

Supporting churches and helping children and young people to **discover, follow and serve** Jesus means we need to invest in people. SUNZ have key roles to fill to meet the needs of our ministry.

Some of the roles are to fill the work that **Paul Humphreys** has been doing. Paul steps down from SUNZ ministry staff at the end of January. He has been leading BE leadership development, E3 and Health & Safety for all SUNZ camps and events.

**Leadership Development** - Bruce Crozier has been appointed and will be based in Auckland, working with Beth Coates in the **Beyond Experience** Leadership Development ministry. Bruce has been a youth pastor and currently attends Inspire Church in Albany.

**Children & Families** - Myles Boag joins the team in Auckland. He has recently been at Venn and is a counsellor. We still need a ministry consultant for Christchurch.

**Camps Facilitator** - Middle Earth NZ Our youth camps ministry are appointing someone to develop and lead camps in the Upper South Island and Lower North Island.

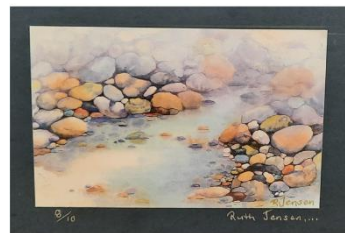
**Health & Safety Officer** - up to 5 hours pw



### KEY DATES December - January

6-7 Dec	Gather Pōnui & Wellington
9-20 Dec	E3
4-8 Jan	Aspire
5-9 Jan	Senior Surfari & Gnarly Groms
6-12 Jan	Pōnui Junior
11-15 Jan	Exodus Prime
11-16	Te Anau Extend
13-20 Jan	Pōnui Senior
18-23 Jan	Wind n'Water Te Anau
	Wind n'Water Takamatua
21-25 Jan	Summer Supreme

### Monday 1 December



A sincere thanks to all the wonderful S.U. staff. God's rich blessings to you all. Ruth Jensen.

We received a beautiful card from Ruth. We are so blessed.

Give thanks for all who support SUNZ in prayer and donations.

### Tuesday 2 December

Thank you to all who attended a Supporters Event. We loved seeing you, sharing our ministry stories, and praying together.

### Thessalonians 1.2

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.

### Wednesday 3 December

Our **Beyond Experience** (BE) 2025 participants were celebrated at the Supporters Events. Pray for these young people who are learning how to model a Jesus-centred leadership. Many of them are leaders at our summer camps.

### Tuatahi (1<sup>st</sup> year) - personal growth and faith formation

Amy Slessor, Ben Bormann, Carys Morgan, Catarina Young, Dani Huggins, Dzidzor Nanedo, Hope Anderson-Gardner, Latreall Davery, Leo Black, Lucy Hopkinson, Lucy McKenzie-Bridle, Mataio Leofo, Mattias Barber, Putanga Davey, Ruby Dautermann, Sean Hancock, Whaimana Rewha

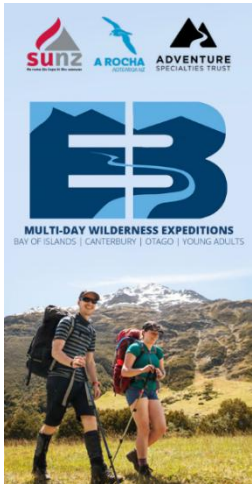
### Tuarua (2<sup>nd</sup> year) - develop leadership skills through service projects (read about these in our Adventure Issue 4, page 26)

Anna Brown, Aria Troughton, Charlotte Fenton, Chelsea Giddings, Christina McLachlan, Cole McConnell, Hannah Morgan, Jesse Elias, Lilly McLean, Rafe Persson, Thomas Muggleston, Talia Stout, Sienna Inglis

### Kindred - on SUNZ staff, discipleship and project work

Bella Denny, Éliece Button, Ashton Lay, Josh Sapsford, Isaac Cairns

Pray for our BE 2026 programme - for young people to say "yes!" to committing a year to grow their faith and leadership skills.



