

# "PRESSY PRATTLES"

MANILLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Prayer and News Sheet



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## WELCOME

We're so glad you're here!!

"To know Christ and to promote His Kingdom to our family, our friends, our community, and the world."

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## BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS

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**Prayer Chain:** Prayers are sent around the Prayer Chain by text message. To have something put on the Prayer Chain phone or text details to **Toni** on **0400554582**

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Notices for the Pressie Prattles to **Toni** by 6pm Friday please.

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# NOTICES

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Mar. 31st, after Church. Could the co-ordinators/secretaries of Church bodies please email their annual reports to Jim Brown at: [jjbrown@aapt.net.au](mailto:jjbrown@aapt.net.au) by Mar. 24th.

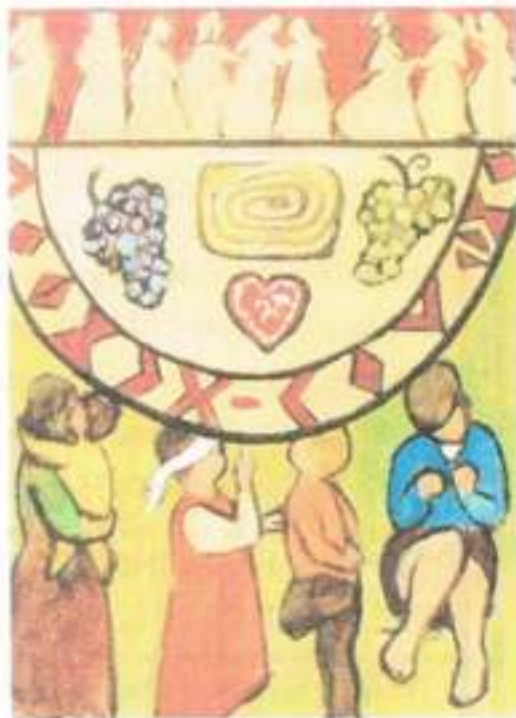
**Please note:** Nominations for the membership of Church Committees will need to be presented for election at this Congregational Meeting.



## SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Baptism &  
Reception for new  
members - March 10th.  
More details to follow

Praise  
night at Chris'  
March 16th.  
More details  
to follow.

Manallae  
Lodge Service will be  
on the 2nd Friday of  
every month.

Date MARCH 1-3-19 (FRIDAY)  
Time 7.30 P.M.  
Place ANGELICAN CHURCH

# WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTER<sup>3.</sup>

## **Preaching;**

Today - Andy Williamson  
24-2-19 - Andy Williamson

## **Welcoming;**

Today - The Dekkers  
24-2-19 - Mandy & Emily

## **Kids Talk;**

Today - Gavin Heywood  
24-2-19 - Margaret Dekkers

## **Overheads;**

Today - Barry JVR  
24-2-19 - Bryn Heywood

## **Morning Tea;**

Today - Coote/Phillips  
24-2-19 - Faulks/Dekkers

## **Support Singer;**

Today - Lyn Haack  
24-2-19 - James Spears

## **Collection Counting**

Today - James/Jim Brown  
24-1-19 - James/Ian Sinclair

## **Worship Leader;**

Today - Erik Dekkers  
24-2-19 - Jim Brown

## **Prayers;**

Today - Gae Faulks  
24-2-19 - Erik Dekkers

## **Kids Collection;**

Today - Emily/Aiden  
24-2-19 - Barry/Emily

## **Bible Reading;**

Today - Jacob Faulks  
24-2-19 - Ros Waller

## **Lead Singer;**

Today - Margaret Dekkers  
24-2-19 - Lyn Haack

## **Cleaning;**

Today - Jane Chegwyn  
24-2-19 - Shirley Phillips

## **Mowing;**

Feb - Ian Sinclair  
Mar - Stuart Faulks

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# PRAYER PAGE

This Week Pray for these Church Families



**Will & Luzelle Janse van  
Rensberg, Barry & Leon**



**Dorothy Spears**

Continue to pray for -

- \* **RAIN!**
- \* **Darrell Mole and SRE in  
the High School**
- \* **Scripture in the Primary  
School**



## BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

- 2nd - Maddie Heywood (2002)
- 4th - Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906)
- 13th - R.C. Sproul (1939)
- 21st - Steph Heywood (1975)
- 22nd - Michelle Huang (1991)
- 25th - David Pawson (1930)
- 26th - Hannah Pollard (1978)
- 26th - Johnny Cash (1932)



When you ask God to strengthen your prayer life so he wakes you up at 3 in the morning to pray



When you thought the Ark was leaving at 11:00 but it actually left at 10:30

[MemeHistory](#)



## The Empty Chair

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed.



