

**"May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners!" Psalm 20:5**

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“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment” Philippians 1:9

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### From the Editor



Wilhelmus à Brakel, reflecting on the attributes of God in ‘The Christian’s Reasonable Service,’ writes, “The soul, viewing the infallible truth and faithfulness of God, refuses to rely upon human promises. They neither can cause him to rejoice nor can human threatenings terrify him, for he is aware of human mutability. However, He knows the Lord to be a God of truth who keepeth truth forever. He knows the promises and believes them, being so convinced of their certainty as if they were already fulfilled. He therefore rests in them and has a joyful hope in them.”

Every day we are reminded of the truth of human fallibility and mutability. What one day is accepted wisdom, the next day becomes oppressive hate-speech. Ideology becomes settled science, common sense becomes heresy. Experts boldly tell us what we must do one day, and then say the opposite the next.

Thanks be to God that his promises never fail, and his truth does not change with the passing fashions. We imagine we can change reality according to our whims. He is the God who has set the earth on its foundations according to His infinite power and eternal wisdom.

Who would you rather put your hope in?

Jim Klazinga

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## Matthew Henry’s “A Way to Pray”

Recommended by Rev. George Ball

310 years ago, in 1710, Matthew Henry (1662 - 1714) published ‘A Method for Prayer, with Scriptural Expressions Proper to be Used under Each Head’. Not a very snappy title, but a very informative one. In it, he provides an outline for prayer: Praise, Confession, Petition, Thanksgiving, Intercession, Prayers for Particular Occasions, Concluding our Prayers, and The Lord’s Prayer Expanded.



What is unique about this book is that it is packed with God’s own words shaped in the form of prayers. The Scriptures just oozed out of him. Such prayer is what the old Puritans called ‘pleading the promises’. The Lord exhorts the watchmen of the city to, ‘give Him no rest day or night - never be silent - put the Lord in remembrance - until He establishes Jerusalem’. (Isa. 62: 6) This is what Henry did. He stormed the city gates with the battering ram of God’s promises. He used the chequebook of faith as he presented the promises of God to Him.

This book is obviously helpful to those of us who are called upon to lead the church in public prayer. But its usefulness should not be restricted to ministers. Prayer is something we all struggle with. Matthew Henry’s prayers should provide all of us who have a desire to pray more faithfully to pray with Biblical proportion and variety. It will

move us from our inherent self-centred prayers to a more Biblical, God-centred way of praying. It will remind us just how much there is to pray about each day.

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There are a number of editions available, but the Banner of Truth edition published in 2010 is especially attractive and user-friendly, thanks to the fact that it has been fully revised, edited and modernised by O. Palmer Robertson. It contains a very useful subject index at the back. Robertson says, ‘Make this book your constant life-companion. By continuing to shape your prayers in conformity with God’s own words, you will find few disappointments in your fellowship with your Heavenly

Father. For He is more ready to give than you are to ask, if only your heart continues to conform to His’.

P.S. If you would like to learn more about the life of Matthew Henry, see ‘Matthew Henry: His Life and Influence’ by Allan Harman, published by Christian Focus 2012.

The following is an excerpt from the preface that accompanied the initial publication of ‘A Method for Prayer’:

“And it is requisite to the decent performance of the duty, that some proper method be observed, not only that what is said be good, but that it be said in its proper place and time; and that we offer not anything to the glorious Majesty of heaven and earth, which is confused, impertinent, and undigested. Care must be taken, than more than ever,

that we be not rash with our mouth, nor hasty to utter anything before God; that we say not what comes uppermost, nor use such repetitions as evidence not the fervency, but the barrenness and slightness of our spirits; but that the matters we are dealing with God about being of such vast importance, we observe a decorum in our words, that they be well chosen, well weighed, and well placed.”

**Matthew Henry** (1662-1714) was an English pastor and author, best known for his ‘Commentary on the Whole Bible’.

## “I Love Indigenous Australian”

Young Lee

*Young and Eunice Lee are members of the Manning PCEA in Taree. The following is Young’s testimony as to how the Lord led them from Korea to Australia, and then to Taree.*



I was the only son born in a fourth-generation house believe in Jesus and I grew up under strict Christian rules. I never imagined going somewhere else on Sundays apart from church when I grow up. My father studied Theology to be a pastor but couldn’t finish his dream due to several circumstances. So all the expectations from the house came down for me to be a pastor to achieve my father’s unrealized dream. But it was a heavy burden and I hate it. Then it made me try hard to not be a pastor in my younger days. Even I majored in Civil Engineering in university. Because I didn’t have to go to church on Sundays on the excuse of go to a construction site.

