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**SOZO PRAYER MINISTRY**

Sozo helps heal your relationship with God, to enable you to fulfil your destiny. Please contact the Church Office on 4333 8423 or Annabelle on 0458 445 584

**to make an appointment at the Banksia Centre.**

**THE GRACE HEALING CENTRE -**

Transformational Prayer Ministry support for all types of spiritual, emotional & physical needs.

Please contact the Church Office on 43338423 or email: [gracecomhc@gmail.com](mailto:gracecomhc@gmail.com) for an appointment. Confidentiality assured.

**VISITORS:** *If you are here for the first time or haven't been with Grace long, we would love to get to know you. Please feel free to speak to someone about Grace. You can also call the Church or fill in a visitors/care card on the entry table. Toilets are at the back.*

**Health & Safety Issues:** "Incident Log" for any health or safety issues on entry table. Report issues to Ps. Tony or Christine Whitehouse so that we can ensure that it is addressed adequately. Thank you all for your co-operation in this.

**December 22nd, 2019**  
**Communion: Tony Rae**  
**Message: Tony Rae**



**2019 Theme: TREASURE - ask God where to dig to find those treasures He has for us individually and corporately. And ask how to give away treasure.**

**LYNETTE'S TAKE** The week before Christmas is admittedly a weird time to wonder about various aspects of The crucifixion.

Pilate, fearful of further crowd rebellion, chose to not prevent the torture & subsequent crucifixion of Jesus Christ, although innocent of all the charges against Him. In Matthew 27:24, Pilate recuses himself of responsibility by washing his hands. (unsure if this may be where the "I wash my hands of this" phrase may have come from.

His own words, as in The Amplified version, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to his crucifixion yourselves!" If that were all it took to be relieved of any responsibilities we didn't want, there would be a lot of hand-washing!

It appears that Pilate's wife recognized Jesus as a Holy Man, & advised against this, so who knows if Pilate didn't hear about that in his sleep.

I wonder, if after it was all over, including The Resurrection, how that act may have impacted Pilate's life. Could the constant memory of how his fear allowed the shedding of innocent blood somehow have interfered with his inner peace? Would his day to Day living & decision making become impaired, or his once peaceful relationship with Mrs. Pilate been impacted?

One life-changing decision to remove himself from a situation he didn't want to address. Who knows the impact?

I know, it would have changed mine

**John 19:11 Amplified (AMP)**  
**"Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me at all if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the sin and guilt of the [a]lone who handed Me over to you is greater [than your own]."**



**OUR VISION** 'Grace Community aims to Serve, Equip and Empower people to reach their **Godly potential** in a atmosphere of Grace in the context of Community'

**WE VALUE:** \* Grace \* Small group relationships \* Servant-hood \* Body life ministry - ALL spiritual Gifts \* Freedom \* Empowering \* Intergenerational fellowship \* Facilitating \* Community \* the Prophetic.

**GIVING CHURCH ACCOUNT- GENERAL giving.**  
**Westpac BSB 032545 Acc 162532**

## *Christmas Eve*

*Feel free to invite family and friends.*

**Pre-Service Activities: All FREE**

- \* From 5pm -6.15pm.
- \* Coffee machine operating 5-6pm
- \* Jumping Castle - YES!!!
- \* Santa Rocket Sleigh climb in and for photos
- \* Helium Balloons
- \* BBQ: Sausage Sizzle & Chicken Wings!!!!
- \* Lucky Dip
- \* Water Bombs - Live Target
- \* Pretty Dessert Table-with desserts on it!!!!!!!

*Carol Service Starts at 6.30pm*

**Christmas Eve offering:** for Drought & Fire Relief. Please give what you can.



**Group Text: if you are not on Tony Rae's general information text group, and you want to be, please talk to him or request inclusion by text 0421605738**

### **Cambodia—Lynn Johnston—Wellspring & Morijana**

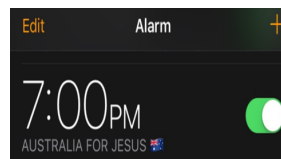
Lynn Johnston is our Missionary serving the people of Cambodia through the Wellspring Initiative and the Morijana Fashion Label.

