

**Karen Laird Update**

*Karen is a former member of NAC and is currently serving with European Christian Mission in Ireland. Please see her latest update below:*

For the past 10 years Anna (the pastor's wife) has coordinated kids ministry at Calvary Waterford, however she returned to college in September and increased her hours at work to support their family. I took over coordinating Kids Ministry in September.

I have been loving getting to know the kids and leaders, and I've been so encouraged to see enthusiasm and growth in the kids. I didn't realise how much I missed kid's ministry. Our kids come from diverse backgrounds, family situations, cultures and with a variety of needs... and they are wonderful. I have found the role very stretching and am increasingly aware that my capacity is reduced, but God has been beautifully ministering to me in the midst of weakness and imperfection and showing me the strength that there is in turning to him in my inability. His grace is sufficient. Our leaders are also very diverse, and facing many trials and difficulties, that I find overwhelming at times. However, I am learning so much from them, especially hearing them speak of God's goodness and care in the midst of trials.

I am continuing to work as an Occupational Therapist, and we are in another period of short staffing. I often feel over-stretched and unable to do all that is needed. I am grateful to God for those moments when He prompts me to cry out to Him, rather than looking within or despairing. I am so grateful for all of these reminders that I am dust, and that I am dependent on our Heavenly Father.

Please pray:

- That the kids at church would grow to know and love Jesus more and more;
- That God would enable us as leaders to love each child wisely and well;
- That God would enable me to do the preparation needed to assist the leaders, especially for over the Christmas period when I will be away;
- Pray that I would keep turning to God in the midst of my weakness in every area of life;
- Pray that God would have mercy on my unbelieving friends and that they would come to know Christ themselves.

Thank you so much.

- Karen Laird

**An Invitation to Lunch**

If you are new to our church, new to the area, or would just like to share lunch with others from church, you are welcome to come along

**TODAY**

**at 12.30pm**

**at Jim & Vanessa's home**

**24 Moreton Bay Ave, Spring Farm**

Please RSVP to Jim (0417 042 493) or Vanessa (0410 016 607) with any dietary requirements

**Dinner & Christmas Prayer**

Our next dinner and prayer meeting is focusing on praying specifically for our Christmas outreach events and is on

**Monday 2 December**

**at the Douglass' home**

**24 Moreton Bay Ave, Spring Farm**

**6pm for dinner | 7-8pm for prayer**

RSVP to Jim (0417 042 493) or Vanessa (0410 016 607) for dinner, or just come along for prayer. Everyone is warmly welcome

**Welcome Hamper**

Heather Benham is currently collecting cash and food donations to create a welcome hamper for our new Assistant Minister, Dan Budd and his family.

If you would like to contribute, please see Heather (0499 450 587).

**Disputes in the church (1 Corinthians 6:1-11)**

The problem of disputes

Rather be wronged and cheated

Don't wrong and cheat others

You were washed, sanctified and justified in the name of Jesus and by the Spirit

**Dates to Remember**

TODAY	Final Toys n Tucker Collection Newcomer's Lunch
Dec 2	Christmas Prayer Meeting
Dec 7	'Share the Love' Breakfast Welcome & Integration Training
Dec 13	Final Kid's Club & Youth Group
Dec 16	Parish Council Meeting

■ MINISTRY TEAM

**Jim Douglass**  
Senior Minister  
0417 042 493  
jim@narellananglican.org.au

**Office Hours**  
Monday 9am - 3pm  
Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm  
Friday 9am - 3pm  
  
(02) 4647 2195

■ WEEKLY MINISTRIES

**Growth Groups**  
Various times - see church  
noticeboard for details

**Playgroup Plus**  
Thursday 10am - 12pm

**Narellan Kids' Club**  
(Years K - 5)  
Friday 4:30 - 6pm

**Narellan Youth**  
(Years 6 - 12)  
Friday 7 - 9pm

**Morning Prayer Group**  
Friday 6-6:45am

**Prayer Chain**  
Wendy Philpott  
prayer@narellananglican.org.au

## PRAYER POINTS

Almighty and Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those things which we are not worthy to ask except through the mercy and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Father, we pray for our dry and dusty land. You've said that if we repent and turn from our wilful ways you will heal our land. We cry out to you for forgiveness and ask that our land be healed, for good soaking rain to be sent to put out the rampant fires, replenishing the rivers and dams, healing the dry earth and bringing hope and joy to your people. Father God, our country is dry spiritually as well as physically. Please hear our prayers as we call out for refreshment of our spirits and our lives. Without you we are nothing.

We pray for the fire fighters in NSW, QLD, SA and other states where land, crops and homes are burning. Please keep them safe, energised and alert to the situations they are in. We pray for auxiliary helpers who keep food and water supplies up to those on the front line. Father we pray for their protection.

Father, we pray for all those who teach and learn in schools, colleges and universities in our state. As 2019 comes to an end we pray for those sitting exams and for those marking and giving assessments. We pray for those planning for 2020, seeking enrolments and juggling finances. May your name be honoured and good learning occur.

We thank you for our SRE teachers as they bring the Christmas story to their classes. Please open up the children to hear the real story of Christmas and respond. We pray for planning Scripture for 2020 and for our team of teachers, both Primary and High School. Refresh them during the holidays, we pray.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those involved in planning our Christmas activities. We pray for Drop & Shop, the Christmas Trail, the Camden House visits and our Christmas services. Help us to invite family and friends to these events so that they'll meet the Christ of Christmas and respond to what they hear.

Dear Lord, please hear our prayers, have your Holy Spirit move amongst us and refresh and renew us so that we can serve you more adequately. We pray these prayers in your Holy name and for your sake. Amen.



24 November 2019

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## Welcome!

**We meet together to hear God address us through his word,  
to be transformed by that word, to thank and praise God  
and to encourage one another as disciples of Jesus.**

### 1 Corinthians 6:7

As it is, to have legal disputes against one another is  
already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged?  
Why not rather be cheated?

### BIBLE READINGS

**Joshua 17:14-18**

**1 Corinthians 6:1-11**

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9<sup>30</sup>  
am

5  
pm

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