

JESUS IS MY PRAYER PARTNER

Philippians 4:4-9

Cleaners this week: Steve & Elaine Balla

March, when there will be a series of outreach events, including special Sunday gatherings for interested non-believers to hear the gospel.

At this stage, it is important for us to be praying for people to hear the gospel and respond with faith. Please take a bookmark and think about some people you know who need to hear more about Jesus, note down their names and pray for them, and for opportunities to speak with them about issues of faith and the person of Jesus.

The whole idea is based on a conversation that Jesus had with his disciples: “And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” Mark 8:27-29 (ESV)

Your brother in Christ,
Chris

***THE CHAPPO COLLECTION* \$30**

This book by David Mansfield is a collection of stories by and about John Chapman. It gives an insight into a man who loved and proclaimed the gospel throughout his life, and whose ministry greatly impacted many people. The book contains many personal insights by those who know him, great gospel illustrations and excerpts from his sermons amongst other things. Pick up a copy today and make a donation through the Anglican Aid Website:

<https://anglicanaid.org.au>

Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to support Bible and leadership training in Africa, through GWC and other centres of training.

***‘tea & thread’: portraits of middle eastern women far from home* \$30**

A collection of stories, recipes, and traditional handicraft projects by Sally Bathgate and Katrina Flett Gulbrandsen

Tea & Thread: portraits of middle eastern women far from home introduces 17 diverse women from the Middle East. The stories and photographs included offer glimpses into these women's memories of life before war, war-time difficulties, and the uncertainties of being a refugee. The portraits grew out of mutual hospitality among humanitarian workers and women affected by conflicts in the Middle East. All of the proceeds from sales of tea & thread will go to further the work of projects supporting refugees in the Middle East. To pay make a donation through <https://anglicanaid.org.au>

Prayer for the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany:

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Requests:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Colleen Burge; Esmee Charles, Merv Filby, John [Barb's son-in-law], Barbie Linfoot, Leandra Negrini, Celeste [Merle's daughter], Ernie & Jean Siddall, Matthew Wood.

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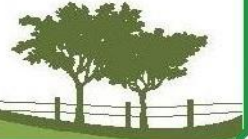
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2018	Last Week	\$2,550	\$2,995	105%
	Year to date	\$2,550	\$2,995	105%
2018	Mission (last week)	\$131		
	Mission (year to date)	\$131		
Other missions giving 2018:				
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Geoff and Robyn

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14th January 2018

THE “JESUS IS _____.” MISSION CAMPAIGN IN MARCH 2018

The “Jesus Is _____.” mission has three areas of focus:

1. Encouraging personal evangelism as Christians use the “Jesus Is _____.” phrase, via T-shirts, business cards, social media, surveys etc. 2. Internet evangelism via the Australian “Jesus Is _____.” website, jesus-is.org.au which can be as anonymous as users prefer. 3. Public preaching of the gospel on topics, which complete the “Jesus Is _____.” sentence (every Sunday in every church that participates).

But it is not really about events. We want to get people talking about Jesus again. The “Jesus is _____.” phrase – inviting people to fill in the blank – gives Christians leverage for exactly that! We want to encourage Christians to take an extra step further than they’ve gone lately in seeking to promote the gospel of Jesus. Wear a T-shirt/badge/wristband. Share a webpage on social media. Try to engineer a conversation. Issue an invitation to hear more. And do it in a contemporary and professional way. We provide training to equip Christians to make as much use of this mission opportunity as they can. In many ways the training is all about being a good inviter: • Inviting people to visit a website. • Inviting people into a conversation about Jesus. • Inviting people to attend an outreach event. Ultimately, it’s about inviting them to encounter the claims of Christ and to meet him in person... a bit like we see Andrew doing with his brother, Peter, after meeting Jesus, likewise Philip with Nathanael in John 1:35-51.

This outreach program will stretch across the whole of the Wollongong Region of our Diocese, from Jannali down to Ulladulla. There will be lots of sermons with the theme: “Jesus Is _____”, some media advertising, and lots of personal conversations. In February and March, we will be having our own series of sermons, linked to bible studies in our groups. The culmination will be in the last full week of