**Please Note: Personal support for Lynn SHOULD NOT go into the Morijana Account.**

*If you would like to contribute to Lynn's personal financial support please Deposit into Westpac Terrigal GCBC BSB 032545 Acc 219770 tag*

*it: "Lynn J"*

**For Gifts to support Morijana then please make a deposit to Terrigal Westpac GCBC T/AS Morijana: BSB: 032545 Acc: 286447**



**Set an Alarm on your phone and pray for Australia to be saved. *Awakening Australia, Sydney 2020!!***

### **ENCOURAGEMENT CREW**

We could all use a bit of encouragement right?! Well the best way to receive is to give so if your encouragement tank needs filling why not join Matt Coonan and others as they go out on the street or Uni and encourage the Central Coast community.



**Talk to Matty Coonan for more information.**

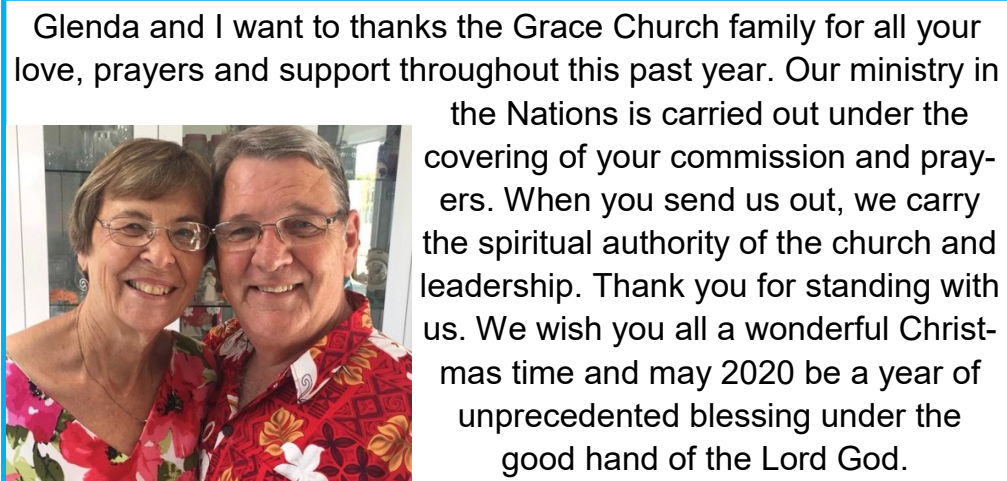
**Follow Encouragement Crew on Facebook.**

***If you have a business and want to sponsor The Encouragement crew (you get advertising). TALK TO MATTY.***



Love and Thanks: Merelyn and Tony would like to thank and bless all the family of Grace Community. We are continually blessed and encouraged by your love and support. May this Christmas be an experience of Jesus love for you and may 2020 be a year to embrace and grow into your future.

A very meaningful Christmas to one and all. May God open our eyes wider to see more of how big our great God is and see His good purposes collectively and personally in 2020 and claim his strength to be obedient.... much love and a fulfilling new year. Keith & Elizabeth Ward.



Glenda and I want to thanks the Grace Church family for all your love, prayers and support throughout this past year. Our ministry in the Nations is carried out under the covering of your commission and prayers. When you send us out, we carry the spiritual authority of the church and leadership. Thank you for standing with us. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas time and may 2020 be a year of unprecedented blessing under the good hand of the Lord God.

**Thanks to our fantastic Coffee Making team!!!!**

**NEW TRAINEES ALWAYS WELCOME—talk to Chrissy.**

**Coffee orders close 9.55am each Sunday (so come a little early). And commence again straight after our service is finished.**

(Sale of coffee raises funds to support the Tayebwa's in Uganda)

**Transformers Children's Ministry.**

**Children's church: Talk to Merelyn Rae**

**Children during January Volunteers needed for movies or games or crafts.. See Merelyn ASAP. THANKS.**



**WELLSPRING:** The Wellspring 2020 Calendars are out soon . This year's calendar was a project with our Cambodian team working alongside Renee Johnston , who came to volunteer with us in Phnom Penh.