I joined the Korea Air Force after 1st year in uni and I was assigned to Baek-Ryung Island, the northernmost tip of the Western Sea. I was so lonely and worn out then the faith and God’s calling started to trouble me. I discharged, graduated uni and got a job, but there was not much joy in me. Rather, the calling of the Lord was getting a huge burden. So I decided to be a pastor through praying sincerely. I thought it’s the only way God wants for me. I entered a theological seminary and

it slowly opened my eyes to the calling.

And one day, I had the experience that I never forget in my life. It was the time I was a student pastor at the church I grew up in. One day, I was on my own praying after early Morning Prayer meeting, I heard a footstep coming towards me. I thought senior pastor came back who left earlier. The footstep stopped by me and I opened my eyes to see if he’s got something to say but I didn’t see anyone there. I thought I misheard and continued to pray. Then awhile later I heard the same footstep and it stopped by me again. I didn’t see anyone for the second time. On third time, I remembered when God called young Samuel. So I didn’t open my eyes but knelt down and prayed like Samuel. “Lord, speak, for your servant is listening.” Then there was a voice in my mind. “I love Indigenous Australian.” I certainly realize that it was from God. But I didn’t even know there are Aborigines in Australia yet. I prayed and asked why He showed me His love for Indigenous Australian.

I started to read books about Indigenous Australian and hang up

the flag of Australia as big as nearly covers one side of my study then my wife and I started to pray for them. I would’ve hung up Australian Aboriginal flag too if I knew about it then.

After a few years later I finished a master course in

Theology and went to Global Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church in Korean (GMS in short) to be a missionary for Indigenous Australian. But I was rejected because I am too old to enter the program. You should be 35 or under and I was 39. So my wife and I had to turn back. A year later we got on a plane to Sydney with two kids after prayer. We sold the apartment we lived in Korea and came to Sydney with two big luggage and 3 months travel visa.

But God already had prepared everything for us. We came to be a missionary for Indigenous Australian with no training and God, instead of sending us straight to the mission field, opened a church at Blacktown called ‘Sydney Han-Min Presbyterian Church’. Through the church we could get involved in missionary work for Indigenous Australian. God poured his grace on the church so it grew big enough for 13 years to support missionaries in 14 different places in the world including missionary work for Indigenous Australian.

After about 10 years of my ministry in the church, God said it’s time to leave the church and go to mission field as planned

## Getting to Know Each Other

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you” Philippians 1:3

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before. I was so passionate when I had the vision for Indigenous Australian in Korea but I was hesitating to leave the church and move on to the next stage. There is an old saying, “Danger past, God forgotten.” To be honest with you, I was afraid to let go of 10 years comfortable life in Sydney. Then I gave God an excuse after another excuse about Church, my kids, my age and so on and so forth. God gave me 3 months of break from church while I was wrestling with the command. We took the chance and knocked on the door of GMS again where we rejected for over age before. Then the situation has been totally changed from 10 years ago. They said it’s time for silver generation’s missionary work. However there was still age limit. And of course I was too old again. But we were accepted to the program for 10 years of ministry in Sydney was recognized.

After the program, we came back to Sydney and founded ‘Korean Mission for Indigenous Australians,’ KMIA in short, with about 7 other pastors who have the same heart. I work as a board member. I used to support missionary work for Indigenous Australians, but it gave me an opportunity to come close to them. I got to meet lots of Indigenous Australians in Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia, and Northern part of New South Wales and their leaders as well as their missionaries. I familiarized myself with them and gave them comforts. From doing so, God gave me more practical ideas in missionary work for them.

