

ANGLICAN CHURCH *of* NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA



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PRAYER NOTES: APRIL-MAY 2008

“Therefore my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

THANKING GOD

- ◆ The provision of locums: Northampton: George and Judy Thomas (January-March) followed by Laurie and Sylvia Skilton (April-September) then Philip and Kathy Knife (October-March); Exmouth: John and Clare Dowe (March-June), Geoff and Marylynn Kyngdon (August-October); Karratha: Ron & Narelle Leven(May-July) (while the Gaultons take LSL).
- ◆ The ministry in the Murchison Parish and more widely in the Diocese from 2004-2008 of Archdeacon Bill and Jackie France as they conclude their ministry with us in early May and return to Sydney.
- ◆ The wonderful partnership of BCA for fifty years in the Murchison Parish in the support of ministry couples. BCA and the Diocese have jointly decided that sadly, this ministry will cease as Bill and Jackie leave.
- ◆ The decision by BCA to support a ministry couple to re-commence a Church-planting ministry in Wickham from later this year.
- ◆ The opportunity for David and Maureen, with Lachlan and Bec Edwards, to attend GAFCON in Jerusalem from June 22-29.
- ◆ The Northampton Centenary celebrations over the weekend February 16-17.
- ◆ The good improvement in the health of Natalie Watson, our co-worker (with Jim) in Kununurra.
- ◆ The decision by Frank and Jo Nicol in Kununurra for Frank to work part-time this year to enable him to be a student Minister with Ron Johnson and Joel Armstrong in Newman to do the same thing with Matt Johnston.

ASKING GOD

- ◆ Provision of full time Ministers for Exmouth and Wickham.
- ◆ GAFCON and Lambeth in June and July/August this year.
- ◆ Dean Jeremy Rice as he fills the Bishop's role while David and Maureen are on LSL (and attending GAFCON) between May 17-August 12.
- ◆ Pilbara Men's convention in Parraburdoon April 12-13.
- ◆ Karratha Women's convention May 2-4.

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A Letter from the Bishop

Dear praying friends of the Diocese,

Partnership in the ministry in this Diocese is extremely important. Your part is important and as 1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us, 'your labour in the Lord is not in vain'. Thanks for praying!

Apart from the partnership within our Diocese of Ministers and keen Lay people, there are lots of Churches and individuals from outside the Diocese who are partners with us in making Christ known. They do this through prayer, supporting us financially and some in coming for short or longer periods of time. Then there's MU, the National Home Mission Fund, the Sydney Diocese and our own Province. All good partners.

The Bush Church Aid Society is an Australian-wide family of many thousands of pray-ers and givers who have been partners with us for fifty years! What an outstanding partner BCA is!

One of the seven Parishes in which BCA supports a ministry couple in our Diocese is the Parish of the Murchison, including the centres of Magnet, Meekatharra, Yalgoo, Cue and Sandstone, and the Pastoral Stations in the district. Bill and Jackie France will leave the Parish in early May and will not be replaced. BCA and the Diocese have jointly made the decision that it is time for us to withdraw and leave the area to the Presbyterian and the Uniting Patrol ministries. This decision gives us no joy at all. However, the population is steadily decreasing and the local gold mines have closed.

BCA has generously agreed to fund a ministry couple in a Church planting ministry based on Wickham and are even now looking for the right couple to take up this vital role. Your prayers for the people of the Murchison and the Wickham Parish are greatly appreciated. Please pray that God will raise up the right couple to come to Wickham.

May the Lord encourage you as you serve Him as a prayer partner.

*Yours Sincerely in Christ,
David Mulready*

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