

DPC's Prayer Movement – 2017

DPC Mission and Ministry – Pray for the spiritual success of our Youth Group, Kid's Rock, mainly music and church services and events in the lead up to Christmas outlined in the calendar as we seek to reach out in the spirit of love, peace and joy during the festive season, with the hope of Christ overflowing from our hearts.

Community, Vision and Facilities Drury – DPC – God Lives Here! We pray for God to bless our community with good marriages, schooling, providence, health and wholeness. May our future-enlarged facilities (required to cater for the growth to come and the type and variety of ministries that could then be offered) be a place to Worship and make disciples, all the while providing for the practical and emotional needs of our community.

World.... Let us remember our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. May we pray for God's favour to be upon them this Christmas by the strengthening spirit of His Presence and for all their earthly needs to be met day by day.



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Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth; Goodwill to Men; and Batteries Not Included.

A couple were in a busy shopping centre just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on her mobile phone.

The wife said, "Where are you? You know we have lots to do."

He said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...

"Yes, I do remember that shop," she replied.

"Well, I am in the gun shop next door to that."



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Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.



Luke 2:14



DPC Weekly

Monday	Minister's day off	
Tuesday	Mainly Music - Final session for the year: Dec 5th	
	9am	Story time and Play
	9:30am	Music programme
	10am	Morning tea and Play
		Contact: Lyndsay Sutton 294-8379
	11am	Church Prayer Group -
		Final session for the year: Dec 5th
Wednesday	10-11:30am	Wednesday Study Group -
		Final session for the year: Dec 13th
		Begins with morning tea. Study Series:
		Exodus - God Rescues his People.
		Enquiries: Contact Kent Ph 294-8461
	7pm-8pm	Music Ministry Practice & meeting
		Enquiries: Werner Schroeder p. 020-4140-6524
Thursday	9am-11:15am	Play & Café - Final session for the year: Dec 14th
		Contact: Claudia 029-770-4053
Sunday	9.30am	Service;
		Kid's Rock Children's Programme -
		Final session for the year: Dec 10th
	10.30am	Morning Tea



DPC Youth Ministry

Fri 8 Dec	6pm	Fun Run Community Event (walk or run)
Sun 17 Dec	3pm	Christmas Community Event at the School

DPC Sunday Door Ministry Roster

Dec 10th	Joy Webster-Jones	Murray Gibson
Dec 17th	Margaret Dodd	Catherine Grey
Dec 24th	Fay Gust	Harriette Goldsmith
Dec 31st	Joy Webster-Jones	Murray Gibson
Jan 7th	Margaret Dodd	Catherine Grey
Jan 14th	Fay Gust	Harriette Goldsmith



DPC Notices

DPC Prayer Chain – Text / Phone Leanne Rohloff 027-493-5015 (09-294-8844) with your prayer needs and requests. All matters will be treated as private and confidential by the members of the chain unless permission given otherwise.

Church Ministry Opportunities:

Helpers required for DPC Xmas Party/Community Outreach Dec 17th Event at the Drury School to set up, takedown and join the catering team. Contact Kent or sign up on the clipboard at Church.

December Church Services & Community Events:

Sun 3rd	9:30am	Communion Service & Kid's Rock programme
Fri 8th	6pm	Fun Run & Walk (5 & 3 km options) Hosted by DPC Youth Group. Put your jogging/walking shoes on, invite friends, family, neighbours and come along to join in this event for all ages. There will be food, refreshments and fun at the finish line ☺
Sun 10th	9:30am	Service & Kid's Rock Programme
Sun 17th	9:30am	Kid's Rock Breakup Service
	3pm	DPC Xmas Party and Community Outreach at the Drury School with... Games, activities and the living Nativity for those all-important Xmas photos
Sun 24th	9:30am	Christmas family service featuring Uncle Maurice – What is Christmas all About?
	7pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Carol Service (Yes it will be dark for effect and if you're interested in joining the choir, contact Werner)

Message from the PCANZ Moderator of the General Assembly – Let's Pray!

Dear Friends,

As we approach Christmas and the end of another year I want to call the whole Church to prayer. I am particularly aware of how important Christmas is both for the Church as a family and for her witness in and to the world.

Christmas and Easter are still universally recognised as Christian festivals even if the depth of understanding is not great. Many people only come to church on these special days. It is, therefore, important that we recognise the opportunities we have at these times to bring a message of hope and mercy to those who live outside the Church family.

I know many of you do engage the community in all sorts of creative ways at Christmas and I also know that many churches put on special services to mark the occasion. Can I encourage you to continue these traditions and to work as hard as possible to raise the Christ-child up at this time? However, I also know that this is a very busy time for staff and especially for Ministers, so I want to call the Church to prayer for our Christmas witness and especially for these people for this period. Can you please distribute this letter as widely as possible amongst your people and so call

them to prayer for the areas I've listed below and can you engage in at least one special time of prayer in your parish where people can come apart and spend some quality time in praying for these things? The Church marches on its prayers. Let us, then, march together this Christmas.

Points for prayer:

1. That our witness this Christmas may be gracious and effective.
2. That we may find many ways to bless those who struggle with Christmas, especially the poor and distressed.
3. That we may bless our Ministers and staff through the Christmas period and ensure they get
4. adequate rest and refreshment over summer.
5. That we will find the needed resources to staff churches over summer.
6. That we will all experience peace and provision this year, which is at the heart of the Christmas tradition.

In Christ

Richard Dawson (Moderator PCANZ)