Then God gave a poke in my ribs at the end of 2013. He asked me to go to a mission field. I was just over 40 when I arrived in Sydney. I had nothing but the passion and I was young. Then I saw an old and weary man in mid fifty in the mirror. I thought it’s too old to start something new. My struggle has begun again. “Lord, it is too much for me to go to a mission field now. I am too old.” My excuse continued, “Can you please wait until my younger one goes to a uni? He is in year 11. And what happens to the church if I go?” Instead of poking me in the ribs again, God kicked me this time. “Why can’t you trust me? Why don’t you obey my command? Do you think it was you who raised your children? And is the church yours or mine?” I had preached countless time about surrendering to the word of God for 13 years and I was the one who couldn’t do it. God showed me how proud and stubborn I was. So I laid everything down and submit to His calling. In 2014, the first Sunday in February, I noticed my resignation to church and Synod. We found the next senior pastor for church and my dispatch decision was reached. Everything happened within two months like running water. In 2014, at the end of March, I had a dispatch service and an installation for the next senior pastor. It was the end of my 13 years work as a senior pastor at Sydney Han-Min Presbyterian Church. My wife and I moved to Taree after being dispatched by KMIA then we’ve been adapting to the community and making Indigenous Australian friends.

*[Editor’s Note: The following are excerpts from a report given by Young at the Manning AGM held in March of this year.]*

I came to Taree about six years ago. For the first two and a half years, I joined a ministry of feeding to the Aboriginal children which was run by Brian in Bushland....

By the end of two years, I began to pray that I needed a space, such as an office or a classroom to teach the gospel to the children. God answered my prayers and I became a scripture teacher with the recommendation of this church....

I officially started teaching the children as a scripture teacher in the term 1 of 2017. I have been teaching at three primary schools, Taree West PS, Chatham PS, and Manning Gardens PS until now. The number of students assigned to me each year was almost 180. This year, 143 students were given to me....

When I first came to Taree, all of my situations were not good. The biggest one was English. But Eunice and I were taught English by Pamela Leggott every Monday for one year.

Thanks to that, I’m still doing my part, although my English is not good enough. Sometimes I don’t understand why God uses me as a scripture teacher who is poor at English, in spite of there are many perfect speakers in English. I think this is God’s grace. So I’m teaching the Bible to the children with joy in every class.

Once again, thank you for God’s infinite grace and thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Please keep praying for me.

## Church News

“He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:6

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### Brisbane

The congregation celebrates with the family of Taylor and Bonnie-Anne Richards the birth of their seventh child, Gideon Lemuel, born on 20th October.

Plans are being made to hold our annual church camp from 4th to 7th December. Rev. Paul Seiler, a retired Presbyterian minister, is the scheduled speaker.

We continue to assemble twice a Sunday at our church building. The sermons are focusing on the parables of Jesus in the morning, and on Romans in the afternoon.

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### Hastings

Our dear sister in Christ, Penny McKinnon, died on 4th October 2020, aged 79, following a period of deteriorating health. Penny was a core member of the Hastings congregation and will be greatly missed. She was married to Bill McKinnon, an elder in the congregation, and they had three children: Tony, Stuart and Leanne; and six grandchildren.

Penny had been a geography teacher, and after retirement volunteered as a scripture teacher in local Wauchope schools, for which she received a Community Service award.

We continue to remember the family in prayer at this time, especially our brother Bill, who himself has been unwell for a number of months.

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### Hunter

The congregation is thankful for the further easing of covid-19

related restrictions in New South Wales. We value your prayers for our aged, widowed, housebound and those currently undergoing chemotherapy and other medical treatments.

We rejoice in the Lord for our two expectant mothers and pray that the Lord will graciously care for the babies and mothers.

Deacons' Court is planning an extension of the Raymond Terrace Hall to increase its size and utility.

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### Narre Warren

Internet communication is now a fundamental part of the spiritual life of the Christian. But no matter how advanced this means of communication is, and as much as we explore all the possibilities of virtual relationships, we can all agree that it can never fully substitute for the joy of gathering in the place of worship for praise and fellowship.

Like all congregations, we are grateful for technology. This helps us to stay connected to the Word in the sermon and in study groups. But this has not been easy. It is still difficult for us to adapt to this situation of distance. That is why we greatly value your prayers for God to change our circumstances.

Regardless, we can share with the denomination that the cultivation of fellowship with Christ in the congregation remains strong, and within the limitations that we have, a beautiful work of deepening Christian relationships is taking place. We are also very happy that some restrictions are being eased in Victoria, which has allowed members of the

congregation to return to a fuller work schedule.

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### Northern Rivers

Wednesday morning Bible study has now resumed. The group has now met for the past two Wednesdays and is being well attended with 12 - 14 attendees. We are currently studying Wisdom Beyond Proverbs. It was decided to also continue the Wednesday evening Zoom meeting as this keeps those who are located further afield in contact with others of the congregation.

