

"From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2

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"You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19

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### From the Editor



My wife and I recently took a trip in a hot air balloon. It was an enjoyable experience, one that I highly recommend. If you have the opportunity to do it at least once in your life, take it.

Our pilot had 31 years of experience. He obviously knew what he was doing, and we felt very comfortable with him in charge.

Yet even with all his skill, he was completely at the mercy of the wind currents. He was in regular contact with his crew on the ground, continuously updating them as to where they needed to go to pick us up after landing. When you go up in the air, you don't know exactly where you'll come down.

During his first attempt at descending, the wind changed direction, and he had to elevate the balloon, so as not to land on a farm house.

I was reminded of John 3:8, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."

Jesus says this in the context of speaking about our being born of the Spirit. But the illustration is also true in and of itself.

Our pilot had more understanding about air currents than most of us ever will. But his understanding will always be limited, and he has no real ability to force the wind to bend to his desire.

But we worship a God who knows every single air molecule, and directs all of creation to suit his purposes and glorify his name.

Jim Klazinga

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## Letters of Rev. William Nathaniel Wilson (Part 4)

Introduced by Tom Reeve and John Audet

As we come to the fourth and final letter in our series, ministerial student Mr Herbert Ramsay had recently been interviewed by the Synod Church Extension Committee in Sydney in December 1908. The committee made a favourable recommendation to the annual Synod, meeting in early February 1909, and Mr Ramsay was accepted as a candidate. As indicated



*Ramsay family photo, probably taken at eldest brother Cecil's funeral in 1962. Left to right the photo includes: Lachlan, Flora, Cameron, Margaret, Stewart, Herbert (junior) and Ivan. (Source: PCEA Archives).*

in the letter, Herbert studied in Sydney during 1909 and was appointed to minister in Maclean in November of that same year. He remained there until the end of July 1911, when he began his labours at Grafton. We also note that Rev. Wilson was then living at Raymond Terrace on a property named Heatherdale, something not mentioned on his earlier correspondence. Although the timber church building was opened in 1905, the adjacent manse was not constructed until 1952, following the sale of East Maitland properties. Rev. Wilson also served as Synod Clerk from 1906 until his death in 1922. Probably he had much correspondence to send out from the business of Synod, so this letter is short.

### Letter 4

W.N. Wilson to H.W. Ramsay  
Raymond Terrace,  
17th February 1909

Dear Mr Ramsay,

I write to enclose the resolution of Synod re your application to become a candidate for the ministry. We decided unanimously to accept you, praying that God may abundantly bless you. It has been suggested that you should come to Sydney to study for say two months. We could allow you two pounds per week from the students' fund, and if you could come up say once a fortnight to preach for me, you would receive the collections in addition every time you were able to come. We believe that two months in Sydney where you could get good instruction would be better for you than six months or more of study at home. Afterwards we might find a field of labour for you. Let me know what you think of this proposal. I think it is the best we can make for you at present. Trusting this may find Mrs Ramsay, the children and yourself

and Father and all yours, well. Wishing you every token of Divine favour and blessing.

I am yours truly  
W. N. Wilson

Note: In February 1922, the month following the sudden death of Rev. Wilson at Raymond Terrace, the Assembly of the Free Presbyterian Church of Australia passed legislation regarding

'minimum rates of payment for pulpit supply, namely Students, 30/- per week, with board, lodging and travelling expenses Probationers 40/- per week, with board, lodging and travelling expenses, settled Ministers, 40/- per week, with board, lodging and travelling expenses The [Lower Hunter] congregation unanimously agreed to these terms and requested the Chairman to ask the Synod, which is to meet at East Maitland (D. V.) on Monday, 3rd July to appoint pulpit supplies. It was stated that the sum of £490 was available for the purchase, or erection of a manse. It was announced that the Rev. H. W. Ramsay, of Grafton had kindly agreed to preach in East Maitland, Raymond Terrace and Tomago on Sabbath, 2nd July, and also in the adjacent districts during the week.' [Australian Free Presbyterian, June 1922]

## Light and Life

An Interview with Liz Steel

*The following is an edited transcript of an interview that Jim and Julie Klazinga conducted with St Georges member Liz Steel. To learn more, check out [lizsteel.com](http://lizsteel.com) and [sketchingnow.com](http://sketchingnow.com).*

**Jim:** So Liz, tell us a little about yourself.

**Liz:** From a young age, I always wanted to be an architect, I wanted to draw buildings and draw homes for people. For about 20 years, that's what I did, working flat out in a corporate job, working very hard under stressful conditions, surrounded by difficult people.

