sinai and then a few days in Jerusalem. We then go to the sites where Paul travelled in Turkey. The group will leave Istanbul on 18th Sept so you will get home the next day or could go to other places of your choosing. The cost will be around \$6000 plus your own airfare, visa and insurance. The Claydons can provide you with information and a full itinerary so do contact them on dandrclaydon@bigpond.com (94772330). The tour will meet with some local Christians in Damascus, Jerusalem and Istanbul to get a feel of how difficult it is being a Christian in these places.

COLLEGE FOR SENIORS

Rooms and Halls of Pennant Hills Uniting Church Corner Boundary Rd and Bellamy St.

Every Friday in school terms

Interact with Current Affairs

Conquer the Computer

Beginners - 8 lessons for \$25

Limited vacancies - early phone registration advised

*Come alive with
Dynamic Australian History*

Roll a ball with Carpet Bowls

Loosen up with Gentle Exercises

Smock a cutie [baby dress that is] with Marj

Take a Hand with Alison: cards 500 brain and skill
OR Bridge with the Boughtons more brain!

Muse with the musicians Interpreting the Masters

Read the great Classics with Monthly Book Club.

Journey through Jerusalem and beyond. Historical and Archaeological look at Roman Palestine 1st Century

COME AND JOIN GROUPS

Subscription \$25 for one or several groups includes am/pm/tea/coffee
Phone 9481 8597

St Matts @ School

Connecting Encouraging Growing

This month we farewelled the Taylors and are continuously thankful for all the hard work both Adam and Sam did for St Matts @ School (SMAS).

Whilst we will miss them, we wish them well and pray that they will be a blessing to their new church, just as we have been blessed by their ministry here.

The search for a replacement for Adam continues under the leadership of Steve Abbott, with a few new candidates being recently considered. Paul is the representative of the St Matts @ School congregation included on the interview panel. However we continue to be blessed by our Lord's provision, with Andrew Lewis making himself available to join us on Sundays at SMAS. Whilst Andrew has a full time position in the Navy (that demands his time during the week) he will be joining us as a member of our congregation and will, from time to time, preach & lead services.

Whilst we continue our search for a new minister, the SMAS leadership team continues to plan each weekly service as well as other activities designed to provide opportunities to network together and support each other as a congregation.

The leadership team consists of the following people who are individually tasked with coordinating various ongoing ministry activities;

*Steve Abbott
Paul & Saffron
Ernest & Simone
Geoff & Bron*

A number of upcoming events/activities have been planned and include; a family picnic (to be held in local park towards the end of Feb) and various new home groups, for both couples and singles (starting up in late Feb).

Look out for further details to be announced shortly.

St Matthews Asian Congregation—SMAC

The Asian Congregation aims to proclaim the gospel to the Asian community in the Hills District.

This year, after much growth last year, we are hoping to train and develop leaders' (yeah, it's a little backwards!). Many of us turned up to the Next Generation leaders conference in Katoomba and we are kicking off two leadership-training focussed small groups this week.

Kenny's Prayer Requests:

* Please pray for these leaders-in-



training to be wise, godly, humble, keen to learn and keen to serve.

* Please also pray for our Asian youth group. Pray that



St Matt's YA Community

Hello to everyone! It is great to finally be at St Matt's and begin to settle in. It was lovely to meet some of you on Sunday, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks and months. A special thank you to all of you who have prayed for me over the months prior to my arrival – that has been a huge blessing. I certainly have felt God's provision in a range of ways as I have returned and looked for houses, etc. I am happy to report that I have finalised a house, and will be moving in there over the coming weeks (donations of couches and furniture still appreciated). My boxes from Canada also arrived just this morning, and I am very excited to be reunited with my Macbook, my clothes, and my books ... now I am reunited with my computer and books, (and have something to wear again!) I feel that life will be a bit more normal. I am enjoying being back in Australia – seeing good friends, visiting with family, swimming in the ocean, eating in good cafes, and enjoying being warm all the time! I am very excited to be among you all, to put faces to names and get to know St Matt's and the community here. I would love your continued prayers for unpacking, provision of what we need for the house, and just settling into St Matt's. Also getting to know the place and the people over the coming months. Please pray for the Young Adults Ministry during the transition, and also as the year kicks off.



Blessings,
Nerida

Nerida's Prayer Requests:

- Thanks to all, and to God, for how lovely and welcoming people have been at St Matt's.
- Continued prayer for getting to know people, and particularly the Young Adult Community.
- For the Young Adults Ministry, particularly the Summer Exodus on 5-7 March, and preparation for that.
- Continued settling into house and unpacking etc

Men @ StMatts

2010 is shaping up to be a great year. Our men are starting off the year with:

- Men's Katoomba Convention 19-20 Feb 2010.
- Men and Meat 27 March 2010
- Men's breakfast 29 May 2010.

