

- Pray for some of our newer Chaplains as they establish themselves in the role
- Pray for the many Easter Services that will be conducted throughout our facilities

### Community Services

- Pray for Chaplains ministering in corrective services facilities, as they meet with inmates, relate to staff, provide worship services and lead Bible studies. Pray for deep conversations that lead to encounters with Christ
- Pray for community centre staff who engage with clients experiencing homelessness as their advocate for their needs and assist them in finding safe and affordable housing
- Pray for counsellors at our Tuggerah and Campbelltown centres who are involved in pilot Men's Behaviour Change programs funded by the NSW Government, working with men who are seeking to change their use of violent and oppressive behaviours and develop healthy ways of relating in families
- Give thanks for the great outcomes being achieved in our employment training social enterprise, HopeEnterprises. High completion rates are being achieved as trainees work alongside staff in providing cleaning, gardening and maintenance services and transition to permanent employment

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- Pray for staff and volunteers at community centres providing support through community meals, emergency food packs and the provision of affordable food

### Home Services

- Pray for the changes associated with Home Care packages that came into force on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. Pray that BaptistCare will be successful in maintaining their current clients and attracting new ones
- Also pray for those clients who are transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Pray for Managers as they continue to support staff adapting to these changes
- Pray for the clients, some of whom may find these changes confusing and/or unsettling
- Pray for the family carers of our Home Service clients, in particular those being involved in the Stronger Carer Peer Support program
- Pray also for Kerry Martin and the volunteer coaches working in the Stronger Carer Peer Support program

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## Quarterly Prayer Diary

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*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.  
(Hebrews 4:16)*

Care you  
can trust.

***The Prayer Diary is produced to inform the prayers of BaptistCare volunteers, members, supporters and staff.***

### **Volunteers**

- Give thanks for our teams of volunteers who have served at our recently closed Carlingford site, some having faithfully served for over 40 years
- Please pray for successful recruitment and healthy engagement for volunteers at The Gracewood Centre in Kellyville
- Pray for heartfelt and meaningful volunteer celebration and recognition events to be held during National Volunteers Week in May
- Give thanks for our staff who coordinate, support and encourage our volunteers

### **Staff**

- For all our staff, who on a daily basis go beyond just doing their job and show their love and compassion in all they do
- For all our staff and managers who may be sick, struggling or have high personal commitments
- Pray that our staff will find fulfilment and encouragement as they give of themselves in serving others in the name of Jesus

### **Residential Services**

- Praise God for the safe transfer of residents from Carlingford to The Gracewood Centre
- Pray for the residents, staff and volunteers as they establish a new community at the Gracewood Centre in Kellyville
- Pray for those staff from Carlingford who have not transferred across to Kellyville, that they will find new opportunities to serve
- Pray for Niola (Parkes) staff and residents during the ongoing refurbishment
- Pray for our managers and staff who balance the care, business, and daily demands of residential aged care

### **Leadership Team**

- Pray for Meighan Heard, General Manager Legal and Governance as she settles into her new role on the Executive Committee (Meighan is replacing Stuart Young post his retirement)
- Pray for the Board, led by Judith Carpenter, that they will be given God's wisdom and discernment in their deliberations and decision making
- Continue to pray for the Executive Team, led by Ross Low. Pray that they will be given strength & wisdom in carrying out their enormous responsibilities

### **Housing and Retirement Living**

- Praise for the many new residents that have purchased and moved into the new units at The Gracewood (Kellyville). Pray for all residents that they will engage with and contribute to a growing and enriching community
- Pray that the small number of units still for sale will be sold in good time
- Pray for those involved in the Development Approval process for expanding Social and Affordable housing
- Pray also for the conversations with existing tenants regarding these new housing development plans

### **Chaplaincy**

- Jenn Pearson as she works with the residents, staff and families during this transition season with residents moving from Carlingford to The Gracewood Centre
- Also for wisdom and sensitivity to the needs of residents as the chaplaincy activities are established at The Gracewood Centre
- Pray for the many Volunteer Pastoral Care Visitor (VPCV) teams and volunteers assisting with conducting Sunday services in our Residential centres
- Pray for the training of 4 new VPCV teams at Alstonville, Gymea, Padstow, Tuggerong and Baulkham Hills