**Thursday 4 December**  
Pray for Paul Humphreys dealing with the final preparation for E3 expeditions. The collaboration between SUNZ, Adventure Specialties and A Rocha Aotearoa is what makes E3 work. There is an excellent 12-page info pack about E3 available to download from our website.

<https://sunz.org.nz/camps/e3/>

## Friday 5 December

Thank you for donors who generously give money for SUNZ to purchase and maintain gear for camps.

## Sat 6 - Sun 7 December

GATHER leadership training camps are on Pōnui and in Wellington this weekend. Sapati Tima's son, Salan, will attend Gather Pōnui and Exodus Prime camp. From Sapati's November prayer letter:

### THANK YOU - FA'AFETAI

*A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your kindness, and prayers throughout the year. Your support means a lot, I've felt so welcomed since joining SUNZ. Thanks to everyone who makes it possible for me to keep doing this work. To*

Nigel Winder speaking on Sunday at Wyndham Presbyterian Church.

## Monday 8 December

E3 instructor teams travel to the start points today, ready for expeditioners to arrive Tues. Pray for good health, safety, and wise leadership by the team leaders.  
E3 Bay of Islands - Natalie Duchesne  
E3 Canterbury - Jason Bond  
E3 Otago - Paul Humphreys

## Tuesday 9 December



E3 is ON! Pray for perfect weather and for all campers to take care of each other over the next 11 days of adventure through wilderness and their Christian faith.

## Wednesday 10 December

Pray for our Christmas Appeal and for Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager.

## Thursday 11 December

Pray for Bruce Crozier & Myles Boag as they learn the ropes and dive into ministry. Hilary Hague & Liz Eichler are managing their inductions respectively.

## Friday 12 December

Our Evangelism Group have produced a leaflet to help disciples lead young people to faith. We are grateful for Wilberforce Foundation who funded this. SUNZ are developing more evangelism resources for children.



## Sat 13 - Sun 14 December

Pray for churches to take up our THRIVE programme to support lifelong discipleship for all ages in the church and community. More about this in our next ADVENTURE magazine to be published mid-January.

## Monday 15 December

Glenis Silby, Auckland Office Manager. Gives thanks for her creativity and care of our supporters. Glenis helped plan our supporters' events programme.

## Tuesday 16 December

Hilary Hague, National Director is on leave 16 Dec - 4 Jan. Give thanks for her leadership and care, and pray she will enjoy a wonderful, restful holiday.



**The Joy of the Lord is your Strength  
Nehemiah 8.10**



### Wednesday 17 December

Thank you for responding to our ADVENTURE Issue 4 (October) featuring and supporting our Youth Ministry. Contact Neville Bartley if you want to know more about the research into young people's faith journeys.

It's **a.b.o.u.t.** relational ministry.

- a. acceptance
- b. belonging
- o. ownership
- u. understanding
- t. trust



Image: Pōnui Senior 2024

### Thursday 18 December

Children & Families have set **Kia Tipu** training dates for next year. Pray over the planning and liaising with workshop presenters and volunteers.

### Friday 19 December

Pray for church communities across Aotearoa, opening homes and hearts to share the joy and love of Jesus at Christmas.



Image of a Christmas 1975 stamp

### Sat 20 - Sun 21 December

Pray for E3 expeditioners and leaders completing their missions and travelling home.

On Sunday, Nigel Winder is speaking at a Lochiel Christmas community service.

### Monday 22 December

Please pray for Colin & Vivienne, SUNZ supporters who want to start a Prayer Group in Wairarapa area.

Do you want to be part of this?

Call Hilary or AnnaMarie for the details.

Thank you to our prayer warriors. Scripture Union is a movement, and the power of your prayer sure does move mountains.

### Tuesday 23 December

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager

Pray for his ministry as a church youth leader and worship leader.

### Wednesday 24 December

Pray for security of our SUNZ offices over the Christmas & New Year holiday. Pray for good relationships with office hosts, tenants and co-owners.

