

## Weekly Prayer Focus

### MONDAY

Advent is a time of anticipation, a time of waiting for things to be revealed. Are we ready for the Christ child to enter our world and our lives this Christmas?

### TUESDAY

In the last couple of weeks huge tidal surges have wrecked houses and food gardens in Papua New Guinea's north coast and islands region. Thousands of villagers on New Ireland and Manus Island are without fresh water and shelter. Pray for them.

### WEDNESDAY

Remember people who will be spending Christmas on their own.

### THURSDAY

"O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel."

### FRIDAY

Pray about the Australian Government's response to climate change and that we might start to take seriously our responsibility as a wealthy and relatively influential country.

### SATURDAY

Pray that TLC might be provided for during the holiday period, often a pretty lean time for the yellow cylinders.

### SUNDAY

As we head towards a new year, take hold of the chance for a new beginning. Remember how Jesus' coming into the world offers a fresh start to all who open their hearts to him.

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## Luke 1:46-48 Mary's Song

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed.



### This Weeks Service

**Leading** Vic Heyward  
**Preaching** Jim Stallard

### Next Week

**Leading** Mike Green  
**Sound** Eddie  
**Vision** Glynis

### MARK YOUR DIARIES

**Tonight** Indoor Carols,  
7.30pm at TLC  
**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>:** Outdoor Carols,  
8.00pm At Glen Park  
Reserve  
**Feb 27<sup>th</sup> –**  
**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>:** Community Camp

## PROGRAMS and GROUPS

### **Sunday Youth Break Up - TODAY**

We will be celebrating our Christmas break-up, sharing food and fellowship out in the Youth Building this morning.

### **Christmas Carols – December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Our out door 'Carols by Candlelight' venue has been moved to Glen Park Reserve, Glen Park Road, Bayswater North. We hope that you can all come along to celebrate with us at 8.00pm. Pick up one of our flyers in the foyer and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours.

*We are in need of assistance with the set up at 1.pm and also the pack up afterwards. Please can the office know if you can spare some time in the afternoon and/or evening. Thanks!!*

### **Help Stop Child Trafficking**

UNOH is having a stand at this awareness raising event about child trafficking in the chocolate trade at Federation Square on January 18th, 2009 from 10:30am -12:30pm. They are hoping to have 1000 people there. See notice board for more information

### **Kids Hope**

Are you interested in becoming a Kids Hope Mentor? If you are 18 years and over and have a spare hour in your week and would like to make a difference in the life of a child in our local community then please seriously consider this invitation and opportunity. Contact Di Kay on 0433 265 398 or 9802 4150 if you are interested or would like to know more.

### **TLC Cleaning Roster**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Moulton

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Vanaria/Hall

March 7<sup>th</sup> Campbell

## INFORMATION and UPDATES

### **Accommodation Needed**

**Wynsome Leak** needs a 2 bed room unit, a granny flat, or similar to rent preferably within a 20 min drive from TLC. Low cost, by early February. If you can help, phone Wynsome on 9885 5853.

**Naomi Brice** is looking for long-term accommodation in a Christian shared house. She would like to be living nearer to the city, where she is working. If you can help or know anyone who is looking for someone else to share, please contact Robyn or Peter on 9733 4932 or Naomi on 0403 726 381.

### **Transport Assistance (Croydon)**

Are you able to help with transport to and from Church each week or some weeks? Anne Maree Robson, from Study and Prayer, would love to attend church as often as possible. If you can assist, contact Anne Maree on 9733 1768 or let the office know.

### **Nepal Fundraiser**

The Nepal team would like to thank all those who attended the Night Bazaar, buying sumptuous food, getting involved in the silent auction, buying raffle tickets and more. A special thanks to all those who donated items and their time to make this night absolutely spectacular! About \$7000.00 was raised on the night to be taken over to Nepal to help fund the building of a school, fantastic effort!!!!

### **Food Bank – The cupboards are empty!**

Dry Biscuits, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Conditioner.  
**Remember our supplies dwindle over the Christmas period. We have high demand for food boxes over January – so please help us fill the cupboards before Christmas – Thanks Jill.**