

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on our Government and new members of parliament to:	Be wise and faithful in the management of our country's resources	To show compassion and mercy to those in need like our children & families living in poverty	To be enthusiastic in fostering growth initiatives that provide meaningful and sustainable employment	1 To implement policies that support a quality lifestyle	2 To be honourable, respectful, fair ; to lead the world in issues of equality	3 Our Women's Christmas event Pray for the fun, conversations & connections to be enduring
4 Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on St Columba as we humbly, yet proudly, take our place in our community to serve	5 Are we ready? To share our faith with someone who asks – the unbeliever or someone of another faith	6 Give Angel Tree Gifts Pray for the children of parents in prison that they will know the joy of receiving, and the knowledge of being cared for	7 Through the Op Shop, Food Baskets, Requests for help, telephone conversations, visits That needs will be met	8 All ages Pray for those who give and receive love and care through visits at Botany Maternity Hospital, Aged Care Homes, before and after surgery	9 Youth Ball As we host a ball for young people from a number of churches tonight may it be a great success; the strengthening of joint ventures and lots of fun	10 Consider how we serve Is it time to step up, step aside or step down? Pray for Dave and Alex as they look for leaders for next year
11 Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on our community Pray for those who face redundancy this Christmas	12 Pray that generosity will abound amongst those who can give	13 Pray for helping agencies like the Salvation Army and City Mission whose helping load is heavy	14 Pray for the helpers; the police, ambulance officers, doctors, nurses, counsellors	15 For those who need protection and refuge in times of trouble	16 For those who struggle with long term illness, aging bodies or depression	17 Home Groups Thank God for relationships built both spiritually and personally
18 Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us as we prepare to receive Jesus May the words and music of today's Carols Service come alive in our heart	19 Quiet time Help us to set time aside every day to read your word and enter into the true meaning of Christmas	20 Travellers Pray for those who are travelling home or away to be with family	21 Retailers & Shoppers Pray that needs will be met after a difficult financial year	22 Newcomers Pray for Margaret Scott & her team hosting the Christmas lunch for new migrants & those who are alone	23 Our Ministers Andrew & Matt and all those involved in our Christmas services; for those who come	24 Thank you Lord for hope, anticipation, and the wonder of this night
25 Christmas Day We welcome you Lord Jesus, Light of the World	26 Prince of Peace Come into our troubled world, to countries at war, plagued by injustice, cruelty, corruption	27 Summer Camps Pray for young people attending summer camps, especially Mark C and his team	28 Refreshment & Fun Pray for family holidays, for Matt & Allie with family from overseas; for those who are alone	29 New Opportunities Give us courage Lord to see them, and respond to your nudging, repeated nudging, shouting even	30 Neighbours Pray for our neighbouring churches, some are struggling and asking for help with leadership and governance	31 New Year's Eve Pray responsibility for revellers, and that our nation's culture of binge drinking would be overturned

Thank you so much for praying for our church and our community. We believe these prayers are making a difference.

ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Our prayer is that you will know and experience more than ever before the love of God; that HE has come to YOU this Christmas.

*Keep well and safe
May this Christmas be your best ever!*

Prayer for others or prayer for yourself?

*Prayer is available every Sunday
Before you go into hospital
Once you are home
At monthly healing services
At home groups
Please ask*

Please pray for our ministry team and their families over this holiday season that they would be kept safe and refreshed for an exciting year ahead

*Andrew, Matt, Dave, Shirley, Margaret, Dorne, Vivienne, Russell,
Alex, Dawn and Angela*

Where life and faith meet

St Columba

PRAYER CALENDAR DECEMBER 2011



Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek with all your heart.