

1 Tue	Give thanks for the older people in our congregation and pray that there will be opportunities to share their knowledge and wisdom with younger people. Give thanks too, for the opportunities for Seniors to meet together for the Christmas Lunch today.
2 Wed	Our Church Council meets tonight, and we give thanks for the wise and Godly leadership of our Councillors and Elders. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their discussions, and be present in their decisions.
3 Thu	Pray for people in the developing world, giving thanks for organisations such as UnitingWorld and TEAR who provide support to those in need. Pray that we will continue to support them.
4 Fri	Give thanks for the Leisure and Learning group and for their final meeting of the year today. Give thanks for the time and commitment for those who organise this important part of our church's life.
5 Sat	Give thanks for our Kid's Church and for its leaders. Pray that all will be able to celebrate Jesus' birth at the Christmas Party tomorrow.
6 Sun	<i>And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour"</i> - Luke 1:46
7 Mon	We remember old friends, particularly those with whom exchanging Christmas cards is our only contact. Ask God to help us to renew friendships which have faded, and ask that God's Spirit will be at work within all our relationships.

8 Tue	With the season of Advent well underway, with the excitement of the lead up to Christmas the busyness of shopping and social events, pray that all will find time to contemplate and appreciate the gift of Jesus.
9 Wed	<i>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.</i> - Isaiah 9:2
10 Thu	As schools finish Term 4, we give thanks for the school year, especially for the dedication of teachers and support staff. Pray that the school holidays will be a time of rest and relaxation for students and staff alike.
11 Fri	Give thanks for Leisure and Learning as it concludes for the year today. Pray that our Church will be able to build and maintain contacts with our local community through this and other groups in the new year.
12 Sat	We pray for all those who are sick, and ask for God's healing hand to be upon them. Thank God for the gifts of modern medicine.
13 Sun	Give thanks for the opportunity to worship God, and pray for all those involved in organising and running worship services within our Church.
14 Mon	We thank God for the many gifts we enjoy: For our nation's relative prosperity and safety. Pray that we will be generous with all we have: our wealth, our time and our prayers.
15 Tue	Give thanks for the opportunity many have to share in Christmas parties for work and social groups. Pray that these events will be a time of fellowship, and be fun, relaxing and safe for all.

16 Wed	We remember those in prison at this time, and pray that the good news of Jesus, made known by the work of Kairos will support and reassure prisoners, and their families, over Christmas.
17 Thu	Pray for students who have completed the HSC this year. As their results become available, pray for them in decisions about study and work.
18 Fri	Pray for parents looking after children in this exciting week leading up to Christmas. Ask God to give them patience and peace.
19 Sat	Pray that we will be confident in our faith, and not afraid to share it with others. Give thanks for all those who bring the good news of Jesus to people throughout the world.
20 Sun	Pray for the people who don't regularly attend church who will be visiting our Church for services over Christmas. Ask God to help us to reach out to those people, and help them become more actively engaged with the life of God's Church.
21 Mon	Give thanks for the work of Lifeline, particularly in collecting for, assembling and distributing Christmas Hampers for those in need in our community. Pray that we, as individuals and as a Church will continue to support this and other important work.
22 Tue	Take time to remember the lonely and all those who mourn loved ones this Christmas. Pray that they will find comfort, friendship and community, and that God will help us to reach out to those in need.

23 Wed	We pray for the Flying Padre, John Blair, and for his work in far western NSW, supporting the local community and preaching God's word.
24 Thu	<i>But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."</i> - Luke 2:10
25 Fri	<i>"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."</i> - John 3:16
26 Sat	Pray for the homeless people of our city. Give thanks for the Christmas meals and presents provided by so many to them, and pray that our generosity will continue throughout the 'Christmas Break' and into 2010.
27 Sun	Our last church services for the year are today. Give thanks to God for the faithful preaching of God's word we have enjoyed throughout 2009.
28 Mon	Pray for all those travelling at this time of year. Pray for safety and patience. Give thanks for the opportunities to holiday and to visit relatives.
29 Tue	Pray for our friendships within and beyond our Church community. Give thanks for the opportunity to gather with our families and friends, and pray for those who do not have those opportunities.
30 Wed	Remember in prayer all who are needed to work at this time of year, when much of our community is resting. Give thanks for the work of police, firefighters, doctors and nurses, and all who provide for people in need.

31 Thu	Give thanks to God for the year past, take time to reflect on the many blessings of the year, and pray that, in the year to come, we will continue to reach out to God and to welcome God's Spirit into our lives.
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Remember the special prayer time to pray for the needs of our Church – each Wednesday morning at 7.30 a.m.

Gordon Uniting Church

Conversations with God

***For to us a child
is born, to us a
son is given***

- Isaiah 9:6a



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