I was always happiest when I was drawing and designing and coming up with new ideas.

I had a church friend from Scotland come and stay with us, and she introduced me to water colour, and I just thought at that moment that that's what I'd been looking for all my life. That's sounds rather dramatic, but you know what I mean.

I've always wanted to travel the world and draw what I see, and so I just started doing that.

I found some online groups of people who were drawing everyday things, and started sharing my work online.

After a couple of years, for a number of reasons, some hard providences by God, that I felt was closing the door in architecture, so I left my job without any idea of how I was going to survive.

Now I'm, I suppose, a full-time artist, but I actually make a living through teaching.



I also share a personal diary online. My work is not just put on a wall, I actually share my diary, my life, including what I read from the Bible every morning, which starts my page every day.

I was born into St Georges, I'm still there. I'm so incredibly privileged to have been brought up in a church all my life, where the Word of God is preached faithfully, and the worship of God is really important.

I really happy now that I've worked out a way of supporting myself on my own terms, so there's a lot of freedom that I have. I decide what I want to do, what type of art, what type of teaching, where I go. I've been really blessed.

**Jim:** Did you do any artistic training before going into it?

**Liz:** No, no training at all.

It's interesting, I find so many people I teach have been told sometime in their life that they couldn't draw, and it really becomes a barrier for them, and

they don't think they're creative. But I'm like the reverse, people have always told me that I'm good at drawing, and I never took it seriously, because I knew I didn't put the time in.

So for me, it's a case of finding something that clicked.

A lot of my peers say there's no such thing as talent. But for me, I think, God is a creator, he's created us in his image, so everyone is creative in a unique way, and everyone has been given a gift, a different gift, and if you can find the gift that clicks with how you've been made, then you can take risks, and it pays off.

**Jim:** How much teaching do you do, and what sort of people do you teach?

**Liz:** Since 2014, I've mainly taught online, so I have my own online school with students from 40 countries around the world, predominantly English speaking, mainly retirees who have time and want a new hobby.

I also occasionally teach face to face workshops around the world at international conferences, and week-long tours in Italy as well.

It's been another amazing thing for me, this community that I went into, they'd have symposiums that would go to Saturday. Not teaching on the Lord's Day has always been important for me, and I've been able to stick to that.

**Jim:** Is there a specific type of art that you focus on in your teaching?

**Liz:** I mainly teach drawing with ink and water colour.

What I'm most interested in is

## Getting to Know Each Other

"We heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints." Colossians 1:4

teaching people basic observational skills, to see the world differently and then to be able to do it in quick sketches in a sketch book, very much like me.

I'm not interested in creating these masterpieces, I'm more interested in capturing a moment, and recording, even imperfectly, something about what's happening, where I am, what I'm looking at, as a way of reminding myself about memories, events, and also just to appreciate the little things in life. That's what I teach people.

My focus is on documenting my life, sharing that, and then teaching people how to do it for themselves.

Most art classes are like, this is the artist, he or she is on a pedestal, we're going to follow him step by step. I don't teach that way. I don't want anyone to copy me, because I break all the rules myself. So I teach them what they should do, and then I do something different.

**Jim:** What sort of rules would you break?

**Liz:** For example, I tell people they have to work slowly and carefully, but I have a very fast natural pace. My work is more accurate when I work quickly. Sometimes I have to teach people to be patient, but the way I've been made is not to be slow and patient.

