

Pentecost Eve 2015

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Pray for Sydney - Pentecost 2015

23rd May 2015 at Newtown Mission was an amazing evening of prayer and passion for the church in Sydney. Around 120 leaders came together to pray earnestly for the people of across the region, for breakthrough in families, in the churches, and in the communities.



Newtown Mission opened it's doors and welcomed us with an open heart; we give thanks to them for their generosity and thanks to God for their gifts of service to us:

Ps. Brian on guitar and the worship team led us throughout the evening in vibrant, varied and deep worship of our Lord and God.

Ps. Andy welcomed everyone and opened with a rousing prayer straight from the heart.

Rev. Graeme was our gracious host of the evening, and prayed for the Uniting and Wesleyan communities across Sydney.



We were also welcomed by a local Sydney indigenous leader Bob who prayed for peace and true reconciliation between all our peoples in Australia.



Hon. the Rev. Fred Nile inspired us with a stirring prayer for our NSW and Australian Parliaments and government leaders.

Thankyou Fred for coming with Silvana and praying with us through the whole evening.

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The prayers for our city were grouped into three circles of prayer covering family, church and marketplace.

Generations/Family

For Children - Ps. Jonathan, Youth - Rev. Peter, Families - Ps. David, and Seniors - Gordon.



Church Communities

Catholic - Marita*, Anglican - Rev. Daniel*, Baptist - Pete*, Churches of Christ - Ps. Sam*, Salvation Army - Maj. Peter*, Uniting - Ps. Graeme* and Pentecostal - Sandra.

Chinese - Paul,
Korean - Ps. John*,
Indonesian - Ps.
Yosafat*, Middle
Eastern - Magdy,
African - Ps. Gerald,
and for unity of the
whole church – Costandi. (*Our apologies; some photos are unavailable.)



Sydney Regions

Sydney East - Rev. Craig,
Sydney - Bjorn, Sydney
Inner-West - Rev. Antony,
Parramatta - Ps. Louis, and
Penrith - Ps. Howard.



The Blue Mountains - Ps.
David, Campbelltown - Ps.
Dennis, Sydney South-West
- Rev. Owen, Sydney North-
West - Ps. John, and
Central Coast - Ps. Martin



Hornsby - Barbara, Northern
Beaches - Ps. Ian, Sydney
North - Jan, St. George/
Sutherland - Ron, and
Illawarra - Dr. Paul.



Petitions & Open Prayer

Bjorn presented a number of prayer petitions, and a few local and visiting leaders and intercessors added their own heart-felt prayers for our city.

City Blessings and Closing Prayer

Ps. Brian prayed a blessing for Melbourne to send with our sister Christine to our much loved fellowship of the believers there, and Christine prayed in turn for our city.

Lilian then closed the gathering with words of encouragement and a prayer of blessing for all.

(All photos thanks to Fendy Soewarni.)



Where to Now?

In the days following this event we heard nothing but praise to God for the unity we experienced. We've also been asked how soon we can do this again, like "Can we do this every month?" It is our hope that this will happen every year on Pentecost at a different locations across Sydney. It is our prayer that you will all do your own part to build unity across our city and nation.