



# PROFILES FOR PRAYER

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA IN NSW

# 2012

*Profiles for Prayer* consists of the names and prayer points from students studying at the Presbyterian Theological Centre this year who are candidates for the ministry and deaconess candidates of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW.

Please pray for them as they study and train to be ministers of God's word and servants of the gospel.

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### **Simon Arkapaw**

Simon Arkapaw is an assistant minister at Wentworthville Presbyterian Church where he has been involved for the last 6 years.

Simon is married to Kathryn and they have two delightful girls, Jocelyn (5) and Lauren (3). Simon is studying part time at the PTC. Pray that he may be diligent, godly, joyful and useful as he leads the two congregations at Wenty while completing (hopefully) his remaining subjects this year. Pray that time spent studying at the PTC would be used by God to better equip him to serve our Lord. Give thanks for an encouraging start to the year at church with a number of new families attending. Pray that he would see many who don't know God come to have faith in Jesus, and that the church would grow in maturity together. Pray for wisdom for the selection committee as the church looks to call a new minister. Give thanks that their oldest daughter Jocelyn has started Kindergarten this year and is really enjoying it. Pray that Lauren begins to cope with the absence of her big sister.



### **Duncan Anderson**

Duncan is in his third year of Study at PTC and his wife Jo is also studying part-time. They have three children Jemima (7), Tobin (5) and Cody (3). Duncan is currently completing the second Year of an FES placement at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Manly. The Andersons enjoy travelling home to Medowie at various times throughout the year and catching up and supporting friends at the Gateway Family Presbyterian Church, Anna Bay.

They would appreciate prayer for:

- Continued enthusiasm and a gracious attitude for the opportunity to devote these years to study, as well as continued drive and determination to get the most from classes.
- Wisdom, patience and godliness in parenting.
- They continue to thank God for the way he meets their needs and wants through family, friends and an ever varied array of unexpected sources.



### **Daniel Au**

Daniel is married to Fayette and they have a 6 month old boy, Adrian.

They are serving at Kirkplace where Dan is the Pastor of Welcoming and Mobilisation. He also leads a photography business on the side at [www.danauphotography.com](http://www.danauphotography.com).

Please pray that God will strengthen them to serve Him well this year. Pray for their marriage, that it will be strong and healthy. Pray also for Adrian to grow up knowing and loving Jesus.



### **Tim Berriman**

Tim is currently completing (God willing in 2012) an MA (Theology) through PTC while working 4 days a week for New Life Presbyterian Church, Gungahlin, in Canberra's northern suburbs. He is married to Lisa, and they have two delightful girls Emily [Jan '09] and Claire [June '10], with a 3<sup>rd</sup> bub due in March. Please pray that Tim would bring glory to God through a busy and changing church, study, and family this year. Please pray for the ministry of New Life Presbyterian Church, and other churches in the nation's capital, as they seek to be living proof of a loving God to a watching world.



### **Michael Bosshard**

The Bosshard family worship at Gosford Presbyterian Church this year so please pray as they continue to serve the church family faithfully. Please also pray for the many lost souls on the Central Coast. Michael is in his last year of studies, so pray he will make it through and learn a lot. Please also pray that God directs their paths for future service in his kingdom. Uphold Michael's wife Mel as she works hard at being a wife, mum and working. Pray that Isabelle and Areli keep growing in their knowledge and love for Jesus. Michael thanks you for your love and support.



### **David Brookes**

David is married to Charmaine and they have been blessed with three children: Jasmine, Sophie & Ashleigh. This year involves a migration from part-time to full-time study for David at PTC. Prayer points for the family in 2012 include:

- Give thanks for the privilege to pursue God's call and intimately study His word;
- Give thanks for the opportunity to serve and be mentored at their home church in Caringbah;
- Pray that their learning will equip them abundantly to serve God's Kingdom both now and in the future;
- Pray that their friendships with fellow students and teaching staff will continually grow to encourage and support each other;
- Pray for them to be conscientious in raising their children with a sound knowledge and love of the Lord.



### **Ian Brunton**

Ian is married to Karen and they have three adult children (Amanda, Luke and Jill) who are busily producing and raising their grandchildren (four: Isaiah, Lilly, Emma and Arim). Ian has commenced his third year of full time study and a new FES appointment at North Sydney Presbyterian Church. Karen continues to work full time in a local primary school office which takes care of their material needs. Praise God for his gracious provisions and blessings in all these areas of their lives. Please pray that the fish farm they left behind to come to PTC would sell soon and painlessly, that they would continue to grow spiritually, and that Ian is diligent in his studies and that they are helpful and a blessing to those he ministers to.



