



the
**Gateway
Family**

Bulletin

18 April 2010

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

Welcome. It's wonderful that you could join us today. 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.

UPDATE ON PASTOR ROBIN TURNER

Robin was discharged on Monday evening and arrived home safely. He has really picked up over the last few days energy wise, but coming home has depleted his reserves a little, but he is very relieved to be home after 3 long weeks in hospital.

The cancer was fully contained within the tissue they removed and after discussion with his Dr's, it was decided that chemotherapy would not be needed as the cancer cells were all localised and isolated. Another wonderful result.

The full recovery will take around 10 weeks from surgery which means, at least 7 to go, and is likely to be longer. As I'm sure those of us who have had major surgery understand, it can take quite a time to get back on your feet and into full working order.

He is happy to have visitors but please, please ring before hand as he has a community nurse coming to attend to his one remaining drain tube, Dr's appointments in Newcastle and various other commitments to his recovery, not to mention needing his rest. He is still on oral pain medication which although is so much better than the morphine, still causes some drowsiness.

Julia is doing well, but if you feel you would like to contribute a meal it **MUST** be vegan. This means no meat/chicken or animal products such as eggs, dairy (incl butter), honey or animal fats. This is a dietary path that is essential to Robin's full recovery, so you might want to research it a little before cooking.

Finally, he wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to all the people who have sent cards, flowers, encouraging words and prayer. He can't respond individually, but wants you all to know how much it has meant to him and passes on his sincerest appreciation to all.

Robin and his family, of course, continue to pray and trust in God for the rest of his recovery, as I'm sure we all do.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Bank Details

Direct deposit offering

Bank Westpac Name Gateway Family Presbyterian Church
BSB: 032533 Acc No: 173242

If you would like to place a notice or contribute to this bulletin please email:
office@gatewayfamily.org.au

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

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

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." Psalm 25:1

Prayer Focus this week

1. Pray for the Gateway Small Groups as they commence a series of studies in Ruth and pray that those not currently in a group will be encouraged to join in.
2. Continue to pray for Robin's recuperation at home. Give thanks for his good progress so far and pray that he will gain physical and emotional healing as his strength returns.
3. Pray for stability in the Government of Somalia following a terrorist attack in a major university in which 3 members of the Government were killed. Pray that officials at all levels will be guided by Biblical principles and that God's kingdom will grow throughout the country.

VOLUNTEERS

	18 April	25 April
Welcomers	Laurie Almond Helen Almond	John Sutton Michelle Sutton
Offering	Pam Vandergriend Ted Searls Geoff Grugean	David Irwin Leila Johnston Stephanie Hateley
Bible Reading	Joan Bradford	Michelle Abel
Prayer	Ewen Williamson	Geoff Grugean
PowerPoint	Michael Abel	Colin Reddel
Sound Desk	John Pobie	Sam Cocking
Morning Tea	Suzanne Miles Michelle Sutton	Angela Pobie Judy Stein

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

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent prayer request please call:
Helen Almond T 4982 2409
Jenni Reddel T 4984 1553
E col.reddel@optusnet.com.au
Available 24/7. All prayer requests are confidential.

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

This week please pray for:

Colin and Jenni Reddel

Ted, Fiona, Daniel, Brendan and Angela Searls

John and Jenny Shaw

KIDS CHURCH is in recess over the holidays and will resume next week. Creche continues through the holidays.

MISSIONARIES



Sam, Julie, Thomas, James & Maggie VIDLER
China - www.julesam.com



Daniel & Tammy PRIEST
Papua New Guinea
www.priestfamily.info/

Paul VAN VUUREN
Australia, Covenant Players

LADIES COFFEE MORNING - Friday 23 April

The next coffee morning, with Julia Turner, will be at Smarty Plants Nursery, Anna Bay, Nelson Bay Road at 10.30am. All welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT OF FUN - Friday 23 April

You can register from 6.30pm or pre-book a table with a prompt 7pm start. Nibbles & 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

GUY'S CAMPING RETREAT - Fri 7 to Sat 8 May

A guys camping weekend away to Chichester Dam is being organised. Speak to Ewen Williamson or Ted Searls for more info.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Sat 22 May

Calling all men to join us for Prayer and Breakfast bright and early on Saturday 22 May at 7am. Further details to follow. Contact Ted Searls if you would like to help or contribute to this event.