

## PRAYER and PRAISE POINTS

### OUR 'SHUT INS'

Johanna Boland, Bill Horswell, Elaine Bowey, Peggy Palmer, Keith Davis, Gwen Phillips & Val Williams.

#### Continue to pray for:

Maisie Horswell, Morgan Bishop, Elaine Gough, Marie Smith and Carmen Strudwick.

**Brett Fletcher** is still in hospital under assessment and still in need of our prayers. Continue also to pray for Vanitha.

**Lyn Davis** whose sister passed away during this last week.

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### ALL LEADERS

Please be thinking about dates required for 2016 so that next years' calendar can be produced. Please let Allan know as soon as possible. Thanks



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### SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Christmas is coming and we will all soon be receiving lots of Christmas cards in the post.

Unlike our usual mail they will have a stamp attached. Please save your stamps as a lot of good can come from saving postage stamps. Please hand them to Coral Overall who will see that they get to the Stamp Committee of the Uniting Church for processing. Thank You.

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### PLEASE RETURN

If you have any tea towels, table clothes or any utensils from the Church kitchen, could you please return them as they are in short supply.

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### OFFERINGS DETAILS

Weekly Budget: \$2,823

Last 4 weeks: \$1560, \$1512, \$1664, \$1561,

Average (Last 4 weeks) - \$1574

#### Online Offerings:

**Acc Name:** Wentworthville Baptist Church

**BSB No:** 704922    **Acc No:** 100007520



*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.” - Psalm 23:4*

### BANGLADESH

*“We will kill those who preach Christianity one by one.”*

While Bangladesh ranked No. 43 on the World Watch List for 2015, recent sectarian violence has caused concern of growing intolerance. In the first half of the year, four ‘Atheist’ bloggers were killed by members of the Islamic community and recently pastors have been targeted.

In November, Italian Pastor and missionary Piero Parolari was attacked by gunmen on his trip home from morning prayers. Piero has been working in Bangladesh for more than 25 years as a doctor at a local hospital run by Christians. After the attack, he was rushed to hospital where doctors stabilised him and managed to control his severe injuries.

Several pastors have also recently received threats in the form of text messages and letters. Pastor Barnabas Hembrom received one of the letters and shared from it, “We will kill those who preach Christianity one by one.” While the Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the attacks and threats, the government denies they are in the country. They assert that it is more likely a local Islamic extremist group.

### PRAY WITH US

- Pray for protection for Pastor Hembrom and the other pastors who have been threatened. Pray they can step out carefully while continuing to do God’s work.
- Pray for all believers and ministry workers to trust God in light of the increasing threats and attacks on Christians.
- Please pray for the religious unrest in Bangladesh. May God continually protect His people, and may the criminals and fundamentalists turn their eyes to the One True God.