



the  
*Gateway  
Family*

# Bulletin

4 April 2010

**Our Vision: to show and tell the Gateway to Life ... Jesus**



**Welcome.** It's wonderful that you could join us today on this special Easter Sunday. If you are new, we would love you to fill in your details on the yellow care card that you received when you walked in the door and place it in the offering bag or the letter box in the foyer so that we can introduce ourselves to you. Please join us for a cuppa in the back hall after the service.

## AN UPDATE FROM PASTOR ROBIN TURNER

I had my surgery on Monday 29 March and have made it through. There was malignant cancer found in the biliary tree (common bile duct) which was the cause of my initial symptoms due to constriction of the duct by the cancer. It was an extensive surgery which involved various organs.

At this stage I am still awaiting the results that will allow them to know the exact geographical location and margins of the cancer. There has been one lymph node biopsy done which was benign, but that was only one in very many that need to be examined. The results are not expected for a few weeks.

I praise God for the great sense of support I have received from the prayers of everyone, and through the Spirit of God there has been a very real sense of peace.

Please continue to pray for complete healing without any complications, and that the wounds both internal and external will knit together completely. I am not quite out of the woods yet, and the chance of pneumonia is a very real danger following this surgery, so please pray that I will be protected from that.

Pray that Julia and I will continue to have emotional and spiritual strength as we take things day by day. Please pray for our children, who are very concerned and anxious. Without trust in Christ some lack the assurance and peace of a relationship with Jesus.

I am very weak and need all the rest I can get to relax and heal so I would appreciate no visitors at this time. I am so grateful for all your prayers and caring thoughts. I will be in contact again soon.

## TRADE ANGELS TO COMPLETE HOME

Did you read the story in the Examiner this week on page 19 about the work that MMM has done on Robin's house?

## CHURCH INFORMATION

[www.gatewayfamily.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamily.org.au)

### Church Office

T 4982 5022

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### Prayer Requests

Helen Almond T 4982 2409

Jenni Reddel T 4984 1553

### Church Calendar

<http://www.gatewayfamily.org.au/calendar>

### On-Line Shop

[www.gatewayfamily.ichristian.com.au](http://www.gatewayfamily.ichristian.com.au)

### Bank Details

Direct deposit offering

Bank Westpac Name Gateway

Family Presbyterian Church

BSB: 032533 Acc No: 173242

**Combine Churches Easter Sunday Service  
tonight 6pm at Tomaree High School hall**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday: 9:30am Family Service**

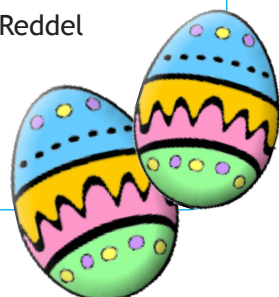
**Home Groups: Meet throughout the week, see Colin Reddel**

**Tuesday: 9:30am Prayer Warriors meet in the church office – all welcome**

**2nd Wednesday of each month: 10am Open Doors Prayer group at Pam's home, Shoal Bay**

**Friday: 7pm Youth Group. Meet here at the church for a great night. Ages 12+**

**1st Saturday of each month: Anna Bay Markets meet here from 8am - 1:30pm**



# Prayer

*"Be joyful always; pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances"*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Prayer Focus this week

1. Give thanks for the widespread prayer and spiritual support for Robin and Julia. Continue to pray for their emotional and spiritual strength and that of their family. Pray for the healing process to continue without the complication of infection.
2. We have so much to thank God for in the world around us. Let's thank Him for the extensive rainfall across the country and for the benefits beginning to be felt throughout the inland river systems. Let's thank Him for the many people in Haiti who have turned to God following a national declaration of 3 days of prayer and fasting one month after the earthquake. (Thanksgiving for Robin's surgery and house project will be covered in a separate time of prayer.)
3. Give thanks for the journey God has taken the Gateway family on during this first term of 2010, in our Sunday services, in small groups and in supporting Robin and Julia. Pray that the holiday period ahead will be safe and refreshing not only for our own friends and family but also for visitors coming into the area.
4. Pray for those taking responsibility for pastoral care ministry (including small group facilitators), that during Robin's absence, the church family will continue growing in faith and have a sense of steadfastness and belonging together through their service.

## VOLUNTEERS

	4 April	11 April
<b>Welcomers</b>	Sandra Ferguson Greg Watson	Eleanor Ward Gus Sinclair
<b>Offering</b>	David Irwin Leila Johnston Stephanie Hateley	Marion O'Donnell Bruce Cocking Bill Simm
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Geoff Grugean	Sue Scott
<b>Prayer</b>	Wayne Herbertson	Colin Reddel
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Colin Reddel	Andy Batchelor
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Ron vanVuuren	Jonathan Abel
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Marjorie vanVuuren Ted Foster	Sandra Ferguson Janet Goldsworthy

If you can't make your rostered day please try to swap with someone on the same job and email [office@gatewayfamily.org.au](mailto:office@gatewayfamily.org.au) Thank you.

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent prayer request please call:

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E [col.reddel@optusnet.com.au](mailto:col.reddel@optusnet.com.au)

Available 24/7. All prayer requests are confidential.

Please take time each week to pray for members of our church family.

This week please pray for:

John and Janet **Goldsworthy**

Joan **Bradford**, Ted **Foster**

Malcolm and Sharon **Bradley**

**KIDS CHURCH** is in recess over the holidays but creche will continue. Children are more than welcome to join us in the service

## MISSIONARIES



Sam, Julie, Thomas,  
James & Maggie VIDLER  
China - [www.julesam.com](http://www.julesam.com)



Daniel & Tammy PRIEST  
Papua New Guinea  
[www.priestfamily.info/](http://www.priestfamily.info/)

Paul VAN VUUREN  
Australia, Covenant Players

## TRIVIA NIGHT OF FUN!

A **Trivia Night** will be hosted by Joan Bradford, who is going to China to support Sam & Julie Vidler's work with children, here at Gateway Church on **Friday 23 April with a prompt 7pm start**. You can register from 6.30pm. You can pre-book a table or you will be allocated a table on the night. **PRIZES** and **FUN GAMES** as well. Nibblies and light supper provided with minimum gold coin donation.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Helen Almond on 4982 2409 or email [joan.bradford7@yahoo.com.au](mailto:joan.bradford7@yahoo.com.au)