

PRAYERS

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalm 100:4)*

Lord God, we thank you that you are a God of love, who is rich in mercy and grace; we thank you therefore, for sending us your Son and then sending us your Spirit. We thank you for the salvation you offer, the sanctification you enable, the glory you promise, and for adopting us as one of your children. And we thank you that you are in control of all things, even though at times, things might appear to be out of control. We also thank you for the rain you brought to the tropics and also to many much needed parts of Australia. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you for those who have been leading NHA Kids over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. We thank you for their commitment to do this, and by doing so, in giving our regular leaders a refreshing break. Please may you bless our year ahead as we seek to disciple our younger ones, helping them to follow Jesus closely, and in a world that is certainly going in the opposite direction. And please also help us as parents to disciple our children at home, through what we teach them and by the examples we set for them. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for establishing Northern Hope Anglican (NHA) and how you have sustained us these past two years. We thank you that you are an expert on relationships and we therefore thank you for Jesus, who has reconciled our broken relationship with you. Thank you for your patience and how you sustain us in this fallen world. We obviously look forward to the new heaven and new earth that you will one day provide for your people, a day when we shall also see you face-to-face. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who cannot always attend church at NHA, because of their age and/or health. We pray for Dulcie, Stephen, Louise and Janette, as well as those who attend the monthly Infinite Care service. Please comfort them daily with your special presence and also comfort them through the visits of family and friends. And please help their love ones to best care for them. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer. Amen.**

Northern Hope Anglican Church

12 January 2025

Established 8 January 2023 (Peace Lutheran College, Sundays at 9am)

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

† **2 Years old:** Today we are celebrating turning two. Yes, NHA was 2 years-old last Wednesday. Thank you, Lord!

† **Southern Cross:** There are some November/December copies left. 2024 wasn't that long ago 😊. Please take a FREE copy. They are on the entrance table. It is a great Sunday read, detailing what God is doing in some of his churches.

† **Christmas Tracks:** There are still a few tracks left. If you haven't already, get your own FREE copy. They are on the entrance table.

† **Infinite Care service:** It is on this coming Wednesday (15.1.25) at 10am. If you would like to help out, please see Trev today.

† **Bible Reading:** 1 John 4:7-21, p1858 and Galatians 5:13-26, p1771.



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Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV2011) page 1771

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

MINISTRIES

- † **Women's Morning Coffee:** Mondays - 9.30am - see Janet Burcher.
- † **357 Prayer Ministry:** Tuesdays - 6.30-7.30am - see Howard Oates.
- † **Playgroup:** Starting back soon - see Lisa Prendeville.
- † **Infinite Care service:** Third Wednesday - 10am - see Craig Waters.
- † **Home Groups:** Various times and locations - see Stephen Bull.
- † **English Second Language:** Please pray and/or talk to Trev.
- † **Pastoral Care:** Please see Sue Sagers or Karen Beattie.

SERMON OUTLINE

Fruit of the Spirit: Love

† *The world's understanding of love - it is about feelings*

† *The major difference with God's love - he is about actions*

† *Love 'par excellence'*

† *The place of obedience in love*

† *The fruit of the Spirit is love*