



KIAMA ANGLICAN
CHURCHES

Prayer Guide

24 Hours of Prayer

6pm Sat 27 June to 6pm Sun 28 June

KAC praying together in the Youth Shed,
at home or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 450 188 5118 or via
link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4501885118>)

LET'S BE OVERCOMERS LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT

The image of Jesus as portrayed by John in Rev 1:12-16 is very different from how he is usually portrayed. The helpful term of 'God with skin on' comes to mind. However, throughout the Bible we have glimpses of the majesty, power and eternalness of God that prepare us for the idea of awe-inspiring glory that is presented here.

Reflection: Spend some time reflecting on your own image of Jesus. Is it small and confining to suit my own perceptions/needs? Do I need to repent? Ask the Lord to enable you to see his majesty and to have a heart response that brings him glory.

How can we as a congregation adore him as he deserves?

Many of the positive things Jesus notes about the churches in Revelation are evident in the life of Kiama Anglican Churches.

Here are some of these positives:

- Discernment
- Love
- Endurance, faithfulness
- Uncompromising – true to faith
- Persevering, not tiring of doing good
- Wanting to reach others
- Care for each other
- Care for community

As you pray through the prayer lists that follow, use these positives to lead you to thanksgiving, as well as asking the Lord to be kind to us and help us to become more like Jesus, living more and more as he would have us live.

Reflection: Is there any area of service you feel you should be part of?

Is there someone or some people to whom you would like to write a note of thanks for their example or service to you or God's church?

Jesus' warnings to the churches bear thinking about. As you think about these, ask the Spirit to show you if you need to repent. Or if KAC needs to repent as a congregation. Pray that people engaged in ministry may be kept from falling into these temptations.

- Forsaken first love
- Believe false teaching
- Tolerate immorality
- Seem alive, but really dead
- Half-hearted
- Trust in riches – complacent

Reflection:

*My day went well.
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I laughed much and deeply,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I worked and worked well,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I read, and I understood,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I offered a helping hand,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I listened to uplifting music,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
I rested and was calm,
And I thought, 'God is good'.
And then
I met God face to face,
Alone and silent.*

...

*And God sighed a deep sigh,
And my soul shook
And drove me to my knees.*

*God have mercy.
God have mercy.*

...

*'Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my
redeemer.'*

*If it were just a matter of the mouth,
I wouldn't have so much trouble,
but it isn't,
and I do.*

*Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

As you conclude your reflection, think through the list of encouragements that Jesus gives to the churches:

- Repentance is the way forward. You are rebuked because you are loved.
- You are known by Jesus. He has given you a special name.
- You have been given an open door.
- Your future will include: eating from the tree of life; given a crown of life; not being hurt by the second death; given authority over the nations; will be acknowledged before God's angels; will be kept during trials; will have God's name; will share a meal with Jesus; will have the right to sit on the throne with Jesus.

Reflect again on the image of Jesus as seen in 1:12-16. Rejoice with those around the throne:

‘Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.’

and commit to the eternal Creator who is worthy to receive glory and honour and power.

Today,

For what I am that I ought not to be,
Forgive me.

For what I am not that I ought to be,
Forgive me.

Be with my mouth in what it speaks.

Be with my hands in what they do.

Be with my mind in what it thinks.

Be with my heart in what it feels.

Work in me

through me

for me

in spite of me.

Please use the following to guide you in your hour of prayer:

KAC LEADERSHIP

Steve Stanis

- Give thanks for Steve's return at just the right time to lead us forward through the Covid-19 lockdown and now out the other side.
- Pray for his continued good health and time management.
- Pray that God will bless him with wisdom and discernment and that he will know God's guidance as he leads us forward.
- Give thanks for the grace and peace God has brought into our lives through these challenging times.

Thank you, gracious God, that we can hold onto you each moment of every day as you never let go of us in faith.

Thanks for the new ways you have shown yourself to us in trust, hope, assurance, wisdom and strength.

Lord, we thank you for your Word that has opened our heart and mind to be nourished across the seven Churches of Revelation. May we apply all we learn from this teaching to light our Church in truth, faith and love in the Cross of Christ.

Father, we pray for patience, guidance and direction, as to how Churches reopen, flourish and expand God's Kingdom in this place.

Loving Father, make us more like Christ as we seek to honour, serve, and share Jesus' love to all in each life in our midst.

Ministry Staff

- Give thanks for Aiden, Geoff, Tracey and Steve – for their gifts, inspiration and tireless work.
- Pray that God will bless and sustain them as they oversee their ministry areas and that he will use them to grow his church here at KAC.

Wardens

- Give thanks for Michael, Greg and Ivan and for the huge amount of work they do for our Parish.
- Pray that God will give them wisdom as they make decisions and set guidelines regarding re-opening our ministries and services.

Parish Council

- Give thanks for Sue Brown, Adam Ellis, Bruce Hearn, Ken Kitchen, Margaret Silburn and Adam Vidilini who serve with our wardens on Parish Council.
- As they move into a second year of service, pray that they will be able to maintain their zeal for their role as they work through the ramifications of Covid-19 as well as dealing with other Parish matters.

