

Anglican Paraguay Prayer Calendar

Sep & Oct 2014



Lunch at the Youth Camp July 2014



Children's evangelism course in FEISA

Week Mon 8 – Sun 14 Sep: Give thanks and tell out His wonderful deeds

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

- Our Biennial Diocesan Synod was held in August with representation from all sections of the Anglican Church in Paraguay focusing on developing healthy community within our churches. Grateful for the ministry of Rev Agustin Marsal from Buenos Aires who was the keynote speaker.
- Thankful that the flood waters which have affected Anglican communities in the Chaco have receded and that the roads are drying out which enabled representatives from La Patria to be able to attend the Synod.
- The Asuncion winter youth camp for 80 young people, especially giving thanks for the group of 20 ex pupils from the Annexe school who took part for the first time. Please pray for the planning of a post camp reunion & BBQ and for the camp members that many would attend and would continue to grow as followers of Jesus.
- The visit of Mission Paraguay teams to Asuncion, Concepcion and the Chaco and for the projects which were completed and for the ongoing projects. Especially grateful for David Orritt and the volunteers.
- The Esperanza Foster Home gives thanks that twins F & F have gone to their forever family and for the arrival of 2 year old N who has quickly settled in. The legal process determining the future of siblings MP and J is moving forward. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in the Adoption Agency's choice of parents for them.
- We give thanks for the start of the monthly Saturday School of Ministry providing further training current leaders and potential leaders in Asuncion, giving thanks for the participants: Salomon, Magdalena, Hernan, Dina, Gloria, Regina, Katty, Rebeca, Gustavo, Rafael, Victor and Sadrac.
- Give thanks for last Saturday's child evangelism training held in FEISA for Sunday school teacher, children's workers and toy library workers: a joint training initiative between the churches and FEISA. 17 people attended and two more hope to do the second 2 sessions. This was the first of three sessions.

Week Mon 15 – Sun 21 Sep: Being watchful in prayer

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent.

You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6,7

Thank you for your ministry as a prayer watchman for the church of Christ. Pray for the Anglican Church in Paraguay that the Lord will cause our witness to bring joy to many in Paraguay. We pray especially this week for all who are drawing near to the Lord. And we pray for ourselves that we will be faithful in praying for the Kingdom to come.

We give thanks for the prayer groups and prayer meetings across the Diocese and pray that the members will pray both day and night for the Kingdom to extend and being established in Paraguay.

Person of the week: Alison Hawksbee. Alison is married to Chris and they have been missionaries in Paraguay for many years. They have 3 children who grew up in Paraguay; Sam is now married and lives in England, Hannah who works in London and Ben who is currently doing an internship with the British Embassy in Asunción. At the beginning of this semester Alison started working at St Andrews School in the secondary department as a Science teacher. Please pray for her as she settles into this new job and gets to know her colleagues, the students and her family. She is a committed member of St Andrews Chapel where she leads services and preaches. May the Lord Jesus give her great wisdom in all her responsibilities, and may she know his joy as she serves Him.

The church in Luque, we pray and thanking the Lord for:

- Pastor Donald and his family
- the initiative to set up a planning group which includes the church council, pastor and other leaders
- increased attendance on Sunday mornings
- the leadership training course that is being run on Tuesday evenings
- prayer group in Luque, and the initiative to involve all the church in praying for others outside the church
- plans to relaunch the Sunday School
- church council – Donald, Teo, Sara, Lidia, Constanza and Jorge
- plans to run a couples prayer meeting

We pray for St Pauls in Concepcion for:

- church council: Ricardo, Saul, Javier, Myrian, Claire, Zunilda and Leonarda
- consolation for Leonarda who recently lost her husband and Javier whose father died 2 weeks ago that they will be given strength and consolation from the Lord
- vice president of the council Javier and his wife Myrian as they are expecting their second child in November
- new initiatives that will be well received
- give thanks for the mid winter course Simply the Story and pray that those who attended will continue to share Christ and his Word with others

We continue to pray for Neri Sosa, from Maklawaya and the son of Pastor Juan that the checkups he has in Asuncion would go well and that his leg would continue to heal. We give thanks that Tadeo who works in St Andrews School and FEISA has recovered from the injury to his leg and has been able to resume his Saturday job as driver for the Toy Library.