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

*For to us a child is born...*

*Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,*

*Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**Isaiah 9.6**

### Christmas Day

#### O How Shall I Keep My Christmas?

*A poem by John Westall*

O, how shall I keep my Christmas?  
My heart whispered softly to me  
For I had been reading the story  
Of the Lord's nativity  
And slowly and clearly before me  
The words like pictures rise  
And the scenes appear in the beauty  
Of the starry Syrian skies



O cradled He was in a manger  
For lowly and poor was He  
Whose throne is the splendors of heaven  
Whose power is infinity  
And He bore His cross to save us  
To save us from death and sin  
And He trod all alone the winepress  
To make us pure and clean

In glory, the hosts of the angels  
Came singing His song of praise  
And filling the heav'ns with their music  
In those wonderful old days  
Singing Glory to God in the highest  
And peace upon earth  
And the mighty chorus of voices  
Pealed forth goodwill to all

O, how shall I keep my Christmas?  
As they keep it in heaven above  
O keep it with peace and thanksgiving  
And kindest deed of love  
And share with the poor and needy  
The joys which the Lord gives thee  
And thy heart shall keep with the angels  
The Lord's nativity

## Friday 26 December

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager

## Sat 27 - Sun 28 December

Finance Team & Committee: Anitha, Andrew, Jax, Ruth, Alastair, Hilary, Meredith, Mark

## Monday 29 December

Donna Beech, Camps Admin.

Pray for clear, calm communication for all involved in the summer camps' season.

## Tuesday 30 December

Pray for all our camp cooks who are preparing, purchasing and practicing their recipes to feed hungry campers.

## Wednesday 31 December

"Which Bible verses have spoken most powerfully to you? Give thanks for the light you have found in the Word of God over the years" - from *Daily Bread* 29 Dec reading

## Thursday 1 January

**1 John 2.14b I write to you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you...**



*Image: Camper reading his Bible at Pōnui Spring Adventure*

## Friday 2 January

Pray for Hilary Hague preparing to speak at two churches this month: on intergenerational church health and evangelism.

## Sat 3 - Sun 4 Jan

Youth Camps - Summer'26 starts with 25 campers on Aspire, Hāwea.



Bible engagement is focused on 'wising up' based on the parables of Jesus.

*Image: Sustain camp at Raglan. "Dude, where's the surf?!"*

## Monday 5 January

Camps: Senior Surfari & Gnarly Groms in Raglan - 42 campers. Lydia Chamley & Natalie Duchesne are team leaders.

## Tuesday 6 January

Camp: Pōnui Junior - 80 campers. Pray for Georgia Gill, camp team leader.

## Wednesday 7 January

Neville Bartley, Youth Team Leader. Pray for energy and good health.

## Thursday 8 January

Youth Team final prep and travel to Exodus Prime camp at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu.



*Neville - Piper - Larissa - Eli - Sapati*

## Friday 9 January

Exodus Prime is full of 16 young people learning about leadership, faith, church structure, witnessing...

We are thankful for God's blessing on these young people and their future. We are thankful for generous supporters who help with this blessing to give our young people a hope and a future.

## Sat 10 - Sun 11 January

Camp: Te Anau Extend - 25 campers, with Jayden Meads as team lead.





## Monday 12 January

Pray for our ministry staff who take turns as camp emergency contacts to help deal with situations.

## Tuesday 13 January

Camp: Pōnui Senior - 80 campers.  
Pray for Jo Wieland, camp team leader.



Image: Leaders at Pōnui Senior 2024

## Wednesday 14 January

Nigel Winder, Children & Families consultant for Southland & Otago

## Thursday 15 January

Give thanks our SU Adventure Lodge was not damaged in the 9 Nov fire that burned through 3000ha Tongariro National Park. Pray for more bookings for our Lodge.

## Friday 16 January

EP'ers are home. Each participant will now be mentored and encouraged in their Christian ministry and leadership. SUNZ Youth team provide the resources and help for this. Want to know more?