There will be more events during the year, including Len Hedges leading some outdoor activities – so watch this space and the men's emails.

Gerald Mills 9484 5522 for more details.

WOMEN@STMATTHEWS

Come and enjoy an evening together with women from across all our congregations at our

WOMEN'S NIGHT IN

on

25th March 2010

Guest Speaker: Narelle Jarrett

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry

Anglican Diocese of Sydney



CUBBY CLUB 2010

We have places available in our Cubby Club groups that meet here at church on a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning 10-11.45am.



We would love you or your friends or family to come and join us, where children 0-5 years play, try their hand at craft activities, sing and read stories. We would also like to invite women interested in helping this vital ministry in any way to join us.

Contact: Karen Braga 0401 933 264

Karen's Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that I can support and encourage the women I meet, with wisdom and love.
- Please pray for a new leader for the Tuesday Cubby Club group and more Christian women to join and support it, as there are many new ladies from our community who we have a great opportunity to connect with each week in our church building!!
- Please pray for the planning and organization of our Women's evening on March 25th and Narelle Jarrett our guest speaker.

St Matt's Children's Ministry

Christmas has come and gone with a flurry and all too soon we are organising Easter. In February all our children's ministries are starting up again – Sunday school, kids' clubs, cubby club, scripture and youth. We have many opportunities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community. During February we will be training ourselves in various skills – and so will our children's ministry leaders.

Safe Ministry will be running here at church on the 13th Feb from 9am–1.30pm. We will be having a morning tea break from 11–11.30am and going home for lunch. Many of our leaders will be attending and if you are 15 and under you can come to the second ½ from

11.30–1.30pm for the junior safe ministry course. Kate Dawborn will be running the Junior part while I run the Part B for the 16yo and over. Please let me know via email which course you will attend so we can have handouts ready.

If you are unable to attend this course but are still in need of training, let me know as there are some other options available. Safe Ministry is an essential part of our leaders' training.

We are still in need of a couple of scripture teachers – if you are free on a Tuesday or Friday and think this is the job for you please contact me. Thank you to all the teenagers volunteering to help this year.

Sadly, we do not have jobs for you immediately but would like you to consider volunteering for Matts4Kids in terms 2 & 3.

2010 Coming events:

Tickets on Sale Today



DAVID PARSONS CONCERT

Playing Organ and Piano

In aid of M.A.G. (Mission Aid Group)
for funds to send much-needed items to Tanzania.

Monday 8 March 2010
10.45am for 11.00am



Lunch provided
Finish 2.00pm

8 Roma Court, West Pennant Hills

Tickets will be on sale between the 8am & 10am services. However if you would like to reserve a seat and cannot make it at that time contact Roslyn Dearden Roscliff@bigpond.com

Thank you from David Murdoch

On behalf of my father Kevin Murdoch I would like to thank all members of St Matthews who sent condolences & attended my mother, Gwen Murdoch's funeral on Sat 31 Jan 2010. Also for all those who helped with catering in supplying food and drinks, I humbly thank you. I would also like to thank you for the many years of friendship and fellowship you have shown both my mother and father over the many years they have attended

Pray for those with special needs:

Jan , Damon , Eileen , Dudley , Brian ,
Bernie , Moby (Grandson of Keith),
Caroline (Betty's daughter); Colleen , Jeannine ,
Jane , Kevin , Cliff , Geoff & Margaret ,
Stan , Bev .

Pastoral Care and Seniors' Ministry

February 2010

Hesed will re-commence for 2010, in the next few weeks. Marilyn Young will contact members to advise of dates and times for the meetings.

Meals Ministry Thank you to all those who have prepared or delivered meals over the past month and welcome back to Fiona our Co-ordinator. Sincere thanks to Meredith for your time and commitment to Co-ordinate the ministry whilst Fiona was away.

Orana News Our new Assistant Minister, Nerida Peart, was the Guest Speaker at the February meeting of Orana. Hearing Nerida speak of her background and vision for ministry to the young adults among us, was a wonderful way for our senior members to meet Nerida and to welcome her into ministry at St Matts.

The next meeting of Orana will be held on 3rd March, following Church at 10.30am, with Evelyn as the guest speaker. Evelyn, who is an accomplished artist and the leader of the Art Class which meets each Thursday in Hall No. 1, will speak about "Arty-Facts". All are welcome to attend and to hear Evelyn give a lively and interesting presentation.

Wendy's prayer Requests:

- Please pray for those who attend 'Pastoral Care' as part of February Focus 2010, and also pray for those who lead the various segments of that course over the four weeks.
- Please pray that God will raise up new Pastoral Carers to join the Lay Pastors serving at St Matt's.
- Pray for the various Care Ministries, such as Orana, Hesed, Prayer Network, Meals Ministry and Lay Pastoring, that God will bless those who faithfully serve Him through leadership of these ministries and that he will meet the needs of those receiving the 'care'.
- Praise God for the faithful 'Carers' who lovingly care for our members.

