

PRAYERS

Let us pray for all people, and for the Church throughout the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy to please accept our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquillity and good of all. We especially think of our own nation and ask this for those who exercise authority in this land. In your mercy, grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And we ask you of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and harmony; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and pastors [especially Glenn Davies our bishop and Trevor Saggars our pastor], that, by their life and teaching, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to the church family here present, that we may receive your word with reverent and obedient hearts and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your eternal kingdom. Grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayers. Amen.**

Northern Hope Anglican Church

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*Empowered by the Spirit, we are to make disciples of Jesus,
to the glory of God the Father*

- † **SU School Chaplaincies** - Today we are interviewing and praying for two Scripture Union (SU) School Chaplains. We thank them for being with us in this way. For Edge Hill State School we welcome Christine Waters. And for Trinity Bay State High School we welcome Bec Plumbe.
- † **SU School Chaplaincy support** - to support Christine in her chaplaincy there is a High Tea afternoon coming up. It is on Saturday 18th March at 2pm at Edge Hill State School. Please see Christine about it.

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Proverbs 3:1-12 (NIV2011) page 934

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

⁹ Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, ¹² because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

NHA MISSIONS

In our leadership meeting this week we finally (there's a lot going on☺) got around to selecting what missions, as a church family, we will be formally supporting in 2023.

It is clear from the Scriptures that God wants us to be supporting those who spread his word as well as the poor. And to best feel connected with what a mission is doing, we need to be supporting those we know. In saying this, we are very mindful of the many, many good missions available today. For now (yes, it is a 'rolling solution'☺), as a church family, we are supporting (including, financially and prayerfully) the following ten missions: Christian RI, SU School Chaplaincy, Gideons, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Angel Tree, Compassion, Ugandan Bible School (aka STUBS), AFES, BCA, and Gafcon Australia.

RI: Religious Instruction; SU: Scripture Union; AFES: Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students;
BCA: Bush Church Aid; Gafcon: Global Anglican Future Conference.

SERMON OUTLINE

Proverbs 3:5

ALWAYS TRUST

† *Two types of wisdom:*

† *'Believe in' or 'completely trust'?*

† *Identifying one's idol - perhaps?*