We give thanks for those who were recently confirmed in Christ the Saviour Church: Juanca, Marlene, Stella, Santiago and Natasha. Please pray for each one as they grow in faith and as they use their gifts for the good of the church. We also pray that new attenders will integrate well and that the church will continue to grow in maturity as well as numbers and for practical organisation helping to enable the church to move forward. Please pray for Pastor Ronny and Nicky as they lead this church, for vision, strength and wisdom.

Week Mon 22 – Sun 28 Sep: Praying for justice

Yes, truth is lacking and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now the LORD saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. Isaiah 59:15,16



Person of the week: Victor Gonzalez Victor is a pastoral worker from St Johns Church in the city of Mariano Roque Alonso. His main ministry is in the Chaco where he spends 2 weeks each month based at the Diocesan Centre in Rio Verde. He preaches, leads services and runs Bible study groups in homes. He is married to Lina and they have 5 grown up children. He is attending our Ministry School. Please pray for Victor that his work for the Lord will produce much fruit and that he will be kept safe as he travels around the Chaco.

We pray for the government of Paraguay with many challenges such law and order (particularly in the North of the country) and the threat of the EPP terrorist group who currently hold hostage 16 year old Arlan Fick. It is not known if Arlan is still alive. Please pray for Arlan's family in their anguish and for the youth of Paraguay as they hold vigils and events to show solidarity with Arlan.

Please pray for Pastor Agustin Maidana in his ministry in the Chaco giving thanks for:

- Bible studies
- the encouraging participation of new people in services in the Chaco

asking God for:

- the communities of Yatnata, Primavera and Palo Azul and the interest in the gospel
- productive relationships with community leaders
- pastoral workers from the Chaco

We pray for the Pastors and their wives as they encourage their church members and seek to build churches where the lost and broken are received in Jesus' name with open arms. We pray for the **clergy of the Anglican Church in Paraguay**: Niño Pepe & Feliciana Agüero , Peter & Sally Bartlett, Donald & Caroline Brooks , Mario & Rosa Caballero, Agripino & Nilda Cerro, Luis & Regina Echeverría, Robert & Cristina Fernández, Ronald & Nicky Irene, Agustín & Teresa Maidana, Lucho & Estela Robles, Mario & Agustina Recalde, Andrés & Estela Rodríguez, Cefe & Ana Romero, Lucio & Priscila Romero and Romualdo & Yrna Rojas, Juan & Alicia Sosa and Bishop Andrés & Estela Rodríguez (recently retired).

We pray for those who face unjust life situations that their hope may in Jesus and his salvation and righteousness. We pray for Gladys and the very difficult situation that she is facing. We pray for any who feel that their challenges are too big to face that the Lord would reveal himself in power, love and compassion. Amen.

We pray for all families who are still living in temporary accommodation after the flooding and those who lost their material possessions. May they be given the grace to rebuild their homes with a foundation of wisdom.

We thank the Lord for nurse Beryl Baker's new jeep, replacing the old one which was stolen. We pray that Beryl would enjoy good health and be kept safe as she travels the roads of the Chaco. We pray that she will be given wisdom as she addresses health needs. And we pray for her ministry of sharing Jesus with those who are ill.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33

Week Mon 29 Sep – Sun 5 Oct: Building up walls of protection

O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins. You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD. Ezekiel 13:4,5

Many marriages in Paraguay struggle with debt, infidelity and separation. We pray for marriages to be strengthened in the ways of the Lord. We pray for the congregations running marriage events, Christ the Saviour, Christ the Redeemer and Luque, remembering those with special ministry to couples: Rev Ronald & Nicky I, Rev Luis & Regina E., Miguel & Miriam, Juanca & Marlene, Esteban & Iris: may they be given wisdom as to how to disciple and help those in need.

The Lord is calling us to pray and intercede for the protection of the weak and vulnerable. This week ask the Lord to show you any specific people who need God's special protection and pray for them each day.



People of the Week: Diocesan Executive Committee The committee was elected at the Diocesan Synod. Please pray for Bishop Peter, Dina Fretes lay rep from Zeballos Cue, Rev Romualdo Rojas from Maklawaya, Javier Zavala lay rep from Concepcion, Mags Southern the Diocesan Treasurer, Rev Donald Brooks from Asunción and Rev Agripino Cerro from La Patria. Please pray for each member to be able to use their talents on this committee for the well being of the whole church and that there would be harmony and that their work would bring glory to God. May they build up a wall of protection for the church in Paraguay.