WARDENS' UPDATE



2010 Budget

Parish Council at its last meeting approved the St Matthew's budget for 2010 and resolved to apply the funds from our Gift Day towards the cost of our new Assistant Minister and repaying the Parish debt.

In addition to meeting the cost of our new Assistant Minister, we are increasing our mission giving from the budget a further 1% to 7% and meeting the full year cost for items started in 2009 (i.e. hire of the halls at Cherrybrook and West Pennant Hills primary schools for the Chinese and 9am services, new Pastoral/Seniors Minister, new Children's Minister and power for air conditioners installed in 2009).

The budget will lift our average weekly giving to \$14,800 which is an increase of about 5% on giving over recent months. We pray that we are able to meet this increase in the knowledge of God's continuing generosity to us at St Matts.

New Web Site

Our new web site is functioning and can be visited at www.stmatts.org.au . We received many new visitors during December checking us out and our service times.

Most visitors are using the site to check "What's On" our "Services" and "About Us" and "Activities" so this information is becoming readily accessible through the internet, often avoiding a call to the office.

Currently we are omitting the full names of church members on the website (apart from staff members) to comply with St Matt's privacy policy. This means that rosters, bulletins that are published on our website list only first names. If this proves inconvenient could you please let us know as parish council will be reviewing this policy in a few months.

[If you have any comments or suggestions of material that you would like to be able to access through our website, could you email the office (you can do this through the web) or use a communication card.]

Crying Room

The new glass partition and doorway have been delivered by Stegbar which has been installed. We are thankful that Stegbar has been able to fit in with our timings to minimise disturbances to our services.

December Giving

	2009	2008	2009 Budget
Offerings + Rectory	65,777	61,124	55,492
Weeks	4	4	4
AWG – Current Month	16,444	15,281	13,873
AWG - YTD	13,739	13,026	13,873

St Matthews Chinese Congregation
Timothy youth cell group – The Living Cell

Praise the Lord for his creation of The Living Cell. It is one of three youth cell groups in St. Matthew's Chinese Congregation. Every Tuesday night we come together to sing hymns, bible study, sharing and praying and enjoying dessert together. The Living Cell consists of a special group of brothers and sisters with multi-lingual skills from Mandarin, Cantonese and English. We share our heart in worship with musical instruments such as guitar, drums and the piano. We also have talented cooking skills to share the wonderful food that God has created with others in Church.

Living Cell would like to welcome new youths and brothers and sisters to join us!

From left to right then front:

Joseph, Damen, Nancy, Kelvin, Anita, Jenny, Minnie, Ava, Ben, Ivan and Kitty



感謝神的恩典，建立了生命小組，這個小組是在聖馬太中文堂中，三個青年小組之一。每週二晚我們會走到一起唱讚美詩，討論和查聖經，祈禱分享，和一起享受飯後甜點。命小組的成員會說普通話，廣東話和英語。我們會一起使用樂器，例如如吉他，鼓和鋼琴來讚美神

Kenneth's Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our Chinese New Year celebration service and lunch on 14 Feb, that we will have a happy time together with friends and relatives
- Pray that the newcomers will feel welcomed and will settle down comfortably
- Pray for the home groups and other small groups as they will resume their activities in February
- Give thanks that we had a wonderful time at the school last year and continue to pray for a good relationship with the school
- Pray that more brothers and sisters will attend the Adult Sunday School so that they will grow in God's word

st matt's youth update



The past Month has been another exciting month at St Matt's Youth. 30 Leaders attended the Next Gen leadership conference from Jan 11-15, and 90 kids attended Summer Madness Camp over the Australia day weekend.

Summer Madness was a great time for all involved. Here are some kid's quotes from Facebook:

"Summer Madness was awesome. Thanks for the experience." Nick yr 11.

“Thanks for the most 'radical' camps ever! All us year 9s are really pumped for FNL, thanks everyone for making us feel at home.” Lucy yr 9

"Geez summer madness was amazing.....such a great way 2 start the year! "

Al yr 9

A special thanks to our director Ben, the awesome support crew, and to all the leaders.



Yr 9-12 Lunchtime groups at the local High schools have started up for the year:

- ⇒ Penno High meets on Tuesday at lunchtime
- ⇒ Cherrybrook meets on Monday lunchtime

Please pray for two of our senior leaders Mark and Chris as they are both studying full-time at SMBC this year.



In term 1 the youth groups are studying the following:

- ⇒ Club 78 is looking at Mark's Gospel
- ⇒ Sunday 78 is doing a series titled "Stuff you need to know"
- ⇒ FNL (our senior group) is doing a series from 2 Timothy

Upcoming events

Please be praying and keeping an eye out for:

Combined Youth Event

5 March

TMF (TO MUCH FUN) Camp 2010

23-26 April

For Term Plans, Camp forms and any further info please check youth.stmatts.org.au or please contact Rob Conway at rconway.stmatts.org.au.