The church hall has recently been used as the Lower Clarence collection point for Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal. This is a program operated by The Samaritan's Purse and sends shoe boxes filled with goods to children in poverty stricken areas throughout the world. The shoe boxes are distributed to the children and are accompanied by a team of Christians who tell the children and their families the good news of the gospel.

The united churches of the Lower Clarence conduct this appeal each year. The Northern Rivers PCEA correspondent to The Banner, Beth, is the co-ordinator in the area. This year, 447 shoe boxes were donated from the Lower Clarence. These were packed in our hall and collected by Samaritan's Purse volunteers from Sydney. Please pray that these shoe boxes be used to spread the gospel message and bring people to know and place their trust in the Lord.

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### St. George

The congregation mourns the loss of a valued sister, Vida Jerkovic, originally from Lithuania, who passed into glory 14th October, age 76. We mourn, but not as those without hope.

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### Sydney West

Worship services continue within the Covid Safe Guidelines. Attendance has been low with the locals isolating, protecting their children, elderly and livelihoods.

The services are offered via telephone link up (phone 9055-2040, then enter password 12345), or at [pceasydneywest.org.au](http://pceasydneywest.org.au).

Currently the preaching is focusing on Exodus and 1

Corinthians. Sunday School has been operating as well with 2 classes. The lessons are delivered to the homes of the families not attending. Teenage and adult Bible studies are also offered at this time. Prayer meetings and Bible studies occur during the week.

With the start of daylight saving and lower transmission rates in the Greater Sydney Area, we are grateful to have a gradual increase in attendance as the locals feel confident to worship and fellowship.

These are difficult times, as a large proportion of the members have family overseas. Two members have their mother and sister staying with them indefinitely, as they were visiting them when lockdown occurred

and travelling ceased. Sadly, the sister became seriously ill and has died awaiting cancer treatment. An Australian funeral has been held.

The session continues phone support and visiting as needed to those isolated or with special needs. The nursing homes are in various states of lockdown, the elder assisting at a service has temporarily ceased, the volunteer is using phone contact and the minister is visiting via Zoom.

Meanwhile what a feast of sermons and worship services we have at our fingertips - livestream, telephone link up, webpage downloads - from across our congregations and states, bringing us closer together as a denomination.

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## Search Work

“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:10

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### SENIOR and INTERMEDIATE

(Intermediate omit questions 2 and 3)

Matthew 27:1-49

1. What did Judas do when he saw that Jesus was condemned? (3 verses)
2. How did the chief priests use the money that Judas brought back?
3. What made Pilate the governor marvel greatly?
4. Which prisoner did the Jews want to be released: Jesus or Barabbas?
5. What did Pilate say as he washed his hands?
6. Who was compelled to bear Jesus' cross?
7. What was the accusation placed over Jesus' head on the cross?
8. For how many hours was darkness over all the land?

### JUNIOR

Matthew 27:26-61

1. Who was compelled to bear Jesus' cross?
2. What were the words of the accusation set over Jesus' head?
3. What happened to the veil of the temple when Jesus died?
4. What did Joseph of Arimathea do with Jesus' body? (2 verses)

Find the verse(s) in the Bible that answer the questions, write/type them out, and send to:

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A book voucher is awarded each year to children who send in the answers.

## The Manning Congregation Ladies Missionary Society

by Pamela Leggott

*Pamela, a member of the Manning PCEA, has been working on a book to celebrate 90 years for the Taree Ladies Missionary Society, entitled, 'Manning Congregation Ladies Missionary Society: 90 Years of Prayerful Interest and Support, 1930-2020.' The following is an extract from her book.*

The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia began world missionary involvement by supporting the work of the Free Church of Scotland Foreign Mission Board. This work included the Free Church of India (Seoni District), Africa and Peru Mission interest was considerable throughout the PCEA churches. In 1918, an annual collection was being taken up in some congregations. The first to begin meetings officially was St Georges in Sydney in 1920. It was resolved in 1925 that a Women's Missionary Society be formed in all congregations. In 1927, £281 was remitted.

World events such as the great depression in 1929 and unemployment being 32% did not deter the churches focus on mission.