**Julie:** You sound like an impressionist.

**Liz:** Yes, well that was my inspiration. I used to love going to the art gallery, you'd see this



amazing landscape, and you'd walk up close, and it was just blobs of paint. So for me that was like, isn't that so amazing that these blobs of paint, you come back, look realistic.

**Julie:** Yeah, I love that too.

**Liz:** I love the challenge of finding something very boring, and then making it interesting, something that most people would think is ugly, can you make something that is beautiful, or modify the colours.

It's changed the way I see the world. You know, God said, let there be light, that's the first thing, and as an artist you appreciate how incredible light is. I get excited, even if I'm not painting, I'd see the light hitting something, and creating a shadow, it just gives you another layer of creation, to adore and wonder, because you see all these interesting shapes and colours.

**Jim:** How do you see your Christian faith making you different as an artist?

**Liz:** There's a lot in art that's very anti-Christian, very dissonant and perverted. I'm not in that part of the art world at all.

The thing that makes me so excited about what I do is that I can be generous, giving a lot of stuff to people that follow me for free. If I sell a product, I want to make it so that it's really good value for money. I'm always trying to be generous and always giving instruction, ideas, motivation, and that makes me happy.

Another thing, I have a big following, I have people following everything I do, my life is on display, so I'm conscious that I'm a light, trying to be an example as much as possible.

I come across as being enthusiastic, and people think, that's because art has made her content. I say, no, it's God that's important in my life.

Art does give you an outlet, it gives you a calm, it makes you appreciate things and be more thankful. But then it's very easy for that to become: art is a religion, art becomes something that people worship. My attitude is that I don't really care about my art. I enjoy it, but I have a very relaxed attitude, because I don't want to put art on a pedestal. It's not the most important thing to me. That's why I always start my page, I start the day with the Word of God before I start art, because I want to say that's the most important thing in my day.

## Church News

"But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." Ephesians 4:7

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### Brisbane

[Report by Jim Klazinga]

Mrs. Eleanor Hanna was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, 10 November. Pray for her husband Wes, retired minister of the congregation and current elder, and for the rest of the family.

We rejoice with Ben and Claire Klazinga for the birth of their son Nathan Oliver, born on 3 November.

Milton Emms underwent his long-awaited heart surgery on 18 October. Initial indications are that the operation accomplished what it needed to accomplish, and his recovery is proceeding well.

Preparations are continuing for our annual church camp, scheduled to be held in December at Camp Drewe in Lennox Head NSW, from Friday the 8th to Monday the 11th. Rev Andrew Stewart of the Geelong Reformed Presbyterian Church intends to speak on the theme, "The Healthy Conscience." If interested in registering for the camp, please contact Elder Stewart Carswell at [sccarswell@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sccarswell@optusnet.com.au). Registrations close on 17 November.

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### Carrum Downs

[Report by Ian Hall]

On Lord's Day 22nd October, Rev Ian Hall concluded his time serving in the congregation as resident supply. A goodly number attended and a church lunch was held to mark the occasion.

Mr Trevor Bryans, the eldest member of the church, spoke at the lunch. He commended Rev

Hall for his preaching ministry which he particularly enjoyed as it reminded him of preaching that was common in his younger days in N. Ireland. Mr Bryans also commented favourably on the singing of Mrs Hall & the Hall children which he noted was very helpful in a small church. The Hall family were very appreciative of Mr Bryans kind comments and also numerous private expressions of love which they received from other members.

Rev Hall is continuing as a minister in the PCEA and is on the list of those who are eligible for a call. The Hall family are looking to the Lord concerning future service.

Please pray for the Carrum Downs congregation as it enjoys visiting ministry from reformed ministers from other churches.

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### Hastings

[Report by John Forbes]

Our usual congregational activities are ongoing. Two services of worship on the Lord's Day, a midweek prayer meeting/bible study, and a midweek Westminster Confession study. On the third Sunday we have an additional evening service in Kindee, which is about 40 minutes drive inland from Wauchope. On the fourth Sunday evening we have psalmody practice, learning new tunes and parts. When there is a fifth Sunday of the month we have a congregational lunch. October had a fifth Sunday and the lunch was well attended. One of our members, Ian Conley, is also a member of the Gideons and he spoke at the lunch to update our

congregation about the work of the Gideons.

