

ANGLICAN CHURCH *of* NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA

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PRAYER NOTES: JUNE-JULY 2009

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Psalm 146:1*

THANKING GOD FOR:

- The safe arrival in Wickham of the BCA supported **Goscombe family** on April 27 with Richard's Induction in Karratha on May 13.
- The safe arrival on April 23 of baby **Harry Emerson Sutherland**, a fifth child for Bec and Cameron serving in the Bluff Point Parish.
- The commencement of ministry of BCA co-workers **Glendon and Cathy McKay** in Kununurra.
- **The Bush Church Aid Society** as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary of serving in remote Australia, with about 60 years in our Diocese.
- All of our Parishes which have a stipend have Ministers. Our only need at present is for an Honorary couple to move to **Mullewa** (100km East of Geraldton) to serve the small Church community and reach out to the significant Aboriginal population.
- The month-long ministry in several Parishes during May of **Donald and Nan Howard**.
- The generous gift of three months as locum of **Gerald and Jan Beckett** in Northampton from April to July.
- The appointment of the **Rev Donald (& Elaine) Gowing** who will join the staff team of Dongara-Mingenew as the resident honorary minister in Mingeneew for an initial period of one year.

ASKING GOD FOR:

- For further gifts to the "**Bill Warburton Memorial Fund**" for the training of Ministers for our Diocese.
- For further reduction of the \$200,000 loan on the purchase of the **Exmouth land**.
- **David and Maureen** travelling around the Pilbara, due home June 7.
- The celebrations in Denham (Shark Bay) for the **55th Anniversary** of the unique shell block Church building on June 7.
- The Annual **Karratha Women's Conference** June 19-20.
- The annual **Diocesan Youth Camp** in Kalbarri July 6-11 and David Hilton the organizer and Frank Nicol (ex-Kununurra and currently at Trinity College, Perth) the speaker.
- The sale of the **Wyndham Rectory** to provide the funds for the building of another house on our Kununurra site.
- Planning for the **Diocesan Centenary celebrations in 2010**.
- A relaxing and well earned Long Service Leave for our hard working Registrar, **Wayne (and Gladys) Sutton**.
- **Naomi and Matthew Johnson** waiting for the birth of their fourth child in June and **Rachael and Matt Brain** waiting for the birth of twins in September.
- The "**Christ-for-campers**" programme running in many Caravan Parks in the North and Mike & Joan Maude and their team of volunteers.

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A Letter from the Bishop

Dear praying friends of our Diocese,

The world financial crisis is affecting us all isn't it! Many Dioceses are struggling and making cost-cutting action with reduction of staff: Perth, Melbourne and Sydney Dioceses have all been affected. Some of you have been asking how we're coping. I can answer in this way:

- *The Sydney Diocese has generously just sent \$105,000 which they agreed to last year. They have warned us that things could change next year.*
- *The grant from the Hale Trust of the Perth Diocese which is a Provincial grant comes later in the year. We don't know yet what affect the crisis will have on that allocation.*
- *The support from BCA is unaltered for this year and we thank God for that. Naturally, BCA needs their members to keep giving as they can.*
- *Our annual dispersement of \$50,000+ from the Perth-based Anglican Community Fund did not come in 2008 nor will it come for 2009.*
- *The income from various funds such as our "See Fund" have naturally dropped significantly.*
- *Some Parishes will struggle more than usual.*
- *Gifts from some Churches and individuals have slowed considerably.*

God knows our needs and we will continue to trust Him in this challenging time. The only significant cost-cutting which we could put into place would be the removal of the Bishop and he doesn't want to leave!! May God help you as you cope with the financial crisis.

Sincerely in Christ,

David Mulready