The Taree Ladies Missionary Society commenced in 1930. The meeting began with the following ladies being elected Mrs F Longworth was elected (President), Mrs W McDonald (Vice President) Miss J McKay (Secretary) Mrs EJ Stewart (Treasurer). There were 26

members and 12 meetings a year and two gift afternoons organized. The speaker was Mr. J H Cameron. The second meeting was held at Mrs. J Hinton's home.

All meetings throughout the 90 years of existence have begun with prayer and the singing of a Psalm. Expressing complete dependence on the Lord, these dedicated ladies saw many answers to prayer and the Lord's provision.

These meetings were held to hear of the ongoing mission work, to pray earnestly for the missionaries with a collection taken up at each meeting so as to be distributed to the missions. The records show the distribution for this year's donations was £20. This was a substantial sum of money in the 1930 terms.

The Ladies Missionary Society gave £5 to the mission in Peru, £5 to South Africa, £5 to Seoni (India), as well as £5 to the Sabbath School.

### Reflections from Mrs Margaret Hunt

Margaret has held and continues to hold various positions within the Society for 22 years. She observes: Over the years we have always been a small and happy group of ladies spanning several generations. We met to pray for missions regularly, with the main purpose to praise God and to be informed of the missions cause world-wide, to pray the Lord of the harvest will send workers onto the mission field, and to support those who go with prayer. We seek to serve our own missions,

and people who have gone from here serving in other missions.

To bring before the church the need of the missionaries we organize speakers from various missions as available and there were regular special occasions, where the ladies from each congregation provided a beautiful afternoon tea or supper, and on some occasions a meal. There would be a collection taken and presented to the speaker which covered their travel expenses. Friends were always invited to join us.

Over the years as a Mission Society we have had the privilege to pray and support many missions and missionaries. For example: Marie Christine Lux (Tear Fund), Fiji, Leprosy Mission, New Tribes Mission, AIM, North India, Peru, Love to Kids in Russia, CMI, Dorothy Holstein, Brother Andrew, Kathy Bullock, CWI John and Katie Graham and Mr. Lloyd and Paul Morris. Sister Heather Beaton and Dr Helen Ramsay were supported when they went to Central India. Rev Angus and Mrs. Beaton went to Peru and later Moyobamba. South Africa: Rev Dr Campbell Andrews and his wife Ruby along with their 4 children, and more lately David and Jenny Wilson.

The ladies have always given a free will offering at each Society meeting, and along with a couple of garage sales a year the Society has been blessed by the Lord to raise a substantial amount of funds to support missions. Thanks must

go to the ladies over the years who have knitted, crocheted, sewn clothes, packed essential goods, cut stamps, cut cards for memory verses, organized garage sales, made pickles and especially prayed and glorified the Lord in all that they have done.

**Memories of  
Missions on The Manning,  
Julie Stewart, nee Moore.**

I have been asked to record my memories of The Ladies Missionary Society as the daughter of one of the secretaries as 90 years has now been achieved. So these are my memories as a young girl. I grew up in the 50's and 60's at Killawarra via Wingham, on a dairy farm, the youngest of three siblings. I attended Wingham Infants, Primary and High School to 2nd form. My parents, Stuart and Joyce Moore attended the Wingham Free Presbyterian Church, now known as PCEA, under the ministry of Rev. M.C. Ramsay and his wife Mrs Ramsay, who was always called that. I attended Wingham Sunday School with Miss Margaret Robinson as my teacher and Kerrie Weber and I were her star pupils.

The Manning Charge had 3 main centres, Taree, Wingham and Tinonee with services at Bunyah and Barrington also. I remember going to night services at Bo Bo as well. The Rev and Mrs. Ramsay had a passion for mission work and encouraged the 3 main centres in this. Each centre had its own Ladies Missionary Society, meeting monthly and my mother, Joyce W Moore, for that is how she signed the minutes, was

secretary for many, many years, first in Wingham and later in Taree. She conscientiously wrote the minutes soon after the meetings, always in a formal way which she said Mr. Ramsay taught her.



*The current Ladies Missionary Society*

I remember attending a meeting, I must have had a sick day from school, and being surprised to see mother sitting at a table at the front of the church with Mrs. Ramsay. She read the minutes in her 'proper voice' and then her work had to be passed and seconded! Mission meeting afternoon was a treat for me as Kerrie and I would walk from school up to the church and finish off the ladies afternoon tea for them and then go home by car instead of the bus. There was no church hall in Wingham so Margaret Robinson and her mother played hostess in their home next door and Margaret was very kind to us, her star pupils!