Email [piper.clare@sunz.org.nz](mailto:piper.clare@sunz.org.nz) or call Neville Bartley 027 249 3728

## Sat 17 - Sun 18 January

Camps: Wind'n'Water in Te Anau and Takamatua (70 campers). Team leaders are Jayden Meads, Chelsea Giddings, Rebecca Burnett.



## Monday 19 January

ADVENTURE mag Issue 1/26 is now available; themed *Nurturing Leaders*. Read how our Children & Families team are working with young people and churches to grow leaders. <https://sunz.org.nz/adventure-magazine/>

## Tuesday 20 January



This image is a poster from *CreativeEdge* camp. Campers were asked

“What did you learn more about God and yourself?”

Some answers were;

“I can be tired and still give my time and energy”  
“when I’m upset, God is comforting”  
“That sometimes I get

things wrong, but with God’s help I can get it right”

“When I can’t sleep, I can tell God”

“God is always there by your side”

## Wednesday 21 January

Camp: Summer Supreme (18 campers) at SU Adventure Lodge, Whakapapa. Caitlin Janes leads this camp.

## Thursday 22 January

Give thanks for many generous donors who sponsor a camper. We are grateful for this help to offer the opportunity for young people to adventure on a journey with Jesus.

## Friday 23 January

Sapati Tima, Youth Consultant - Auckland

## Sat 24 - Sun 25 January

Pray for those on Pōnui Bible Study camp (21-28 Jan). Give thanks for the Chamberlin whānau who have blessed so many people through their island home.

## Monday 26 January

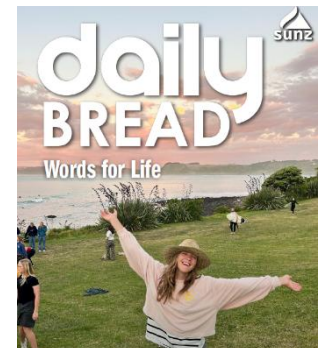
Pray for all SUNZ ministry and support staff as we work together and support each other.

## Tuesday 27 January

Eli Savill, Youth Consultant - Waikato & BoP

## Wednesday 28 January

Pray for wise decision making over the stocking of SU Resources and production of our Bible reading guides. We love the joyful cover of our *Daily Bread* Jan-Mar issue.





# Prayer Adventure

Dec 2025 – Jan 2026

## Thursday 29 January



Our Youth Team are planning the Anamata series of youth leader training days. Pray for good uptake of these on:

28 Feb-Dunedin  
7 Mar-Auckland  
14 Mar-Wellington

They will cover issues such as balancing admin & compliance, small groups & challenging behaviour, integrating into community and *Your Story* research.

<https://sunz.org.nz/youth/anamata/>

## Friday 30 January

Give thanks for all campers and leaders and helpers on our summer camps. Pray for their Christian faith to grow and bless and lead others in the way of Jesus.

## Saturday 31 January

Haere Rā to Paul Humphreys, who resigns from nearly 9 years on SUNZ staff. We pray blessing on the family: Paul & Robyn, Moana and Ruby.

**The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working - James 5.16b**

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10-11:00am, usually 2nd Monday each month but venue changes.

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### North Shore

1:00-2:15pm, 2nd Thursday of month  
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### Auckland - West (Henderson)

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### Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of month  
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### Hamilton

1:30pm, usually 1st Friday of even months at Central Baptist Church  
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### Tauranga

2:00-3:00pm Sun, bimonthly.  
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### Kāpiti

10am, 2nd Tuesday each school term  
Next 10 Feb - Peilin Cheng is visiting  
Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868  
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### Wairarapa - NEW!

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### Wellington

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### Christchurch

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### Ashburton

2pm, 3rd Thursday of month  
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### Dunedin

7:30-8:30pm, 1st Tues every odd month (Mar- Nov)  
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### Invercargill

7:15am, first Monday of month  
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