

Pray they would have peace and keep the exams in the right perspective. Please pray God will guide them as they make study or work choices for 2019.

Northmead High

- Pray for Lisa Massey as she teaches SRE. Pray the teenagers will be keen to learn what the Bible has to say, and be receptive to God's word. Pray God will enable Lisa to present a message they can hang on to, with the limited time she has with each class. Pray for year 9 scripture, which she is teaching this term, and give thanks she was given permission to attend year 9 camp for a day.
- Give thanks for the extra ways that Lisa is involved with the school – helping in music classes, accompanying an excursion – and for the opportunities to build relationships. Pray she would be a blessing to students and teachers. Give thanks and pray for continued support through Generate ministries so that this work may continue.

Model Farms High

- Pray for SRE as Alex H and Josh D teach there. Pray that the students would be engaging with God's word in class. Pray that they'd plan well for next year and be able to cover all of the classes. Pray for the provision of more teachers next year.
- Pray for the new school Counsellor Melody as she supports students. Give thanks for the good connection made between Melody, Gabrielle (School Chaplain) and the relieving Head Teacher of Welfare. Pray for God's blessing, wisdom and guidance on Executive Staff as they plan for next year.

The World and World Mission

Prayers for the persecuted church

Scotland's government has decided to abolish the country's ancient blasphemy law. Dating from 1690, this law protected the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church only. But at the same time the Scottish authorities are allowing what is in effect a new blasphemy law to develop, as activists use hate crime laws to get peaceful Christian street preachers arrested. It does not seem to matter how respectfully the preachers express their views e.g. disagreement with "politically correct" LGBT beliefs – they are still arrested. An independent review this year of hate crime laws in Scotland has done nothing to rectify the situation. Pray for full freedom of speech for all in Scotland.

Mark and Renee Santich, in Christchurch, NZ, with Christian Union (CU) at Canterbury University, and children Zac, Josh, Jesse and Ethan. Thank God for an encouraging year of Uni ministry.

- Praise God for Brooke, Hannah, Negar and Charlotte's friend who became Christian's this year. Pray they would keep growing in Christ. Please keep praying for Victor who seems close to committing his life to Jesus.
- Please pray for an opportunity for a good family break for the Santich's over summer after a difficult year with children's health issues.
- Continue to pray for the Santich's Church, now renamed Latimer Church.
- Pray for the new Anglican communion in New Zealand, with a handful of other churches with along with Latimer Church, that God would provide as they negotiate the way forward. Pray that they would not be distracted, but proclaim Jesus faithfully.

Mike and Tania Snowdon in Valencia, Spain, with children Will, Sam, and Tom

- Continue to give thanks for the baby that Tania is expecting in March. Ask God to care for Tania and the baby through the pregnancy. Pray that God would continue to comfort and strengthen them as they walk with others who are going through various trials.
- Continue to pray for the GBE teenagers who were excited for Jesus from the GBE camp, asking God to give them perseverance and love, and boldness to share Jesus with their friends, as the school environment is antagonistic towards Jesus.
- Pray for events this month: 3rd -GBE group in Valencia, 9th-11th Mike away on GBU training weekend for volunteers. Ask God to give Mike and Tania strength.

CMS and CMS Summer School

- Give thanks and pray for the people from Northmead who volunteer with CMS Summer School. Pray for volunteers needed for this coming Summer school, in various capacities, including children and youth programs, ushers, and other.
- St Andrews Hall, where CMS trains missionaries, is being redeveloped, with new facilities appropriate for the next generation of missionaries. Please pray for the redevelopment process, and that St Andrews Hall might continue to be used by God for his glory in the nations.

*Please send any items for next month's Prayer Matters to Ros Burgess:
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If you are aware of someone who needs prayer for sickness, I would be pleased to include them in the list. Similarly, if anyone who is significantly recovered, or no longer 'needs' prayer, please let me know so I can update the list appropriately and add a note of praise.

Prayer Matters November Edition 2018

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Please pray for -

1st	Ladies Chinese end of year dinner
11th	Toddler to teen parenting seminar
4th	Vision Month week 1 – Our Vision
11th	Vision Month week 2 – Our Leadership
18th	Vision Month week 3 – Preview 2019
24th	Missionary Prayer Breakfast
25th	Vision Month week 4 – Action Teams
25th	9 lunch, 1045 lunch, 6pm reflect
1st Dec	Christmas Celebration Dinner
2nd Dec	Thanksgiving Sunday

Prayers for the sick, and the struggling

Pray for those who are ill or struggling in various ways, some with cancer. Pray they would walk day by day in faith in Jesus. Pray for healing.

Naomi Wrigley from 9am requests prayer as she begins radiotherapy for pre-cancerous cells

Pray also for Dave Wilde, Sharon Ore, Hedley Mooney.

Northmead Church and local mission

- Pray for our vision month, week by week. Pray that our love and commitment to Jesus might grow, and that we might have unity as we seek to live this out, looking ahead to 2019.
- Pray for Adrian, Mark, JJ and Jacquie as they lead us.

