



St Jude's Prayer Meeting

Monday 7 October 2024

Our Vicar and Vicar Emeritus

John Forsyth: Vicar

- Pray for the spread of the gospel in our communities, city and the world. Pray for family, friends, neighbours and colleagues who do not yet know Jesus.
- Pray for our diocese as we meet for Synod this week.
- Pray for growth, faithfulness and encouragement in our Bible Study and prayer meetings. Pray that I, with the rest of the team will continue to preach God's word faithfully each week as we continue preaching through Revelation.
- Pray for those who are new to Melbourne and looking for a church or keen to know more about Jesus. Pray that we will be able to welcome them well and share Jesus with them.
- Pray for personal wisdom, grace, and godliness in all I do that I may lead with integrity and seek God's wisdom and ways.
- Pray for energy and wisdom for me and the staff team as we continue to serve in the business of ministry and seek to and recruit new staff.

Peter Adam: Theologian in Residence and Vicar Emeritus

Pray for:

- The reformation and renewal of the Diocese of Melbourne.
- Rhys Bezzant as he prepares for his ministry as Principal of Ridley College.
- More godliness, thankfulness, love, joy, and hope in God.



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Our Parish Council and our Administration team

Parish Council (*Rachel Abraham, David Baker, Peter Gunthorpe, Ian Strachan, Aimee Kinda, Joshua Cheung, Richard Lange, Kate Stanton, Stuart McLean*)

- Pray that the Parish Council will continue to focus on the Strategic Plan and make wise choices with our resources. Pray that through the Strategic Plan we will continue to grow God's kingdom and strengthen our relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for wisdom as the Parish Council make decisions surrounding use of our finances. Pray that they will be good stewards of the money we have been blessed with and all decisions will further God's kingdom.
- Pray that at St Jude's we will be growing a safe space for children. Praise God for all the leaders who bless the children and youth with their time, energy and wisdom. Pray that we can continue to support both leaders and children through the decision and policies we make.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we search to fill the roles of children's and youth coordinator and the minister role at Carlton. Pray that we can support the current staff as they continue to take on extra workloads. Pray that staff may get the rest they need and be blessed with vitality when needed.

Administration Team (*Edna Gnanaratnam, Rachel Sarkis, Vera De Vere*)

- Thank God for moments of fulfilment, satisfaction, and joy that the team experiences in their roles.
- Give thanks for teamwork, and the ability to work together towards a common goal.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for those preparing the budget, that they would make decisions that honour God and reflect the church's mission.
- Ask God to remind us of the purpose behind our work, keeping our focus on Christ and His mission.



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Carlton 10am (John Forsyth, Natalie Rosner)

- Give thanks for the refreshment of school holidays for many at 10am and pray that as term 4 begins God will sustain members in being at church and Connect Groups regularly in the lead up to Christmas.
- Give thanks for all those who serve at 10am. Pray that God will continue to raise up new volunteers to serve as needed.
- Pray that as we learn from Revelation at church and Connect Groups, God will be growing our vision of who he is, searching our hearts and changing us as a community so that more and more we reflect Christ in all we do.

Carlton 4pm (John Forsyth, Natalie Rosner)

- Continue to praise God and pray for those who are reading John's gospel as a result of the Meet Jesus series. Pray that God's Spirit would change their hearts to love Jesus and receive God's grace.
- Give thanks for those who have expressed interest in being trained as service leaders and connect group leaders for next year. Pray for our training sessions over the next couple of months. Pray that these people would effectively use the gifts God has given them to serve and build up his church.
- Pray for our next "faith and work seminar" which Rob Miller will be running on "decision making" later in October. Pray that this would be helpful for those who feel paralysed and overwhelmed by making life decisions and that we would keep choosing to make decisions (big and small) which are shaped by the gospel.
- Pray for the staff team and especially Nat as she takes on extra responsibility at 10am. For all of us, pray for growth in godliness, love for Christ, effective ministry and joy in our serving.



Our Children's and Youth Ministries

Playgroups

- Pray for our playgroups, (at Parkville and Carlton) that we would be building relationships with families from the community who attend.

Creche and Mustard Seeds

- Please pray for new leaders to join our team.

Kids Church

- Thank God for a good group of committed and capable leaders at Kids Church.
- Pray for kids who are at church less regularly, that they will want to be at church, grow in faith and feel connected to Christian friends.

Youth

- Praise God for rest for our youth during the holidays.
- Praise God that a few youth have been bringing their school friends (Christian/non-Christian) along to Friday night youth
- Praise God for a few senior youths coming consistently to UniChurch and keen to stay after their graduation from high school.
- Please continue to pray for a dedicated staff member for our youth ministry and for more volunteers to join next year.
- Pray for our evangelistic focus for Term 4, pray for boldness for our youth to invite their non-Christian friends along
- Pray that our youth can continue to be welcoming and attentive to new people joining our Friday night ministry.

rEcess

- Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel with the young people and their families at rEcess in ways they can comprehend.



UniChurch (Sam Oldland, Caitlin Carnaby)

- **Pray** for God to raise up workers for his harvest from UniChurch. **Pray** especially for the upcoming Consider Ministry evening on October 14 and for UniChurch members to undertake ministry traineeships in 2025.
- **Praise God** for growth in our small groups ministry, both in number and in discipleship as we work through Matthew's gospel this semester. **Pray** for God to raise up godly and skilled leaders for our groups in 2025, and to provide enough leaders for us to increase the number of groups
- **Praise God** for many people at UniChurch thinking deeply about what it means to honour God in our identity as men and women. **Pray** for clarity, conviction and confidence to live the way God has made us to live and relate to each other

CU International (Tim Willson)

- AFES National Training Event is not national this year, but Victoria's will be held in Melbourne late November. Pray that being local will mean more students can come. Pray we will have enough leaders to run all the strand groups we need and in various languages. Pray for my preparation (with Sally Boyd from LaTrobe) of a 'deep dive' session on eschatology in Genesis.



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Parkville 10am (Mike Philips, Ali McGrice, Alex Ward, Nikita Claffey)

- Pray for God's Word to bear fruit in our lives and in the wider community as we preach and study Revelation.
- Pray for God's comfort, peace and healing for those in our church who are facing grief, conflict, bereavement, mental and physical illness, and other forms of hardship, suffering or loss. Pray for us to support them well, and that they hold onto hope in the midst of grief.
- Pray that we would grow as a Local Church for the Inner North, putting down deep roots in the local community and sharing the good news of Jesus with clarity and boldness. Pray that God would bring salvation to many in Parkville, Brunswick and the Inner North.

Parkville 5pm (Mike Philips, Ali McGrice, Alex Ward)

- Pray for more seekers to come regularly to church, to respond to the good news of Jesus with faith and repentance, and receive salvation. Pray that God would give us such joy in him and such love for our neighbours, that we would gladly share the hope we have in Christ.
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Estates Ministries (Steve Sonneman, Debbie Lesleighter)

- Pray for God to give us wisdom in strategic planning so that our congregation will grow in maturity and numbers.
- Thank God for the number of families requesting tutoring. Pray for more tutors to meet the requests, for more volunteers for camp, especially families.
- Praise God for the 7 girls who came for craft sewing and for Debbie, Christine and Annette who facilitated this. Pray for our ladies to work well together when we start this week after holiday break, for opportunities to show and speak Gods love.