The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No, who are you?" said the father. "I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day, about four years ago, my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus.

Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then, just speak to Him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

So, I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked. "Yes, when I left the house about two o' clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

# Zacchæus Bible Quiz

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**1. What was Zacchæus' office?**

*(Luke 19: 2)*

- Chief among the publicans
- Leader of the pharisees
- High priest
- Head of the scribes

**2. Why couldn't Zacchæus see Jesus?**

*(Luke 19:3)*

- Jesus was too far away
- Zacchæus hurt his leg and could not stand
- Zacchæus was too short to see past the crowd
- Zacchæus was blind from birth

**3. How did Zacchæus become able to see Jesus?**

*(Luke 19:4)*

- He pushed his way closer to Jesus
- He was healed by Simon Peter
- He climbed a tree
- He sat on the rooftops



**4. What did Jesus want from Zacchæus?**

*(Luke 19:5)*

- For Zacchæus to give of all his money to the building of the gospel
- For Zacchæus to move to Jerusalem
- For Zacchæus to wash Jesus' feet
- For Zacchæus to receive Jesus into his house

**5. How did the crowd react to Jesus' request of Zacchæus?**

*(Luke 19:7)*

- They murmured because Zacchæus was a sinner
- They went their ways to leave the two alone
- They were happy for Zacchæus because they loved him
- They questioned Jesus' authority to demand such a request

**6. What did Jesus tell Zacchæus was the reason for the coming of the Son of Man?**

*(Luke 19:10)*

- To heal the sick
- To lift the fallen
- To save the lost
- To clothe the naked

**7. What parable did Jesus give after speaking with Zacchæus?**

*(Luke 19:12)*

- The parable of the pounds
- The parable of the prodigal son
- The parable of the ten virgins
- The parable of the good samaritan

**8. How did Zacchæus react when Jesus asked him to approach Him?**

*(Luke 19:6)*

- Zacchæus came slowly and shyly
- Zacchæus ran away in fear
- Zacchæus could not move
- Zacchæus came quickly and joyfully

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## WHO I AM IN CHRIST

### I Am Accepted in Christ

JOHN 1:12	I am God's child
JOHN 15:15	I am Christ's friend
ROMANS 5:1	I have been justified
I CORINTHIANS 6:17	I am united with the Lord and one with Him in Spirit
I CORINTHIANS 6:20	I have been bought with a price, I belong to God
I CORINTHIANS 12:27	I am a member of Christ's Body
EPHESIANS 1:1	I am a saint
EPHESIANS 1:5	I have been adopted as God's child
EPHESIANS 2:18	I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
COLOSSIANS 1:14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
COLOSSIANS 2:10	I am complete in Christ

### I Am Secure in Christ

ROMANS 8:1 & 2	I am free forever from condemnation
ROMANS 8:28	I am assured that all things work together for good
ROMANS 8:33 & 34	I am free from any condemning charges against me
ROMANS 8:35	I cannot be separated from the Love of God
II CORINTHIANS 1:21	I have been established, anointed and sealed by God
COLOSSIANS 3:3	I am hidden with Christ in God
PHILIPPIANS 1:6	I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected
PHILIPPIANS 3:20	I am a citizen of Heaven
II TIMOTHY 1:7	I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind
HEBREWS 4:16	I can find Grace and Mercy in time of need
I JOHN 5:18	I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me

### I Am Significant in Christ

MATTHEW 5:13 & 14	I am the salt and light of the earth
JOHN 15:1 & 5	I am a branch of the True Vine, a channel of His life
JOHN 15:16	I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit
ACTS 1:8	I am a personal witness of Christ's
I CORINTHIANS 3:16	I am God's Temple
II CORINTHIANS 5:17-20	I am a minister of reconciliation
II CORINTHIANS 6:1	I am God's co-worker
EPHESIANS 2:6	I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm
EPHESIANS 2:10	I am God's workmanship
EPHESIANS 3:12	I may approach God with freedom and confidence
PHILIPPIANS 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me



## Thank an MP for SRE

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"Thank an MP for SRE" is a campaign in the lead-up to the State Election in March. The promotional video from Generate has been shown in church today. Generate want to give supporters of SRE a straightforward and consistent message that will enhance the standing of SRE with the major political parties.