### **Peter Charles**

Peter is a member of St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Port Macquarie where he works as an Assistant to the Minister, Scott Donnellan. He also spends two days a week at Hastings Public School where he works as a School Chaplain. Peter is married to Jo-Anne and they have five wonderful children: Helen 10, Merry 8, Ross 6, David 5, and Justine 4. Some of his interests include bike riding, indoor and outdoor soccer, and light weight camping. Please pray that they may grow in godliness and serve faithfully in the places that God has put them. And pray also particularly for the outreach into our local community with the gospel.



### **PETER CRICKITT**

Peter first worked for the Presbyterian Church in 1987-8 as an Assistant to the Minister at Hurstville & Lakemba. Later, after studying a BTh & MA(Theol), Peter & Abi taught at the South Pacific Missionary Training Centre Fiji. When they returned to Australia, Peter studied for ordained ministry in 2009-10. He enjoyed FES placements at Scots church Wynyard and Tregear. Unfortunately, for family reasons, Peter was unable to take up a country posting organised by Ministry & Missions and has since been prayerfully seeking a ministry opportunity closer to Sydney. The charge of Concord/ Nth Strathfield has indicated a willingness to accept them, and they value prayer as they move forward in the process of call, ordination and induction.



### **Matthew Crocker**

Matt has enjoyed the first three years of study and is looking forward to his fourth and final year. He is married to Mel and they live in the Sutherland Shire. Mel is working full time as a history / geography teacher in a Christian School in Southern Sydney. Matt and Mel are part of the Riverwood Presbyterian Church, where Matt is serving as a FES student. Matt is a candidate for ministry in the PCA and is looking forward to partnering with a local church in their mission.

Prayer points: Please pray for Matt and Mel as they begin to consider options for serving God after college; that Matt will be able to focus on his studies without too much dreaming about next year; for Mel as she continues to work hard in teaching and supporting Matt as he studies.



### **David Ferres**

David is married to Sarah and they have four children: Darius (6), Jemima (4), Isla (2), and Thor (1). David is currently in his fourth year of study at the PTC. They have just started an exciting adventure with God where David is working part-time for Dubbo Presbyterian Church (DPC) whilst simultaneously finishing off his studies over three years. They are excited about being back in Dubbo. DPC is the church they left to go to college and getting re-involved in the ministry there in a more full-scale, hands-on way.

- Praise God for the many ways he's provided for them, protected them, and guided them over the last three years at college.
- Please pray for their children as they try to adjust to a big move. Pray for Darius (who starts school this year) and Jemima (who starts at a new pre-school); but of course pray for all four of their children that God would be gracious enough to grant them faith in his Son.
- Please pray for them as a family that their focus will never shift from the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus our hope.
- Pray, too, that David will be able to manage his church commitments as well as study, while maintaining a good balance of spending time with his family – and most importantly, to be able to do all of that in a way that's fitting of someone who bears the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!



### **Jason Forbes**

Though Jason has cerebral palsy which restricts what he can do in ministry, he has been involved in many different ministries to varying degrees. Jason is currently involved in ministry to people with disabilities at camps, and the Allambie Heights Cerebral Palsy Association. It is Jason's prayer that he will continue to have a ministry to people with and without disabilities after formal studies. When he's not studying, he enjoys cycling, 4WDing, touring, sailing, and camping.

Prayer points:

- For the continuing ministry to people with disabilities - that Jason's insight into various complex issues may deepen, and he may apply God's word appropriately.
- For the ongoing investigation of opportunities for ministry, both now and after study.



### **Carl Grande**

Carl started 2012 with two exams left over from 2011 due to a hip replacement operation during the exam week.

Carl has also commenced full time ministry at Woodford Presbyterian Church in the Blue Mountains and is looking forward to many years of ministry to the people of the mid mountains area and is enjoying the support from the congregation.

Carl and Maree would appreciate prayers for this growing ministry and for wisdom as they seek the will of God for the church and endurance for the work ahead of them.



### **Benjamin Ho**

In his great mercy, God saved Ben through Christ during his study at university. Ben now has the privilege of being the pastor of the evening congregation at Chinese Presbyterian Church, Surry Hills and is studying the MA (Theol) at PTC. Ben looks forward to doing a project for the MA this year, although he hasn't settled on a clearly defined topic just yet.