Each centre hosted an annual gift evening, usually coinciding with visiting missionaries on furlough, slide nights and talks. This was a big event with the men tormenting the ladies about the 'competition' between the 3 centres! Mrs. Ramsay was a wise lady setting these up as they raised awareness of the mission fields as well as lots of money and the total

of the donations at each centre was published!

Wingham's mission night involved the renting of the Wingham Town Hall!! Well we thought that's what it was, but really it was the supper room around the side. As Kerrie and I got our Polio Shots there too it was nice to have some good memories of the place. Of course Taree didn't have a Town Hall they just used the church hall.

The whole family would be involved in this event, saving eggs and cream all week for the sponges and dad would have to milk early so we could get into town early to help set up and 'do the flowers'. He would also carry in the ports, ok suitcases, of sponge cakes- carried flat so as not to squash them. My husband Allan, from Taree, remembers watching dad to see how many cases were brought in as he was fond of jelly filled butterfly sponges, mum's speciality. The country ladies were great cooks- each with their signature cakes, Frances McPherson, the classic sponge, Mama Wisely, Kerrie's grandmother, the pineapple chiffon tart, Una Calvert the chocolate cake which Jeannette or Kerrie could do if Una wasn't well. The Robinsons I think did the best scones, or maybe I am confused with Wilma! Maybe sponges again as there were always a lot of those. Anyway it was a great feast with leftovers and swaps in the fridge next morning, if you got up early, remember I have 2 siblings!

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## International Mission for Jewish People

Mrs. Rhoda Ball

Christian Witness to Israel (CWI) has had a long and rich history as a reformed, evangelical, and international mission.

Since its foundation in 1842, it has undergone several name changes. Originally, it was known as the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews. Later, it became the International Society for the Evangelisation of the Jews. In 1976, the Society merged with the Barbican Mission to the Jews to form CWI.

From January 2021, it will become known as the International Mission for Jewish People. One of the major reasons for this change is because, as Joseph Steinberg says, "the name Christian Witness to Israel had increasingly become an obstacle to engagement. At every turn, we meet people who want to talk with us about politics or land issues, or won't speak with us at all because they believe these to be part of our agenda. Our name needs to reflect the focus we have to share the gospel with Jewish people."

With the new name and fresh identity have come a new vision statement and a new mission statement:

Vision statement – "To see a whole church, thriving, enriched by the faith of Jewish people who have become disciples of Jesus."

Mission statement - "To make Jewish followers of Jesus. To engage and inspire the church to share in our work through prayer, giving and in welcoming new



*The International Mission for Jewish People logo*

Jewish Christians into their congregations."

CWI is a growing organisation with staff from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In October 2019, Mark and Rachel Landrum were appointed to work in Sydney. Mark and his wife are both Jewish believers with widespread experience, having shared the gospel with Jewish people in Israel, Europe, North America, and Australia.

Eugene Tsai has now secured his religious workers visa, so that he and his family can relocate from Taiwan to Sydney to work alongside the Landrums.

Other missionaries include: Brian and Vicki Wells in New Zealand; Mitch Tepper in the U.S.A.; in the UK: Grace Lan (Glasgow), Philip Amos and Sarah Chan (London), and Richard Gibson (Leeds); Aurel Vidal in France; Asaf Pelled in Amsterdam; Igor and Galyna Barbanel in the Ukraine; in Israel: David Zadok, Aviel Sela, Misha Vayshengolts, and Igal Vender; Bogi Kozma in Hungary.

One of the highlights of the year

is the summer outreach which normally takes place in Europe or the UK. A team of enthusiastic volunteers and missionaries from many nations come together for two weeks of street evangelism, sharing the gospel with Jewish people and anyone who stops to listen. The plan for this year was to hold it in Sydney, but due to the current global crisis and the restrictions in international travel, the Sydney Summer Outreach has been postponed until November 2021.

How can you be involved in Jewish mission? A good way to start is to get to know the missionaries by receiving the bimonthly *Herald* magazine and missionary newsletters. You can also pray regularly and more specifically for Jewish people, using the monthly prayer letter *Praying Always*. I can assure you that you will be inspired and encouraged by the way God is working in the hearts of Jewish people all over the world, bringing many to a saving faith in Messiah Jesus.

