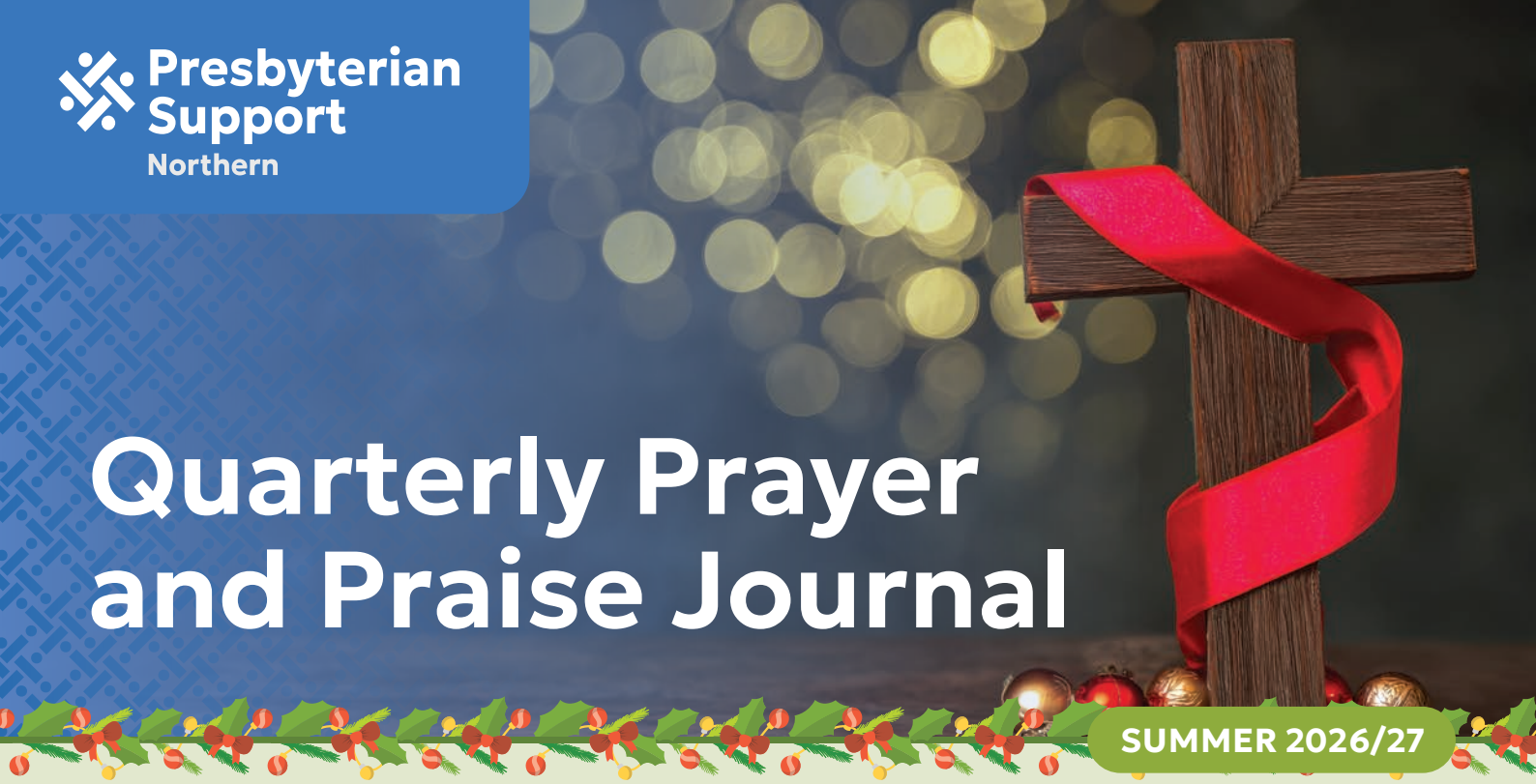
Presbyterian Support Northern



Quarterly Prayer and Praise Journal

SUMMER 2026/27

At times when we experience difficulties and hardships, we are invited to draw closer to God and find renewed strength in our faith.