Earlier in October we also had a visit from a representative of Voice of the Martyrs. On the Saturday evening of his visit we had a congregational event with pizza and the movie "Tortured for Christ" about the Romanian pastor Richard Wurmbrand who was imprisoned for his faith by the communist regime. On the Lord's Day, after our morning service, our visitor, Regino Caswell, spoke about the work of Voice of the Martyrs.

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### Hawkesbury Nepean

[Report by Elizabeth Muldoon]

This month a dear sister in our congregation, Lupe, went to be



with the Lord. Lupe's husband died many years ago, leaving her a young mother with a four year old daughter. Lupe brought up her daughter, Vala, lovingly and diligently. When Vala married Osai, Lupe continued living with the family. They all came and settled in Australia and Lupe helped to raise Vala's two

daughters. As Lupe became older and frailer, Vala started looking after her. Lupe had a fall and passed away a few days later. Very sad for this close family, but wonderful for Lupe who loved the Lord Jesus and wanted to be with him.

We have had good news regarding Allan and Finau, and we thank the Lord for his kindness. Allan has had some good results in his blood tests. He continues to be extremely tired, and Julie, too, feels exhausted. However, they feel that the prayers of friends and family are really helping them to cope. Finau's ovarian tumour shrank as a result of the chemotherapy, so the doctors were able to operate on her and remove the tumour. She will continue to have chemotherapy hoping to destroy any other areas of cancer.

On the first Saturday of the month we had a working bee at the church. Broken things were mended, parts of the hall were painted, and things were generally spruced up. Everything looks very nice. Do come and visit us when you're in Sydney!

We continue to study Thessalonians in our morning services on Sunday. Paul tells the Christians there, and us, how to live as we wait for the coming of the Lord. We need to be joyful always; pray continually; and give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of Christ Jesus for us.

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### **Manning**

[Report by Leanne Smith]

On the Saturday, 14th of

October, the Manning hosted a missionary gift afternoon with Rob Reeve as our speaker. Rob is retired this year after he started at the centenary in 1989 as the chairman in Australia, of Scripture Gift Mission, also known as Lifewords. Rob explained to us the importance of communicating the Bible to different people groups throughout the world, the very Words of Life. Originally in 1888, SGM was founded by William Walters. He wanted the bible to be available to all, so that 'people will read the captivating story of God's love'.

Rob shared with us his many life experiences of sharing scripture with people, using SGM material. Those who came, were greatly encouraged to use the SGM pamphlets by giving them away!!

Currently SGM is working on the Plain English Version Bible for Australian Indigenous folk. It is a version that Aboriginals will have in an easy to read English that accommodates the linguistic and semantic features of their mother tongue.

Manning Missionary Society was able to give a donation to this vital ministry, thanks to Rob Reeve's informative talk.

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### **Narre Warren**

[Report by Andres Miranda]

This month Narre Warren Church has received very encouraging news.

Very soon we will have the joy of baptizing Jason, a cute and healthy five-month-old boy.

Additionally, we were informed that another family that has been

visiting us since the beginning of the year is thinking about becoming members and baptizing their children in the future.

Ashley, Jesse and Micah's plans to move to another suburb obviously affected our anticipation of a long spiritual relationship with them, but at the same time we are glad to know that their new adventure is already being blessed with God's faithfulness and generous provision.

We thank God that Stephen and Kathy Giles had the opportunity to worship with us again. Stephen has been in and out of the hospital, but in recent weeks his health has improved such that he now looks forward to a seamless reintegration into our worshipping community.