Please thank God for the privilege of serving him and the saints at Chinese Presbyterian Church, Surry Hills. Please ask that God might sustain him to glorify his name in weekly preaching, that more may be gathered into his kingdom and grow to maturity in it, under the Lord Jesus Christ. Please ask God to have mercy on his parents and extended family, many of whom don't know God through Christ.



### **Daniel McClintock**

Daniel is married to Meg; they have two sons - Ben and Lachlan. Daniel has taken some leave from his studies, having completed the M. Div. component of the candidate's course. He is working as a teacher in a Christian school while his wife takes care of their boys. Please pray that Daniel and Meg would run a godly and happy home, and that Daniel would develop a clear purpose in how he is to serve God and take care of his family.



### **Jarrod McNaughton**

Jarrod is in fourth and final year of College, and is currently doing FES at Sutherland/Engadine Presbyterian Church. Jarrod has been very thankful for the opportunity to train at this church over that last year, and is praying that 2012 will be just as fruitful. He would be grateful for prayer for his family. He was raised by his Grandparents, and now that they are older it is his responsibility to look after them. Pray that Jarrod will be able to do this while still being fully committed to study and ministering God's word.



### **Tristan Merkel**

Tristan is studying part time. He is married to Clare. Pray that Tristan and Clare grow in their relationship with Jesus the Christ; would love the truth of the Gospel; and that they would remain humble and live to bring all glory to God.



### **Stephen Moore**

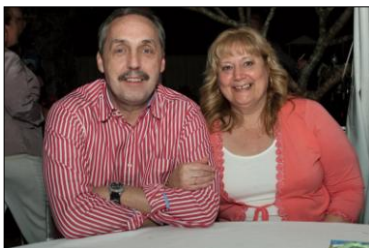
Stephen Moore is married to Jay. He studied at SMBC for 3 years whilst being a student minister at Randwick Presbyterian Church. He has now spent the last year working as the Assistant Minister there, as he continues part-time towards ordination. Please pray that Stephen would maintain a healthy balance of family, ministry and study.

Please pray that he would grow each day in holiness, and that he would be a servant-hearted leader of God's people.



### **Cornelius Nel**

Cornelius (Corrie) Nel is carefully optimistic - and filled with hope and peace - that 2012 will bring to fruition what he considers "a lifetime of preparing for fulltime ministry." "Slightly" older than the average final year theology student, Corrie has been married to Esti for 22 years and together they count, as a pair of God's many blessings, their children, Jacques (2nd year uni student, and Friedl, year 12). After completing his MDiv in 2005, Corrie served as Associate Minister (Pastoral Care) in the Ryde Reformed Church, before fixing his gaze to the hope of ministry in the Presbyterian Church. He currently serves as assistant to the Minister at the Roseville Presbyterian Church. He also has a sincere, caring interest in Prison Ministry, in which he remains involved part time. Please pray that God will call Corrie and his family to a ministry where they may best serve His people and His kingdom and for strength and guidance to run the good race worthily to the end.



### **Paul O'Rourke**

Paul is married to Heather and they have four adult children (Christopher, Bryony, Jennifer and Samantha). Paul completed his Bachelor of Theology last year and now enters his final year of study at PTC, to complete an Advanced Diploma in Theology. Paul and Heather are serving at Gosford and Toukley Presbyterian Churches, where Paul is doing FES.

Please pray that: Paul and Heather grow spiritually and mature as a Christian couple, that God would continue to prepare them for full-time ministry, and grant them wisdom and energy as they manage their time between Gosford and Toukley.



### **Hugh Prattis**

- Hugh is in his second year of study at PTC and really enjoying his time of study.
  - He is doing his second year of FES at Chatswood Presbyterian Church - pray that he will continue to grow and develop what he started to learn last year.
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- Pray that in all situations he might be Godly in thought, word and action.
  - Pray that he will continue to grow in his personal Godliness, particularly in finding all his fulfilment in God and for developing a bold Christian leadership.



### **Paul Richards**

Paul is married to Gabi and they have 2 boys, Jaime (4) and Micah (3). Paul is studying the Bachelor of Theology and works as a youth pastor for Siloam Korean Presbyterian Church in Strathfield.

#### Prayer points

1. Praise God, that in him all things are possible and that he has given Paul a great privilege to study his word in more depth.
2. Please pray that whatever blessings or challenges come to Paul and his family this year that they would bring glory to God in them.
3. Please pray that Paul will find a balance between, family, ministry and study.
4. Please pray that God would give him understanding and the ability to grasp and apply what he learns to his life and ministry.
5. Give thanks that God sustains and keeps Paul and his family by his providence and provision.