FEBRUARY FIND-A-WORD

Find these Bible characters.
All but one of them will be found.
Who is missing from the grid?



N	U	C	A	A	S	I	M	O	N	P	H
Y	H	D	W	N	L	U	K	E	H	U	A
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Abraham
Benjamin
Daniel
David
Esau
Esther

Isaac
Isaiah
Jacob
Jeremiah
Jesus
Joel
John
Jonah
Joseph

Josiah
Judas
Leah
Luke
Mark
Martha
Mary
Matthew
Moses

Nehemiah
Paul
Peter
Ruth
Sarah
Simon
Timothy

February 2010 Missionary Prayers

7 Feb Morgan & Anna Powell, SIM Ecuador

Please pray:

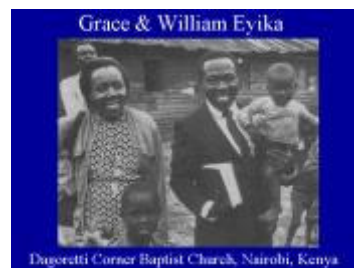
- For protection and good health for Anika and that God will help us to be wise parents.
- For Anna as she meets with Susi and Patricia to pray and read the bible together. They are Christian women young in their faith.
- For Morgan as he meets with Julio who leads the young adults group at our church.
- For Morgan as he meets with Luis who is the new pastor of the local baptist church.
- Pray also for Morgan as he prepares his next sermon for February 28.
- Pray also for the resource centre which we are preparing to open at the end of February, that it might serve the local churches and pastors and be a place where we can build further relationships with them.
- Pray fMorgan as he is now on the SIM Ecuador council and for unity and members.
- That we will balance all our tasks with caring for Anika.



14 Feb Grace & William Eyika, Dagoretti Corner Kenya

Please pray:

- For safety for Kenyans due to famine and floods caused by El Nino
- For political stability because ICC wish to punish some politicians who caused violence in the last elections
- For the high school to get a permanent registration. We will need a 21 acre allotment of 2 million KSH (\$30 000 AUD) per acre to accommodate many poor students. This is a 2030 projection
- For our visit to Australia in June 2010



Give thanks:

For our son Patrick's wedding in December
Our third granddaughter last year

21 Feb Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Christian Education Association

- Give thanks for the day to day work of the Christian Studies teachers not only in our schools but also across NSW.
- Give thanks for the many people who support the work of the association with their financial giving and by giving of their time.
- Give thanks for the opportunity we have to place Christian Studies teachers in our schools, it's an opportunity we cannot take for granted.
- As the 2010 school year begins, please pray for the Scripture (SRE) teachers in our local infants and primary schools and the Christian Studies teachers at Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Technology High Schools as they begin to teach the Christian Gospel to students in their care.
- Pray for the Year 7 students at both Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Technology High Schools as they settle into high school and meet their Christian Studies teachers.

28 Feb Jenny Fallon , SIM

- Praise for the new SIM NSW State Director, Bob Cole, and Mission Mobiliser, Julie Bee, who have been appointed and started work this week. Pray for them settling into the SIM team.
- Praise for the opportunity Jenny has to visit Perth and Busselton 12-19 Feb on behalf of SIM. Pray she'll be able to encourage, challenge and support, as appropriate in each situation.
- Pray Jenny will have wisdom, discernment and grace in all her encounters with potential and actual missionaries.
- Continue to pray Jenny will soon find a suitable place to live soon (especially as her unit has sold!)



2010 EVENTS CALENDAR



Just 1 piece of rubbish can make a difference

Apart from 8am, St Matthew's will cancel all Morning Services on Sunday 7 March so that we can join the broader community in the 2010 Clean Up Australia day and afterwards for a fantastic morning tea and a joyful Celebration of Creation Service. Don't forget to invite your neighbours to participate in the whole morning.

We are asking St Matthew's members to help with the clean up at one of our pre-registered sites. Please contact your representative for further details or visit www.cleanup.org.au.

Sunday 7 March 2010

The agenda for the day:

- 09:20 Drop off for little children for supervision and movie at St Matts
- 09.30–10:45 Clean up at a nominated Clean Up Site
- 11:00 Morning Tea at St Matt's
- 11.30 Celebration of Creation Service

For further information please contact your organising committee representative:

Service	Representative	Phone Number
8am	Brian Peacock	9634 4730
10am	Richard Kerr	9871 0831
9:45am	Ricky Cheung	9804 1538
11:15am	Kenny Liew	8677 1029
5pm	Ralph Marshall	9875 4651
7pm	Henry Burnett	0438 226 381

