

## PRAYERS

*They devoted themselves ... to prayer. (Acts 2:42)*

Our mighty God and heavenly Father, we praise you as the awesome Creator and source of everything that is true, fair, right and perfect. We praise you with joy because we are your children through Jesus' gracious gift to us. We thank you for your Spirit's blessing of our worship in 2024. We thank you for the generosity of your people who enabled many Christmas gifts to be given to children and carers of people in prison. We thank you that everything good we enjoy is a gift from you, and most of all for your constant work to clean up our lives. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you tell us to pray for all who have authority, so we pray for our Federal, State and Local Governments. May all in such authority grow to recognise their accountability to you above everything else. Give them wisdom to govern well and stand for what is right and true at all times. We also pray for justice to be administered fairly in legal systems, law enforcement and emergency services. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

You also tell us to pray for your church, in our society outgunned by the forces of the world, the flesh and the devil. We praise you that you are Lord and in control, far greater than any of these. Encourage all your people, no matter where we are, to faithfully live out and proclaim your truths. May all who confess Jesus as Lord, live to honour you. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We praise you that you are a God of all comfort, and that you care for all who are suffering. So we pray for people we know who are unwell or in distressing circumstances. We ask that you would bring people to be alongside to comfort and encourage them, and for your healing where needed. Most of all, we pray that each one will know that you are with them and will know that you care for them in ways that are real. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we praise you that you answer prayer and are at work to do good things for all those we have mentioned this morning. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

# Northern Hope Anglican Church

5 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*

- † **Welcome to NHA on this the first Sunday in 2025 AD:** Anno Domini (meaning: 'In the year of the Lord')!
- † **NHA Kids:** God willing, we have a children's program throughout the school holidays.
- † **Entrance Tables:** Please don't forget to take the time to look at the publications available on the entrance tables. There are some Christmas Tracks and Sothern Cross magazines. All FREE.
- † **357 Prayer Ministry:** Starts this coming Tuesday morning. Please join us. Details inside this bulletin.
- † **Honey:** Locally produced by one of our NHA families. Available today at the Morning Tea area. All proceeds support the Southern Cross Diocese.
- † **Bible Readings:** Mark 8:14-16, p1534 and Galatians 5:1-12, p1771.



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**Galatians 5:1-12** (NIV2011) page 1771

<sup>1</sup> *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

<sup>2</sup> *Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is required to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

<sup>7</sup> *You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. <sup>9</sup> 'A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.' <sup>10</sup> I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. <sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offence of the cross has been abolished. <sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!*



**357 Prayer Ministry**



Is a weekly opportunity to have time together practicing our duty and delight for an hour at 6.30 am, Tuesday mornings at Trev and Sue's place.

We have cards of pre-written prayers and a page of topic suggestions and Scriptures. For people who need to start work early, we are relaxed about people coming and going as they need to, or praying silently, or just listening to other's prayers. **Everyone is invited**, and if you would like a weekly email reminder, send your email address to:

[howard.oates@gmail.com](mailto:howard.oates@gmail.com)

**SERMON NOTES**

**Galatians 5:1-12**

**The cross, a little yeast, and a whole lot of Jesus**

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