- Imagine the impact of all the people who view the video thanking their candidates for the privilege of SRE.
- Imagine the impact of people saying 'thank you' at a time where such civility and manners seem almost quaint.
- This will help secure SRE in the minds of our political leaders for the next generation.

Thank you in anticipation for your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact **James Flavin**, **General Manager, Generate** at [gmg@generate.org.au](mailto:gmg@generate.org.au)

thanks

**Shirley Phillips**

Secretary

*Manilla Christian Education Committee*

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Thank  
an MP  
for SRE

Pray for

- Our Leaders
- Our Public Schools

Thank God for

- NSW
- SRE

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# TIME IN GOD'S WORD

## This Week's Bible Unpacking.

Read **Colossians 3:1-4**.

Describe your position in Christ. [v 1, 3] \_\_\_\_\_

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What should be the focus of your life? [v 2] \_\_\_\_\_

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When ultimately will God vindicate your faith in Christ? [v 4]

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What must you do to be exalted by God? (See James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6) \_\_\_\_\_

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### The Bible In A Year:

Day 134. Job 40-42, Ps 134

Day 135. Proverbs 1-3, Ps 135

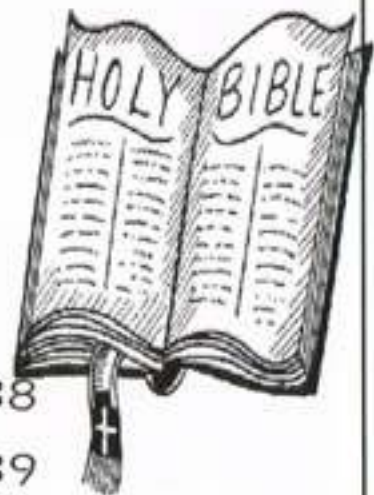
Day 137. Proverbs 4-6, Ps 136

Day 130. Proverbs 7-9, Ps 137

Day 138. Proverbs 10-12, Ps 138

Day 139. Proverbs 13-15, Ps 139

Day 140. Proverbs 16-18, Ps 140



## The Life of Daniel Pt1 Answers...

1. **Where did Daniel come from?**  
(Daniel 1:1-7)  
 Jerusalem.
2. **Why did Daniel do better in studying than the other youths?**  
(Daniel 1:8-17)  
 He was eating the Israelite diet.
3. **Why was the king going to kill Daniel and the other wise men?**  
(Daniel 2:2-13)  
 Because the wise men weren't able to show the king's dream.
4. **When God showed Daniel the dream, and he told the king, what did the king do?**  
(Daniel 2:45-49)  
 The king made him ruler over Babylon.
5. **What did the king set up on the plain of Dura?**  
(Daniel 3:1-7)  
 A large, golden image of a man.
6. **Where was Daniel when the herald told the people to bow to the image?**  
(Daniel 3-4)  
 He was not there.
7. **When the king was prideful of himself, what did God do to him?**  
(Daniel 4:30-33)  
 Made him eat grass as a beast, and lose control of his mind.

**NOTE: Answers posted last week were too small to see, so here they are again!**



## The Life of Daniel Pt2 Answers...

1. **When the king made a feast, why was God angry?**  
(Daniel 5:1-3)  
 He was drunk from the gold from the temple
2. **What did God send to judge the king?**  
(Daniel 5:5-6)  
 A hand, writing on the wall
3. **Because of the king's sin, which king took over?**  
(Daniel 5:30-31)  
 King Darius
4. **Which law did the governors ask the king to make?**  
(Daniel 6:7-8)  
 That only the king be worshiped for a time
5. **What happened when Daniel disobeyed?**  
(Daniel 6:11-15)  
 The governors saw him, and told the king
6. **What did God send to protect Daniel while in the lion's den?**  
(Daniel 6:21-24)  
 An angel, to shut their mouths
7. **What did the king do to the governors?**  
(Daniel 6:24-27)  
 Put them and their families in the lion's den



