

# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of* NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA



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## PRAYER NOTES: OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2008

*To those who have received a faith as **precious** as ours through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:1

### THANKING GOD FOR

- The Global Anglican Future Conference in Jerusalem June 22-29 and the positive outcomes for the Anglican Communion world-wide.
- The fine ministry of Dean Jeremy Rice as Vicar-General during the Bishop's three month absence May-August.
- The appointment of the Rev Lachlan (& Bec) Edwards to the Parish of Exmouth from January 2009 and the generous support which is coming for them.
- The appointment of the Rev Philip (& Kathy) Knife as the new Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers' in Geraldton from October and the seven year ministry of the previous Chaplain, the Rev Colin Jagger (& Betty).
- The commencement of urgent repair work to the Geraldton Seafarers' buildings.
- The completion of the new Sunday School hall in Kununurra to cater for the large increase in the size of the Congregation.
- The recent mission to Karratha of the team from the Springwood/Winmalee Parish under the leadership of their Senior Minister Graham Crew.
- The short life of baby Aidan Webster from a wonderfully supportive family in Bathurst, NSW.
- Three recent offers from locums for 2009.

### ASKING GOD FOR

- Clergy Conference in Geraldton October 8-10 with guest Bible Study leader and speaker the Rev Gary Nelson, Director of External Studies at Moore College.
- Synod in Geraldton October 10-11.
- Our Bishop sharing in the Missionary hour at the Sydney Synod October 20.
- The Rev Tim Mildenhall (& Kathy) in Broome as the Parish learns to cope with one full time Minister in 2009 with the departure of the Edwards for Exmouth.
- The provision of a minister for the Wickham Parish to be supported by BCA.
- The provision of a full-time honorary Minister for Northampton from April 2009.
- The healing of relationships with those who disapprove of our Bishop's non-attendance at Lambeth and his concerns about the consecration of women Bishops.

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You've heard of 'where's Wally'? Well here's a new twist: 'Where are David & Maureen with Lachlan & Bec Edwards on the Mount of Olives in this GAFCON photo?'

## *A Letter from the Bishop*

*Dear praying friends of our Diocese,*

*Many thanks for your prayers for Maureen and me while we were overseas for GAFCON and Long Service leave. Thanks too for your prayers for our Dean Jeremy who lead the Diocese in a superb manner during my absence. We returned fresh, stimulated and encouraged on August 12. Long Service leave is a terrific provision unknown in the USA and the UK.*

*I have received wide-spread support for my agonising decision to attend GAFCON and not to attend Lambeth as well as to express our concern about the Consecration of Women Bishops. However, some relationships have been a little strained as a result of those decisions, with a few Parishioners around Geraldton, a couple of supporters from outside the Diocese and a few Australian Bishops. I would value your prayers about this.*

*For me, it's great to belong to the Anglican Church, particularly in the Diocese of North West Australia where we seek to live under the authority of the Bible as the Word of God and proclaim that Salvation is found in no other name than the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Despite the chaos in the Anglican Communion caused by those who want to re-write the Bible and proclaim other ways of knowing God, there's a bright future for those who will stick to the truth. We need to pray for the Anglican Communion and its leaders. We need to encourage those who are departing from God's truth to come back under God's rule.*

*I'm finding the Second letter of Peter particularly encouraging in this regard. The original readers of this letter were in danger of being confused by false teachers. With God's inspiration, Peter writes to teach the church how to deal with false teachers. I commend it to you. Keep praying!!*

*Sincerely,*

**David Mulready**