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### **Northern Rivers**

[Report by Beth Sonter]

We are very delighted to have Zach and Wilma Dotson and their children Archie, Jayne and Caspar with us at the moment from Ulverstone in Tasmania. Zach is currently a candidate for the ministry and is here for an 8 week student placement. While here they are staying at John and Judy Greensill's farm in their well appointed, self contained cottage. A very enjoyable meet, greet and welcome BBQ dinner for the Dotsons was held at the Kerridge home on 18 October. The evening was very well attended by a large number from the congregation. An evening of food and fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

Sunday, October 29th, was a true blessing for our church in





Macleod. The Lord's supper was celebrated and was made even more special as we welcomed Carl and Tenille Weedon as new members. As a further blessing, prior to the Lord's supper Carl and his three children, Eli, Mason and Olivia were baptised. This was a truly special and regenerative day for us all. An extremely well catered luncheon was enjoyed in the church hall and this was followed by the thanksgiving service in the early afternoon lead by Zach Dotson. To even further add to this unique day the Kerridges held an open house for dinner in their home that evening. What a special and encouraging communion season!

Our church hall was again used as a collection point for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. Beth Sonter (that's me, the banner liaison person) is the co-coordinator for the shoebox appeal in the Lower Clarence region. Many local churches have very generously packed boxes this year and approximately 500 boxes will have been sent. You can only imagine the joy of the children who receive our boxes. They not only enjoy the gifts contained in the boxes but also they, and their

Interim Moderator, Rev Robin Tso has preached to us on four Lord's Days. He has dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on two occasions and four persons have joined the communicant membership of the congregation. We are most appreciative of visiting ministers providing pulpit supply, five from within the PCEA and four from other denominations. We continue to have visitors joining our Lord's Day morning services from within Australia and overseas – India, Brazil, Italy, New Zealand, USA (including Hawaii), Korea, Singapore, Netherlands, Vanuatu, Hong Kong, Philippines (last six months).

The Interim Moderator has also arranged pulpit supply for the months of December 2023 and January 2024 with Rev William Macleod of Glasgow UK. Rev Macleod is a retired minister of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). His willingness to come will give relief to local visiting ministers and our office bearers in filling the pulpit during our vacancy.

A Missions evening was held in September when Rev Victor Atallah gave an update on the work of MERF in the Middle East

parents, are presented with the good news of the gospel at the same time.

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## St Georges

[Report by  
Alex Steel]

Since April the

and Malaysia.

Residents of the Lindfield Retirement Units have begun to move out in preparation for the completion of the sale of the property early next year. Of the seventeen units there are only seven with occupants at present. There is a E.J. Newell (Imperial German Scale) piano in the Common Room which is no longer needed. Should you be interested in acquiring it please contact Alex Steel (steelah@exemail.com.au). The only cost to you would be the removal costs.

An amended Development Application for the replacement of the church roof and Stage2 of the Steeple repairs and restoration has recently been submitted to the City of Sydney Council.

The Congregation continues in good spirits and looks to the Lord for guidance in the filling of the pastoral office.

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## Ulverstone

[Report by Ian Hamilton]

In recent weeks we have enjoyed supply visits from ministers and elders from other churches.

A number in the congregation have been travelling interstate, with Zach and Wilma engaged in CPS work. Others are finishing school and progressing with driving instruction.

The Deacons Court recently arranged for a reverse cycle air conditioning installation in the Sunday school/parents room. This will assist with heater safety issues in particular.



## Memorial Minute for Rev. Kenneth MacLeod

*Note: The following memorial minute was compiled by David Kerridge in consultation with Catherine MacLeod, and was adopted by the Northern Presbytery at their meeting on 4th November.*

Kenneth MacLeod was born in Lemreway, on the Isle of Lewis, on 15th February, 1933. He began schooling there then later boarded at the Nicholson Institute in Stornoway, going home for school holidays. He finished school aged 15 and was apprenticed to a local carpenter. At age 17, Ken joined the Merchant Navy and sailed the world for many years. Unbeknownst to him at the time, his wide experience of people in all walks of life equipped Ken for an earnest witness to people in all spheres and situations. Whilst on shore leave in New Zealand, Ken attended an open-air Gospel meeting where he was converted and brought to saving faith in the Lord. He returned to Barvas and completed his high school education.