KAC MINISTRY

Family & Children's Ministry

- Praise God for good connections made during Term 2 (despite isolation) with parents meeting through Zoom for Bible Study or social catch ups.
- Praise God for the 25 activity packs handed out each fortnight to help families engage their children with our online services.
- Pray that families will chat about spiritual truths with their children in their daily lives.
- Pray for wisdom regarding how to return to our normal programs under the requirements of social distancing.
- Pray for wisdom to know which new ideas to keep from this Covid / KAC Online time and which to drop.
- Pray that KAC families and children will grow in their sense of confidence in God having their future in his capable hands.

- Pray for those who have been exposed to our church for the first time through KAC Sunday Online – that we may be able to encourage them to become part of our family before God.

Youth Ministry

- Thank God for how we have been able to continue with Pulse online during Covid.
- Thank God that we have been able to get back to face to face.
- Thank God for the leaders who have done an amazing job and been hugely flexible.
- Pray for us as we look at reopening other face to face ministries.
- Pray that we would teach God's word faithfully.
- Pray that all youth who are not from Christian homes will come back as programs restart.

Pastoral Care / Retirees & Seniors' Ministry

- Praise God for Eileen Gavin (99 years old this Christmas!) being able to return home and for the care wonderful she received during her time in hospital.
- Praise God that MSB had its first physical gathering this week since the lockdown began, with 15 men turning up for an encouraging time.
- Pray for planning for Prime Time and for the co-ordinators as they consider a Prime Time newsletter for July and think through what a face to face meeting might look like.
- Give thanks for the pastoral care that was happening without prompting, with many people ringing others – calling and caring. And thank God for the willingness of people to place their names down for the 'Call and Care' initiative.

MISSION PARTNERS

Anglican Aid – The Hope & Faith Community School, Zambia

Educating 500-600 disadvantaged children in the slums of Lusaka.

- Pray that Rosemary Mumbi and the staff at the school will reflect Christ in all they do and say.
- Pray that the gospel shared with students will go out to families and into the community and that lives will be changed for Christ.

CMS – Alan and Helen Wood – Jakarta, Indonesia

Alan - Vicar of All Saints'; Helen - Women's Ministry and Alpha Groups.

- With Associate Minister, Rev Zane Elliott, now in New Zealand until August, pray for Alan as he resumes his role as Vicar remotely from Sydney.
- Pray that Alan and Helen will be able to manage well and lead their ministry team in a godly manner.
- Pray for all involved in preparing and preaching online sermons as well as online services each week.

India Gospel League

Partnering with Pastor Sevyia and the village of Sri Rajya Thanda.

- Pray that the efforts of Pastor Sevyia, the church and the team (visiting, distributing relief supplies, etc) will lay strong foundations for future outreach.
- Pray that the eyes of the people will be opened and their hearts softened to the Gospel and Christ's love.

Grahame, Patty & Phil Scarratt – Libros Gran Panorama

Making good Christian books and Bible studies available in Spanish.

- Pray that God will keep Grahame and Patty in good health and that he will be their strength and guide in all things.
- Give thanks for the good uptake of books in Spain and pray that this will continue. Pray that many will read and study to better understand God's Word.

Bush Church Aid

- Thank God for the recent BCA Sunday - that many people were educated about mission to outback and urban Australia.
- Pray that God will guide the decision regarding our next mission partnership with BCA, now in the final stages.
- Give thanks for two KAC couples who have applied to join the BCA Nomads. Pray for them as they complete the process to join this group.

Berkeley Life Centre – Rev Wayne Pickford, Pastor Tim & Lindy Taylor

Church and Op Shop reaching out to the community in Berkeley.

- Praise God that the Church is open for small groups and now holding three services on Sundays. Pray that everything points to Jesus, that new people will come, that lives will be transformed and that all the online technology will work.
- Praise God that COACH Mentoring and Adopt-A-Block has recommenced.
- Praise God that the Op Shop is open and for his great blessing with continued strong sales. Pray that good quality donations will be given so this can continue.
- Praise God that the staff at BLC and the volunteers in the Op Shop are all safe and well. Pray for the continued health and wellbeing of staff, volunteers and the people of Berkeley.
- Pray that the grant application for a bus will succeed.
- Pray that the requests sent to other Churches to share the Land Acquisition Levy (that doesn't have to be paid this year due to COVID). Praise God that KAC has already shared generously from their Levy blessing.
- Pray that the new single Mums' ministry/group will start and that a coordinator can be found.
- Pray that the media team can produce great videos and newsletters to be sent to supporters to update and thank them for their support.

KBECET & Special Religious Education

Wycliffe Ochieng is employed to teach SRE at Kiama High School.

- Praise God that Wicky is back in the classroom and pray that schools will remain safe spaces for students and staff.
- Praise God for JobKeeper assistance and pray that God will continue to provide, particularly with regard to the current operating deficit (\$6300). Pray that this will not preoccupy the Board.

Y13 – Isaac Baker

- Pray that Isaac will be refreshed during his current break from Year13 and that he won't become complacent during this time off.



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