Living "by faith, not by sight" means looking beyond the challenges before us, trusting in God's love and His ability to bring hope, goodness and beauty, even through life's most difficult seasons.

As we share our second Prayer & Praise Journal and approach Christmas and the end of another year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and the many moments of hope, kindness and connection we see across PSN. We also remember those for whom this season brings uncertainty, loneliness or hardship.

We invite you to join us in giving thanks and praying for the people, whānau, staff and communities we serve over the summer, and thank you for partnering with us in sharing God's love, hope and compassion.

Giving thanks

Communities Feeding Communities – We give thanks for the flourishing new pollinator gardens, bringing colour and life to CFC. Alongside fresh produce, flowers are being grown and shared with those visiting, bringing an extra moment of joy and kindness. We are grateful for the generous donations of flower seeds and bulbs that have made this possible.

Enliven – We give thanks for the compassion and dedication of Enliven staff, who bring kindness and dignity to clients through listening, personal care and support for their wellbeing. We also give thanks for Enliven's new rapid-response support team, providing timely advice and guidance to frontline staff when concerns arise about a client, helping them respond confidently and provide safe, compassionate care.

Family Works – We give thanks for the many ways Family Works is able to support children, parents and whānau through counselling, social work, parenting programmes, financial mentoring and practical assistance. Through this support, families are better equipped to navigate life's challenges, strengthen relationships, grow in confidence and move forward with renewed hope.

Lifeline – Prior to the Government's commitment of $1.2 million towards Lifeline's operating costs for 2026/27, its first dedicated Government funding in a decade, there were serious concerns about our ability to meet growing demand for this vital service. We give heartfelt thanks for this much-needed funding, covering around one-third of annual operating costs, and for the faithful generosity of Lifeline's donors and supporters, whose contributions remain essential.

Shine – For the kindness of St Kentigern's students, who have put together special care packs for participants in Shine's No Excuses programme; and supported the provision of study pods for Shine refuges, helping students maintain some continuity in their studies during their stay.

Prayer requests

Enliven

Navigating change

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
– 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

Loving God, we lift up Enliven's staff, clients and whānau following the difficult news that Enliven's Auckland home-based support contracts will not be renewed. We pray especially for the 320 staff affected, and for older people and people with disabilities facing uncertainty and changes to the care and support they know and trust. Give wisdom to those leading Enliven through the months ahead and bring peace and reassurance to everyone affected. May each person feel valued, supported and held in Your care. **Amen.**

Lifeline

Someone to listen

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted."
– Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

God of hope, draw near to those experiencing loneliness, distress or despair this Christmas. Give Lifeline's counsellors strength and compassion as they listen, support and offer hope. We pray for sustainable funding for this vital service so that whenever someone reaches out for help, there continues to be someone there to answer. **Amen.**

Familyworks

Families over the summer

"Carry each other's burdens..." **– Galatians 6:2 (NIV)**

Generous God, we pray for families facing financial and emotional pressure over Christmas and the summer break, particularly those struggling with the cost of food, Christmas, having children home over the holidays, and the expenses of returning to school. Bless the Family Works staff providing practical support, counselling, parenting guidance and financial mentoring. May children feel safe, loved and supported, and experience the simple joys of summer – laughter, play, friendship and time with those who care for them. **Amen.**

Shine

Safety this Christmas

"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." **– Psalm 9:9 (NIV)**

God of refuge, we pray for adults and children experiencing family violence over Christmas and the summer holidays, when financial pressures, increased time at home and other stresses can make unsafe situations even more dangerous. Protect those living with abuse and help them find pathways to safety and support. Strengthen Shine's advocates and refuge teams as they respond throughout this busy period, giving them wisdom, compassion and courage. **Amen.**

Communities *Feeding* Communities
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A place to gather

"Practice hospitality." **– Romans 12:13 (NIV)**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the Victoria Hall space at CFC and pray for this next chapter as it becomes available for community hire. As Christmas approaches, may it be a welcoming place for celebrations, gatherings and events, bringing people together in a spirit of warmth and generosity. We pray for bookings that support the wider work of CFC, and for new connections and friendships to grow through all who gather there. **Amen.**

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

– Colossians 4:2