It was at this time Ken felt called to the ministry. He engaged in further study at Glasgow and then at the University of Aberdeen with this end in mind, thence to the Free Church College where he began theological education, aged 31. He married Catherine McLennan on the 26th July, 1966.



At the prompting of Professor Alan Harman, who was teaching at the Free Church College at the time, and nominated for assisted passage by the Synod Church Extension Committee (see Our Banner, May 1968) Ken came to Australia as a probationer at the end of 1968 with his wife and first child, Donald. He enthusiastically entered the work in his first charge at Lismore (Richmond-Brunswick). The charge included preaching stations as far north as Brisbane. Two of Ken and Catherine's children were born there: Murdo and Mairi. Having served 5 years in the PCEA, Ken transferred to service in the Free

Church at Tain, Ross-shire where he ministered for 15 years. Ken and Catherine's fourth child, Ann, was born to them in Inverness.

In a conversation with Mr Ross Campbell, discovering that Rev. Angus Beaton had moved from Maclean leaving the charge vacant, Ken answered a request for someone to come and help and returned to Australia taking up a call to the charge in Maclean. Ken laboured in Maclean for the Lord for 15 years. Ken's preaching was without notes, evangelistic and comforting. His pastoral care was exemplary and extended beyond the congregation into the community. He was called to return to the Free Church at Barvas, Lewis where he spent 5 years until

his retirement. It was during this time that Ken was Moderator of the Free Church General Assembly. After his retirement in 2000 from the Free Church, Ken and Catherine returned to Australia and lived at the Bethesda units in Maclean which Ken had been instrumental in getting built, and formally opened. Ken died on 2nd May, 2023 aged 90.

We thank the Lord for the labour of a beloved and faithful servant in both the Free Church of Scotland and in the Northern Rivers charge of NSW. We extend our sympathy to Catherine, Donald, Murdo, Mairi and Ann.

## November Search Work

"Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!" Psalm 119:5

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### Senior and Intermediate

(Intermediate omit questions 1 and 2)

#### 2 Corinthians Chapter 7

1. How did God, who comforts the downcast, comfort Paul? (2 verses)
2. How does godly sorrow differ from the sorrow of the world?

#### Chapter 8

3. Though he was rich, what did our Lord do for us?
4. Write out the verse in Ex. 16 about the manna which Paul quotes in 2 Cor. 8:15.
5. What commendation did Paul give Titus?

#### Chapter 9

6. What kind of giver does the Lord love?
7. Write out the verse in Psalm 112 concerning the righteous, that Paul quotes in 2 Cor. 9:9.
8. What does Paul say about God's unspeakable [indescribable] gift?

### Junior

#### Luke Chapter 24

1. What did the two men in shining garments say to the women at the sepulchre? (3 verses)
2. Who drew near and went with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus?
3. What were the first words Jesus said when he stood in the midst of the disciples at Jerusalem?
4. What happened after Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany? (2 verses)

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

Mrs Irene Steel

18/1-55 West Parade, West Ryde NSW 2114  
or Email: [iesteel@gmail.com](mailto:iesteel@gmail.com)

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

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## November Prayer Points

"Keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

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**Wednesday, 1st:** At this year's meeting, it was resolved: "The Synod gives thanks to the Lord for the opportunity and privilege to be involved in the work of missions at home and abroad, both in giving, in praying and being directly involved during this past year." Pray for the work of the San Andres school in Peru.

**Thursday, 2nd:** Give thanks that Milton Emms of the Brisbane congregation could undergo heart surgery and that he is recovering well.

**Friday, 3rd:** Pray for Zach Dotson and his family during Zach's 8-week placement with the Northern Rivers congregation.

**Saturday, 4th:** Pray for the Northern Presbytery meeting taking place in Maclean today.

**Sunday, 5th:** Pray that those attending our services today may come with trust in God and a sense of their utter dependence on Him.

**Monday, 6th:** Pray for the ongoing ministry of the Carrum Downs congregation in Melbourne.

**Tuesday, 7th:** Rev Ian Hall has concluded his time serving in Carrum Downs as resident supply. Pray for him, his family, and for the congregation.