### **Samuel Smith**

Sam and Shelley are continuing their ministry in Armidale, where Sam's role as assistant to the minister is continuing. This role is providing some fantastic opportunities to work with families and youth, and new doors are continuing to open. The position is only part-time, so Sam is continuing to use his carpentry skills to support the family.

Shelley continues to be involved in family and children's ministry, particularly with mums with young children. She is also involved with the PWA and is greatly enjoying the various activities that this includes.

Grace and Mikayla are both at school now, and are enjoying it very much. James and Lizzie enjoy having the days at home without bossy big sisters, but still look forward to weekends together.

Please continue to pray for balance in work, study, and family life. Pray that they can work together as a family, to model Christian family life and ministry in the community. Also, please pray that they would be strengthened physically, to have the health that they need for the tasks that they have to do.



### **Vaughan Smith**

Vaughan is currently working as a home missionary at Gulgong Presbyterian Church. Between chasing after his two children, Asa (2) and Jemimah (9 months), and spending time with his wife Allie, he is learning how to run a faithful preaching and pastoring ministry. Please be in prayer for his organisational skills and time management. Please also pray that he would be enabled by God to faithfully bring God's Word to bear on his own life, the lives of his family, and the life and witness of the church in Gulgong.



### **Sylvester and Sylvia Siu**

Sylvester is in his fourth and final year of study at the PTC. He is married to Sylvia, who is studying at a ¾ load and working part-time for Ministry & Mission.

Sylvester and Sylvia will continue serving at Hurstville Presbyterian Church, in the Youth Group (HYPE), Young Adults fellowship, and Morning & Evening Services. Please pray that God will sustain them in their studies and service at Hurstville Presbyterian and continue to grow them in their relationship with Christ and each other. Pray for Sylvester as he completes his final year of studies and prepares for full time ministry next year. Please also pray for Sylvia as she juggles her studies and work.



### **Ramise Biu Tabuatamata**

Biu is married to Meresiana and they have four children, two boys and two girls aged 16, 14, 12 years old and a little new born.

This is Biu's fourth year at PTC and he will be attending Riverwood Presbyterian Church for FES.

Pray that God will give Biu wisdom and discipline for his studies in 2012.



### **Suhurn Yu**

Suhurn is married to Jimin and together they have God's precious gift of four lovely children, Michelle, Katie, Esther and Isaac. Please pray for Suhurn as he completes all the processes for candidature (such as exit thesis, trial for licence etc). Pray that God will lead him to the place and people to minister to and that he will grow and mature in person and faith. Pray that ordination would go smoothly, and also it will be a time for shaping and growing him and his

family as they walk together in God's way as a family. Suhurn thanks God for his faithful and supportive wife, Jimin; for her understanding, patience and encouragement that she has been always great supporter. Also pray for their children for their health, life in the family, church and school most of all that their faith in God will continue and grow more and more.



### **John Woldhuis**

John Woldhuis is married to Karine and they have three children. They serve with SIM in Ecuador whilst continuing to complete various units for the MA(Theology).

Please pray for family life in Ecuador, that John manages time well between study, work, discipleship and teaching in various ways.

Their home church is Randwick Presbyterian, where they continue to be a part of the team.



### **Simon Wong**

Simon has been married to Stephanie for 4 years. They currently serve at Gracepoint Presbyterian Church where they look after a new evening service which started a year ago in Lidcombe. Praise God for a wonderful team to start with, and thank Him for His abundant blessings in its first year. Pray for the suburb of Lidcombe and the city of Sydney that it might grow more open and less resistant to the Gospel. Simon is currently due to finish his project this year. Stephanie currently works in Speech Pathology, but hopes to return back to college to finish her theological degree at the PTC.



### **Andrew Woodyatt**

Andrew is a fourth Year student. He is married to Amy, and they have one son, Timothy. This year, Andrew will be working for Abbotsford Presbyterian Church as an Assistant Part-Time Student Minister, while he completes his studies.

Prayer points:

1. The Woodyatt family would grow in godliness during this year.
2. That Andrew would be wise, godly, and effective in his ministry at Abbotsford Presbyterian Church.
3. Amy would appreciate prayer for perseverance as she does shift work to support the family.
4. They would also like to thank God for His gracious provision for their needs.
5. They also thank God their father that Timothy has settled into school well.

### **Candidates in the Process**

Please pray for the students who are presently in the process of becoming candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW.

We praise God for the increase in the number of students studying at the PTC this year. Total enrolments so far this year are over 200.

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