Week one – the partnership that pleases God. Pray we would resolve together to bring glory to God and passionately serve the Lord Jesus

Week two – the leadership that lives the gospel. Pray for the new ministry staff

Week three – the doctrine that shapes life. Pray God would graciously work through planned ministries and events, that these might bring him glory, and that he would grow the church in love, in knowledge of himself, and in new disciples

Week four – the community that takes responsibility. Pray that God would lead each of us to serve in whatever way he chooses, and in unity together. Pray for the 9am lunch, 1045 lunch, and 6pm Reflect.

- Pray for the preparations for the Christmas dinner / party on December 1st, and that we'd make it a priority to come together to celebrate our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the building works; and pray for minimal disruption to ministry during the work.

Gospel Teams

Pray for the gospel teams. Pray for faithful and consistent attendance, for members to love one another well and be eager to meet together in Jesus' name. Pray we will trust in God to overcome obstacles to meeting. Pray all groups might finish the year well.

MAP

Pray for the ministry apprentices; for Dan and Alex as they prepare to finish up their apprenticeship and head to College, pray for a smooth transition to college and into student ministry positions. Pray for Josh as he continues into the second year of his apprenticeship.

Woodberry Village

- Give thanks for the Woodberry Village chaplaincy and Sunday Services. Give thanks for and pray for the various people who preach there. Please continue to pray for the congregants at Woodberry, in their physical weakness. Give thanks for their faithfulness. Pray for residents who don't know Jesus.

6pm Night Church

- Continue to pray for all the leadership team, and for Adrian and JJ as they oversee the congregation for now.

Friends at Northmead (FaN)

- The last two events for Friends at Northmead have been cancelled for different reasons. Please pray for the organisers of this group, and for wisdom as to how best to reach out to this age group in our community.
- **ESL (Monday mornings)**
ESL- please give thanks for the group of 9 to 10 who regularly attend conversational English lessons on Monday mornings and pray that their commitment and enthusiasm will assist to improve their confidence. Pray also for those who are less regular, that they will still know they are cared for and will feel encouraged when they attend.
- Pray for accurate and clear communication and understanding of the Christmas story in this, the final term for the year.

Playmorning (Tuesday morning)

- Please pray that we will use this short term well to share the good news of Jesus' birth and the salvation he brings.
- Thank God for his amazing provision week by week. Pray for continued energy and prayerfulness.
- Please pray for the planning team as they organise Christmas events and look toward next year. Youth and Children

YAK (youth and kids leaders)

- Pray for energy and enthusiasm and renewed strength as the year draws to the end.

KidsAlive (Sunday Kids' Ministry)

- Pray that God would be growing our little ones to be passionate for Christ.
- Pray for the kids and leaders as we work through 1 Timothy this term. Pray for great conversations across all ages at church as we consider Life in God's Household.
- Pray for our year 6 kids as they have moved to Fusion, that they would settle in well, and be excited at this new stage and growth, that they might be maturing spiritually.

Germinate (years K-3, Thursday afternoon)

Give thanks that the new kindy kids had a good start, and continue to pray that they would settle in well, and that they might love hearing about Jesus. The prayer series continues. Having looked at 'who do we pray to?' and 'how can we pray?'; they will now learn

about 'why do we pray?'; 'what do we pray about?'; 'when do we pray?' and 'where do we pray?'

- Pray for the leaders as they look after challenging kids, for wisdom and love.

Boost (Years 4-6)

- Pray for year 3 as they join us at Boost (26/10). Pray that the year 4 and 5 kids would welcome and include them quickly.
- Pray both the kids and leaders would grow in knowledge, love and passion for Christ as they work through the 'I Am' statements in John's gospel.
- Pray that new kids would join us this term and come to salvation in Christ. Pray our kids would be bold and invite their friends.

Forge

- Pray for our year 6 kids as they have moved to Forge. Pray that each child would continue coming, and love meeting with their new group to hear from God's word. Pray that each kid would grow to be unashamed for Christ in their time at youth.
- Pray that all the youth might be growing strong in personal faith and knowledge of God, and be challenged by the talks. Pray for those giving talks, that they might teach the truths faithfully and clearly, and also be able to issue a challenge. Give thanks that God continues to build up young leaders able to teach and articulate his word.

SRE

Pray that as we head into the final term of scripture for the year that SRE teachers would make good use of this time with their classes this year. Pray for God to raise up new teachers for next year, with a passion to teach kids about Jesus.

Northmead PS

Winston Heights PS

Please pray for Winston Heights scripture as we prepare for the Christmas assembly at the start of December. Pray that we would find more volunteers to teach scripture next year.

Winston Hills PS

Pray for the SRE teachers to overcome sickness, so there might be a full team. Pray that invites to 'Forge' be well-received and attract new kids.

High School Ministries

HSC students

Please pray for those in our church in year 12. Pray they will trust in God and work diligently as they finish their studies and exams.