**Wednesday, 8th:** Pray for the work of Dr Dickson in Delhi, India.

**Thursday, 9th:** At this year's meeting, it was affirmed that synod "gives thanks to God for the churches with whom we have formal fraternal relations and for those churches with whom we have contact and resolve to pray for the Lord's blessing upon their work and witness." Pray for churches in the ICRC with us, including the Reformed Presbyterian Church of India, the Reformed Presbyterian Church North-East India Synod, the Calvinist Reformed churches in Indonesia, and the Reformed Churches N.T.T. in Indonesia.

**Friday, 10th:** Give thanks for Nathan Oliver Klazinga, infant son of Ben and Claire Klazinga of the Brisbane congregation, born on 3 November.

## November Prayer Points

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**Saturday, 11th:** Please pray for the family and friends of Hawkesbury Nepean member Lupe, who recently went to be with the Lord.

**Sunday, 12th:** Pray that the truth may be proclaimed from our pulpits today, and that we may continue to be part of the glorious body of believers enabled by the Spirit to uphold the truth of God.

**Monday, 13th:** Pray for the ministry of the Narre Warren congregation in Melbourne.

**Tuesday, 14th:** Pray for the Narre Warren office-bearers: for Rev Andres Miranda, and for elders Terry Buck and John Disney.

**Wednesday, 15th:** Pray for the work of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship.

**Thursday, 16th:** Pray for Andrew Stewart of the Geelong Reformed Presbyterian Church as he prepares to speak on the theme, “The Healthy Conscience” at the Brisbane family camp in December. (Note: registrations for the camp close tomorrow.)

**Friday, 17th:** Pray for Allan Stewart of the Hawkesbury Nepean congregation, as he continues to deal with cancer. Give thanks that recent blood tests came back with some good results.

**Saturday, 18th:** Pray for the family and friends who mourn the death of Eleanor Hanna of the Brisbane congregation.

**Sunday, 19th:** Pray that, as we

worship as assembled congregations, God may enable us to remember “his fervent zeal for his own worship and his revengeful indignation against all false worship.” (WLC Q&A 110)

**Monday, 20th:** Pray for the Knox congregation in Melbourne.

**Tuesday, 21st:** Pray for the Knox session: George Ball as interim moderator and assessor elders Terry Buck and Donald Ramsay.



**Wednesday, 22nd:** Pray for Australian Indigenous Ministries.

**Thursday, 23rd:** Give thanks that Carl and Tenille Weedon became members of the Northern Rivers congregation, and that Carl and their three children were baptized.

**Friday, 24th:** Pray for the vacant congregations in our denomination, and for their interim moderators as they arrange pulpit supply.

**Saturday, 25th:** Pray for Finau of the Hawkesbury Nepean congregation, as she continues to deal with cancer. Give thanks that she could undergo an operation to

remove the tumour.

**Sunday, 26th:** Stephen Charnock, in ‘Discourse on the Existence and Attributes of God,’ writes: “To pretend a homage to God, and intend only the advantage of self, is rather to mock him than worship him. When we believe that we ought to be satisfied rather than God glorified; we set God below ourselves, imagine that he should submit his own honour to our advantage. We make ourselves more glorious than God, as though we were not made for him, but he hath a being only for us; this is to have a very low esteem of the majesty of God.” Pray that as we worship today, the Spirit may work in our hearts, so that we may know that worship is not first of all about what we get out of it, but it’s about humbly giving glory to God.

**Monday, 27th:** Pray for the ministry of the Hawkesbury-Nepean congregation in West Sydney.

**Tuesday, 28th:** Pray for the Hawkesbury-Nepean office-bearers: for Rev Dennis Muldoon; for elder Tom Reeve; and for deacons Tevita Fihaki and Lopeti Latu.

**Wednesday, 29th:** Please continue to pray for Miriam from India during her studies in Canada.

**Thursday, 30th:** Pray for churches in the ICRC with us, including the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC), the Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC) General Synod, and the United Reformed Church in Congo.