Visit [www.cwi.org.uk](http://www.cwi.org.uk) and sign up online, or contact the Sydney office at [info@cwi.org.au](mailto:info@cwi.org.au).

We have an obligation to bring the gospel to those who first brought it to us. "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile." (Romans 1:16)

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## November Prayer Points

“Always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy” Philippians 1:4

**Sunday, 1st:** Pray that God may enable those attending our services today to worship with reverence and godly fear.

**Monday, 2nd:** Pray for the Manning congregation in Taree, NSW.

**Tuesday, 3rd:** Pray for the Manning office-bearers: for Rev George Ball; for elders Clive Alley, Trevor Leggott, Peter Smith, and David Wilson; and for deacons Paul Dyson, Marshall Reid, and Alistair Weber.

**Wednesday, 4th:** Pray for the missionaries of Christian Witness to Israel, soon to be known as International Mission for Jewish people (see page 10).

**Thursday, 5th:** Pray for Young and Eunice Lee of the Manning congregation, and for Young’s work of teaching Scripture to primary students in Taree (see pages 4-5).

**Friday, 6th:** Give thanks for 90 years of service offered by the Taree Ladies Missionary Society (see pages 8-9).

**Saturday, 7th:** Pray that the prayers offered in our worship may be shaped by the Bible (see page 3).

**Sunday, 8th:** Pray that as we worship today, we may do so with a sense of amazement of God’s love.

**Monday, 9th:** Pray for the Hastings congregation in Wauchope, NSW.

**Tuesday, 10th:** Pray for the Hastings office-bearers: for Rev John Forbes; for elders Doug Hamilton, Glen Hamilton, and Bill McKinnon; and for deacon Neil McKinnon.

**Wednesday, 11th:** Pray for those who continue to mourn the death of Penny McKinnon (see page 6).

**Thursday, 12th:** Pray for the ministry of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Australia, and of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Australia. Pray for our relationship and contact with them.

**Friday, 13th:** Pray for the further easing of restrictions, and that more of the members in our congregations may be able to return to gathering physically with the assembled community on Sundays (see pages 6-7).

**Saturday, 14th:** Give thanks for the birth last month of Gideon Lemuel Richards (see page 6).



**Sunday, 15th:** Pray that God by His Spirit may enable us as assembled congregations to avoid worship forbidden by the second commandment.

**Monday, 16th:** Pray for the Northern Rivers congregation in MacLean and Grafton, NSW.

**Tuesday, 17th:** Pray for the Northern Rivers office-bearers: for Rev David Kerridge; for elders Ross Campbell, John Greensill, and John McPhee; and for deacons Gordon Law, Bruce Campbell, and Ernie Really.

**Wednesday, 18th:** Continue to pray for Shekinah as she works toward serving in Thailand.

**Thursday, 19th:** Pray for those who continue to mourn the death of Vida Jerkovic of the St. George congregation (see page 7).

**Friday, 20th:** Pray for the continuing work of the Taree Ladies Missionary Society (see pages 8-9).

**Saturday, 21st:** Give thanks for the participation of the Northern Rivers congregation in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal (see page 6).

**Sunday, 22nd:** Give thanks to God that today we can together approach God in prayer.

**Monday, 23rd:** Pray for the Brisbane congregation in Queensland.

**Tuesday, 24th:** Pray for the Brisbane office-bearers: for Rev Jim Klazinga; for elders Stewart Carswell & Wes Hanna; and for deacons Micah Klazinga, Keith Schmidt, and Matthew Schmidt.

**Wednesday, 25th:** Pray for the Brisbane congregation as they make final preparations for their church camp (see page 6).

**Thursday, 26th:** Continue to pray for the ministry of the Presbyterian Banner.

**Friday, 27th:** Pray for the aged, widowed, and housebound members of the Hunter congregation, and for those currently undergoing chemotherapy and other medical treatments (see page 6).

**Saturday, 28th:** Pray for the two expectant mothers of the Hunter congregation. Pray that the Lord will graciously care for the babies and mothers.

**Sunday, 29th:** Pray that those attending our services today may be strengthened to go forth and serve the Lord with confidence.

**Monday, 30th:** Pray for the ongoing ministry of the Ulverstone congregation in Tasmania.