Let us pray for those our leading our educational establishments, that a wall of protection will be put in place for both staff and pupils especially in the area of discipline:

- Gwen Carlisle Head of St Andrews School
- Head teacher Catalino of the Annexe School
- Gloria Maldonado and helper Catherina in the Pepe School in Zeballos Cue
- Ana Maria Demestri the Director of FEISA

We pray for Charlie and Raquel Mendez as they await the birth of their first baby. May Raquel and the baby be kept safe during the delivery, and may this family be greatly blessed in these coming months.

Please pray for the School of Ministry which has classes this Saturday for the students and for those giving the classes:

- Bishop Peter: Firestarters class on Ministering the Kingdom
- Rev Donald Brooks: Old Testament Theology
- Rev Luis Echeverria: Introduction to the Bible
- Sally Bartlett: Soul Training (Spiritual Disciplines)

We pray for the children in the care of the Esperanza foster home who have suffered neglect and abuse and we pray that as they encounter safety in the home they would develop in confidence and security, that the Lord would be their strong tower and very present help. We pray for house mother Inocencia and helper Marlene for patience and wisdom and good health and strength.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

Week Mon 6 Sep – Sun 12 October: Standing in the Gap

I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us: Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf (Hebrews 7:25). This week lets pray for ourselves and for those we know who need to receive God's mercy.



Person of the week: Viviana Moncerrat : *I'm 19 years old and I live with my parents and 4 siblings. I have a younger brother whose girlfriend recently gave birth to a baby girl, and they too have come to live with us. My father works on a farm & my mother is a housewife. My family has only a very modest income but I'm determined to get ahead and I'm therefore prepared to travel a long way for my studies. I live in a city that's 50 kms. from Asuncion & this means I have to spend 3 hours travelling back & forth to FEISA each day, as I really want to make a career in Early Years Education. Although I'm very proud of my parents, I don't want to repeat the same cycle of poverty. In fact, I want to become a professional teacher so that I can repay them for all that they have invested in me!*

Pray for Viviana asking for the Lord to help in her studies and family responsibilities.

Three times a month, Viviana helps with FEISA's Toy Library and this enables her to pay her fares to FEISA. She is attending the training children's evangelism training course in FEISA. Please pray that Viviana's life and witness would touch many others.

We pray for Chris Hawksbee that the Holy Spirit would direct him in his prayers and daily walk each day as he goes about his ministry in the Chaco and as a leader in the Saint Andrews Chapel community.

Pray for Pastor Juan Sosa and Deacon Romualdo and St Peters church in Maklawaya that they would be strengthened in their prayer lives and we ask the Lord to protect them spiritually from the attacks of the evil one.

Sally Bartlett: as we pray for St Andrews Chapel we ask you Lord that each attender will grow as a faithful disciple of Christ and that His glory would increasingly be seen in our lives. We give thanks to the Lord for the marriage of Sam and Hannah White and pray that they would continue to enjoy their marriage and that it would be a witness of your love to many others in the community.

Week Mon 13- Sun 19 October: On our knees

I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit... Eph 3:14-21

St Andrews Cathedral praying and giving thanks for:

- Pastor Ronald to be enabled to enter into God's rhythm as the lead pastor of the Cathedral
- those leaders that the Lord is raising up in this congregation
- sewing group offering friendship, fellowship, development of practical skills and work on group projects
- enthusiastic participation of those coming to Sunday services

Please pray for the churches in El Estribo especially for Pastor Lucio and the church in Santa Fe & Pastor Mario in Dos Palmas that they would be strengthened in their spirits and know the glorious riches of their inheritance in Christ Jesus and that they would bold in evangelising and be given wisdom in pastoral matters.

People of the Week: Leaders King of kings Church, Remansito:

we give thanks for Salomon, Magdalena, Lourdes, Ramona, Lourdes, Virginia and Sonia who successfully completed the studies on Anglicanism. We give thanks for the completion of the church's events room which is now being used for the reopened Saturday ministry to children from the neighbourhood. Please pray for these leaders that their witness in the locality will shine for Jesus and for wisdom for the leading of the young people of the church.