Our team worked with Renee on the shots to be taken and the final pictures that were put into the calendar. They are great pictures and it really reflects our work and the people we are serving in Cambodia

We are really excited to partner with others in this project and believe that this will be the first of many .

**The calendar is \$20.00 and all proceeds go to the Wellspring community project . You can pre order them by putting your name down with Ruth Bembrick.**



If you have any questions you can sms Lynn on 0422013351

Thanks. Blessings Lynn

**Your Prayer needs:** At the end of each Sunday service there is a prayer team ready to pray for your needs. Please move to the front during or after the last song.

**Each Sunday: PRE-CHURCH PRAYER MEETING:**  
9.30 am until 9.55 am. Come whenever you can. Join with us outside the hall.. We pray for our church & all that takes place.



## NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNRISE PRAYER RELAY

The Haven, Terrigal

1 January 2020



At sunrise on 1 January 2020, believers in 50+ countries will join in a synchronized east to west prayer relay. You are invited to be a part of this relay, to awaken the dawn of 2020 and to pray together for your family and friends, the Central Coast, Australia and the nations to know and to follow Jesus.

At the very first dawn of the year we want to proclaim, "Jesus is Lord"... Lord of our life, our family, our region, our nation and the nations. We want to intercede for whole nations to repent and turn to Jesus. There are so many problems in the world that we can pray about, but ultimately Jesus is the answer to them all. So *it's time* to pray for Australia and for the nations to turn to Jesus. *It's time* to go and proclaim the gospel to every person in every nation because now is the time of salvation (2 Cor 6:2). God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9), so let's pray in agreement with His will and intercede for the Central Coast, for Australia and for every nation to come to salvation.

**Where:** The Haven, Terrigal. Getting to the Skillion requires a moderate walk uphill (sealed pathway with some steps / 40m elevation). It will take 5+ minutes to do this. Feel free to bring a foldup chair, a beach towel or a rug to sit on or you might like to stand and pray.

**When:** On Wednesday 1 January 2020, the sun is predicted to rise at 5.47am. Please plan to be at the top of the Skillion approximately 15 minutes before this (at 5.30am). We aim to pray for 30 minutes or longer (as the Holy Spirit leads!)

**Parking:** Parking is available within the Haven / at the base of the Skillion.

**Public Facilities:** Public toilets are located at the Haven Oval and Terrigal Beach. Usually, council rangers open these facilities at sunrise.

**Afterwards:** Feel free to stay at the Skillion as long as you like. Some cafes at Terrigal will open early for those wanting to enjoy a beachside breakfast or some coffee...

**Social Media:** If you post photos or videos please use the hashtag #SunrisePrayerRelay or email to [info@sunriseprayerrelay.org](mailto:info@sunriseprayerrelay.org) so that we can share the joy of this morning. For further information about the Sunrise Prayer Relay go to <https://www.sunriseprayerrelay.org/>

*We look forward to meeting you... and praying with you at Terrigal on the 1<sup>st</sup> ☺*



Kids Hope is starting up in 2020. In Wamberal public school. One on One mentoring. If you would like to help please see Merelyn for more details.

Kairos  
God, the Church and the World

**When:** Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Mondays 7.00 - 9.15pm (& 1-2hrs between classes for assigned readings)

**Venue:** Elim Church West Gosford  
**Cost:** \$100 includes Course Reader, Snacks, Graduation certificate etc.

**Who:** all followers of Jesus, 15yo & above.

Delivery in English but the Course Reader is available in another [35 languages](#)

If you want to understand the Mission focus of Grace then this course is for you.

Giving: Please stay strong with your giving over this holiday period. Seek the Lord afresh as you move into the new year for a revelation of how you can grow in your giving as an expression of worship and honouring in 2020. ***Thank you all for your generosity, sacrifice and commitment through 2019. Pastor Tony***

**Tony & Merelyn will be away most of January. Please contact Grahame Crossing or Chrissy Whitehouse for any church related matters.**