

TODAY:

- > **Anglicare** is requesting assistance with the following items: Tinned tomatoes, Spreads (Vegemite, Peanut Butter), Biscuits (sweet or savoury), Rice Cakes, Coffee, School holiday snacks, Instant pasta packs – Carbonara, Alfredo sachets, etc
- > **30 April - Soul Food Stock Clearance:** Books discounted 20%, gifts 50%, 10% total sales donated to KAC. After all Point Centre services on Sunday 30, St Paul's 7 May. We take cash, cards & IOU! Grab some library stock and gifts.

COMING WEEK:

- > **KYCK:** 28-30 Apr Katoomba Christian Convention (for High Schoolers) - no Pulse, Rock or CLIKK this Friday!
- > **Women's Breakfast:** Sat 29 Apr Blackrock Café - all welcome.

COMING MONTH(S):

- > **Shine for Women** commences Tue 2 May 7pm in Training Rooms
- > **Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course:** Tue 2, 9 & 16 May 7-9pm Board Room. Contact Adam and Paula Vidilini.
- > **Blue Haven HC Service:** Thu 4 May 2:30pm
- > **CMS Illawarra Mission Connection:** Thu 4 May 12:30-2pm St Mark's West Wollongong. 'A God or Surprises' - Glen and Dominique Turner - 3 years in Diocese of Mara, Tanzania. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.
- > **Mother's Day Stall:** Sun 7 May 8am-12pm Church Point Centre foyer
- > **Prime Time:** Wed 10 May 11am Church Point Centre
- > **Parish Council:** Wed 10 May 7:15pm Board Room
- > **St Paul's Committee Meeting:** Thu 11 May 9:15am St Paul's
- > **Youthworks Growing Faith Conference:** Castle Hill. Register www.youthworks.net
- > **Friendship Group:** Thu 18 May 10am-12pm St Paul's

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Offerory Budget for 2017	\$495,700
Budget for Jan-Mar 2017	\$122,750
Actual for Jan-Mar 2017	\$124,600

NEW BANKING DETAILS

A/C Name: Anglican Church Kiama
BSB: 032 689 **A/C Number:** 211284

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Our Vision:

"Dependent upon God, we seek to be inspired, equipped and enabled to walk the journey of faith in Jesus Christ, so that each of us..."



...intentionally shares Jesus' message and love reaching out to all people in our local and global communities."
Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome!

Neil Matheson 8am, **Ian Vickery** 8:30am, **Steve Inman** 10am, 6pm
Easter

Emmaus

The First Sunday after Easter (AAPB p210)

Bible Readings:

Psalm 1:1-6	(NIV 532)
Luke 24:13-35	(NIV 1047)
Isaiah 53 (8am only)	(NIV 731)

JOIN US

ANZAC Service next Sunday - 8am

Coming weeks

- 30 Apr - Ascension
- 07 May - Wise? What is Wise? (Commencing Proverbs series)
- 14 May - The Beginning of Wisdom
- 21 May - Righteousness Works?
- 28 May - The Wisdom of Virtue

KAC website: <http://www.kiamaanglican.org.au>

AUSSIES STILL HAVE PRAYER LIVES...

The 2016 NCLS survey we completed last November has revealed that at least between two and a half and three out of ten people record a relationship with God described as prayer. Despite the apparent erosion of religious belief in our society, there is still a solid reporting of religious belief and experience by a significant number of people.

The early interpretation of the 2016 NCLS reveals that 60% of people believe in a personal God or spiritual life force.

What is your experience of people around you? Do these statistics resonate with you?

I am constantly amazed at just how many people are willing and open for me to praying with them. I know I am a minister and this may be expected, but the same principle applies to us all. If we are close to people then what matters to us can flow through to what matters to them. If we believe that prayer is important, those we pray for might too.

I am acutely aware that even when Christian faith may feel like we are 'swimming against the tide' close and personal relationships still matter. When the answers our society seeks to provide do not give the answers people are seeking, then we may find ourselves more and more in a position to speak into others' lives, walk alongside them in love and service, and pray with them. That is real and active discipleship!

It is interesting to note that 80% of people are either positive or neutral about the effect that faith has on people's lives. We may have come to a time when there are loud voices speaking against the Christian faith. Yet, I have observed that it is mostly in response to a specific issue. The heat is not so much about Christian faith but about people protecting their perspective against the Christian worldview on that particular matter.

Whilst we should be concerned by the rapid changes that society is seeking to bring to bear around us, we should remember the power of praying to a powerful God and the Kingdom picture that God has for us. We must not get defensive about our faith but continue to pray that Jesus will change lives.

Jesus always took the front foot in the face of adversity. He was not defensive or apologetic. He confronted those against him, the sceptical or the unsure, armed only with his Father's love. In a world that clamours after itself, the love Jesus embodies is disarming and life-changing.

Let's not save 'I'll pray for you' just for each other. May we take the heart of prayer, and the love for another that flows through it more and more into other people's lives.

Steve

PRAYER FOCUS

World, Nation, Local Community

Pray for peace in our world that is broken and divided by conflict. **Pray for** comfort for the people of Syria and Northern Africa living in the midst of violence, hunger and pain. **Pray for** leaders who will seek peace for their nations and blessing for their people. **Pray for** God's kingdom to come in all the earth and his peace to reign over all people.

Give thanks for everyone who serves our local community in Kiama. **Give thanks for** people in SES, Rural Fire Services, Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, Lifesavers, and Emergency departments who work to keep us safe and serve us when there is a crisis.

Mission and Partners

Pray for the work of SRE in our schools. **Give thanks for** the many volunteers who faithfully serve students in our local area each week in SRE classes. **Give thanks for** all our schools and their teachers as they take a break. **Pray for** their rest and refreshment during the holiday break. **Pray for** safety on the roads for everyone who is travelling away for their holidays.

PRAYER GROUPS

Thu 2pm Minnamurra Prayer Group
Contact Janet King 0438 483 572

Fri 10am Ladies Prayer Group
Contact Margaret Beazley 4232 2618

Prayer Chain requests contact
Jo Bailey phone 0424 466 935, email
praying@kiamaanglican.org.au

KAC Ministry

Give thanks for the many ministry groups at KAC and for the opportunity they provide to serve our local community. **Give thanks for** the leaders of the youth and children's groups on Friday who support our young people each week. **Pray for** their energy and creativity as they develop programs and activities for the young people in their care.

Pray for the ministry to our elderly and ageing and for their carers. **Give thanks for** the people who transport the frail to events that continue affirm their value and worth as God's people here at KAC.

People to Pray for...

Comfort and Healing

Robina Hargreaves, Frank Beazley, Harmony Smith

Hospitals

Lyn Langstaff (Kiama Ward/Shellharbour Private)

Aileen Thomas (Lawrence Hargrave Private)

Maureen Cleary (Wollongong Public)

Cards/notes welcome but please no visitors or phone calls.

Still Needing Prayer:

Warren Divers, Elisabeth Vickery, Rachel Gregory-Wilson

CHILDREN & YOUTH

This Coming Week - 28 April 2017

ROCK KYCK - no Youth program

Pulse KYCK - no Youth program

Friday Night K - Year 12 times;

K-2 CLIKK 4:30-6pm

3-6 ROCK 4:30-6pm

7-12 PULSE 6:15-8:15pm