Tim Curtis asks for spiritual protection for himself and Asunción as they revise some sections of the Enxet New Testament, in preparation for the publishing of the whole Bible in Enxet. We pray for protection for the equipment in the hot spring months and that no material will be lost due to power outages or similar problems. We also pray for safety for Tim as he travels around in the Chaco.

Pastor Lucho: Please thank the Lord for current openness to the Gospel which exists in St John's, King of kings and Fountain of Life church and for the growing ministries with children. Please pray for our ministry to young people that it would grow and prosper.

We thank the Lord for teachers and pray for them as they guide and teach. May they be strengthened in their spirits, minds and be given physical strength as the academic year moves on the spring weather heats up. We pray especially for:

- Hannah, Sam, & Deborah teaching members of St Andrews Chapel who are teachers in Asuncion
- the members of St Andrews School staff: who also attend Anglican churches Gwen, Mags, Alison, Aresenio, Caroline, Cecilia, Donald, Esteban, Nicky, Neill, Noemi, Sarah, Rita, Victor, Miriam, Mirta, Regina and chaplain Ronald.
- more English teachers for St Andrews School
- Head teacher Catalino and the Annexe school staff and for all ancillary and administrative staff
- Gloria and Caterina teaching in the Pepe school in Zeballos Cue

Week Mon 20 – Sun 26 October: Pleasing God

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Phil 2:13

We pray this week for the Anglican Church in Paraguay that God will do his good work in each member and thank him that he is more than able to give us all both the desire to do what pleases him and the power carry it out.

Lord, we give you thanks for the church in Zeballos Cue, asking God to continue to guide Pastor Luis and his wife Regina as the church welcomes newcomers and gives pastoral guidance to new families. We pray for the ladies who have just completed the 10 session course 'The Woman who Prospers' which Regina and Sally Bartlett led, that the ladies will grow in love for the Lord and in the good works that he has prepared for each one. We also pray for the youth group and those who have recently joined that they will decide to follow Jesus. Amen.



Person of the Week: Claire Holmes. Clara (wearing the red cardigan) as she is known in Paraguay is an Irish mission partner with SAMS. She works in St Pauls church in Concepcion and the church's various missions, particularly in the area of developing children's ministry within the context of discipleship and leadership development. She also gives English classes in a local school and enjoys riding her bike around Concepcion. As a member of the church council she works in a team with other church leaders. Please pray for good health, sufficient rest for Clare and for good relationships with fellow leaders in the church. And may she be given wisdom as she prioritises how to spend her time.

We give thanks for St Matthews Church in Rio Verde and all those who attend. We pray for Victor Gonzalez's ministry to many families in the area. Please pray for the small groups that meet in peoples home that much spiritual fruit would be borne.

Let's pray that the desire that some leaders in the Chaco have expressed to train Sunday school teachers will become reality and that the plans to run a training course in the Chaco will come to fruition.

We pray for protection for all Anglican churches and groups in Paraguay that all will be kept safe spiritually. In these days there is pressure from sects and groups which often seek to gain entry into other groups and then go onto steal members. Dealing with this phenomenon is difficult and so we pray for wisdom and good teaching and training in the Scriptures which will enable people to accurately examine the spiritual reality of these groups.

Week Mon 27 – Fri 31 October: Prayer wrestlers

...a man came and wrestled with him (Jacob) until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Gen 32:24-26
Are you willing to wrestle in prayer for the eternal destiny of a unsaved one, for a project that is part of God's plans, for the life of a sick one, for the honour of God's name, for the extension of the Kingdom of God? Jacob wrestled and did not give up, let his example inspire us this week!

Please pray for the following people:

- La Patria pastors, Robert, Mario, Niño Pepe and Agripino as their communities get back to normal after the severe and prolonged flooding. Please pray that will wrestle in prayer to encounter God given strategies to reach their communities with the Gospel and that many will enter into the Kingdom
- Teo Rivas the Diocesan Administrator as he balances many responsibilities that the Lord would guide him in paths of righteousness and that he would stay close to the Lord in prayer
- Bishop Andrés as he adjusts to retirement that God will show him the way forward for this next stage of his life and that the Lord would bless him and his family greatly

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay
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