

Prayer Adventure

New Year. Another Year.

We start this year with incredible gratitude for a generous legacy given to Scripture Union in December. This was from the estate of Beth Maxwell, a “lifetime believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” (from Beth’s obituary in NZ Herald, 8 March 2025).

What a beautiful tribute.

Pray for this financial blessing to be a beautiful spiritual blessing to help children and young people become lifelong disciples who serve Jesus.

John 15.11

“...that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing”



Pōnui Junior, January 2024

KEY DATES February - March

9-15 Feb	E3 Young Adults
19 Feb	NLT
20 Feb	NLT & Board
20-21 Feb	Board
28 Feb	Anamata Dunedin
7 Mar	Anamata Auckland
9-12 Mar	Ministry Hui
12-13 Mar	Youth Camps Hui
14 Mar	Anamata Wellington
27-29 Mar	BE The Weekend

Sunday 1 February

Pray for children’s ministry leaders and teams teaching from the Bible and sharing God’s love in their communities.

Monday 2 February

Our Youth Camps team (Natalie, Caitlin, Jayden) are on leave. Give thanks for a fantastic summer camp season for 343 campers, 142 leaders (includes cooks, helpers & instructors). Bible engagement was about wisdom through the parables of Jesus. Pray for campers to continue to seek God first in all things.



Aspire, Lake Hāwea - January 2026

February - March 2026

Tuesday 3 February

Donna Beech, Camps Admin is busy sorting out the post-camp affairs and accounts.

Wednesday 4 February

Andrea Lukin, Children & Families consultant for Wellington area; led a lego-themed holiday programme for a local church 22-24 Jan. Pray for the children involved to build their faith.

Thursday 5 February

Praise for our Christmas Appeal raising just over \$17K. Thank you!

Friday 6 Feb

Pray for our Christian community involved in Waitangi Day celebrations and services.



Sat 7 - Sun 8 February

Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all volunteers helping and leading on our summer camps.

Image: Pōnui Junior, Jan’23



Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant. Matthew 20.26



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Monday 9 February

E3 Young Adults (ages 19-25) in the Mackenzie Basin. Pray for these young people on the expedition through wild lands and wise faith.

<https://sunz.org.nz/event/young-adults/>

Tuesday 10 February

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager is visiting the Kāpiti prayer group today. Annette Osborne is back from long service leave.

Wednesday 11 February

ADVENTURE Issue 1/26 features our Children & Families ministry. Pray for good response to this issue about Nurturing (and growing) Leaders. The cover image is of David Chamberlin and a SUNZ camper planting new trees on Pōnui.



Thursday 12 February



Thanks to Ron Fountain who wrote *Light for the Path* in this ADVENTURE issue. Read about his involvement with Scripture Union. Give thanks for lifelong disciples and faithful servants of Jesus.

<https://sunz.org.nz/adventure-magazine/>

Friday 13 February

The SUNZ Children & Families team are creating and re-shaping resources for churches and groups to use. Pray for these projects to get done and out there for use.

Sat 14 - Sun 15 Feb

Our Prayer Adventure point for 15-16 Feb last year was for a new youth consultant in Auckland. Praise for answered prayer and pray for Sapati Tima who stepped into this role. *Image: Sapati and his son, Salan at Exodus Prime camp.*



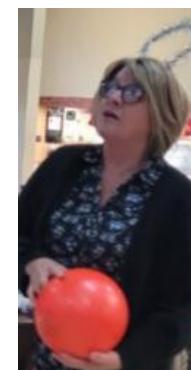
Monday 16 February

Pray for our 23 Exodus Prime young people who are being mentored and encouraged in their personal faith and leadership.



Tuesday 17 February

Hilary Hague, National Director. *Image: Hilary at our Christmas bowling fun.* She bowled a strike! Yes, that's a halo on her head 😊



Pray for her good health and energy.

3 John 1.2

February - March 2026

Wednesday 18 February

Piper Clare, Youth Team admin and consultant for Wellington area.

Thursday 19 February

NLT (National Leadership Team) are in Wellington for strategy meeting: Hilary, Neville, Liz, Nigel, Natalie, Bruce, Hana

Friday 20 February

NLT and the Board meet today.

Sat 21 - Sun 22 February

The Board meet on Saturday to approve the budget for FY26-27.

Monday 23 February

We have a new Accounts Assistant in the Wellington support office - Lucas - who is fitting in the 10-hour pw work around his university studies. Lucas has been on 8 SUNZ youth camps.

Tuesday 24 February

Thank you to all those involved with GATHER our camp leader training days.



Image: GATHER South August 2025



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Wednesday 25 February

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager is on leave 25 Feb - 8 Mar.

Thursday 26 February

Scripture Union International offer Biblical Tours with the inaugural *In the Footsteps of Paul* in October, Greece. Pray for this exciting project and for travellers to sign up.

<https://scriptureunion.global/biblical-tours/>

Friday 27 February

Pray for wise decision-making about upgrading our contacts database to a more versatile and cheaper system.



Sat 28 Feb - Sun 1 March

Anamata in Dunedin on Saturday 9am-3.45pm

Q/ What is Anamata?

A/ Training for youth ministry leaders.

Our Youth Team discuss issues such as values, admin & compliance, healthy relationships & boundaries, challenging behaviour, fresh ideas, integrating youth ministry & community.

Monday 2 March

Our annual National Director's appeal is managed by Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager. Pray for new donors to respond with regular financial support for SUNZ to keep reaching children and young people through our adventure-based camps, leadership development, mentoring, training and events.

Tuesday 3 March

AnnaMarie Slessor, Resources Administrator



Wednesday 4 March

Pray for Easter resources to be purchased and used.

Resources for sale on this link:
<https://sunz.org.nz/product-category/seasonal/easter/>

We also have a fun *Road to Easter* board game available from

<https://sunzbreakthrough.squarespace.com/resources/ontheroadtoeaster>



Thursday 5 March

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager.

Pray as she leads the strategic focus/planning across ministry support.

Friday 6 March

Larissa Pearce, Youth Consultant Otago-Southland. She will follow up with youth leaders who attended Anamata, to get alongside and help them in ministry.

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Sat 7 - Sun 8 March

Anamata in Auckland on Saturday 9am - 3.45pm Participants will also discuss the *Your Story* research about youth and faith.

Monday 9 March

SUNZ Staff Ministry Hui is at Silverstream, Wellington. Pray for all staff gathering for community, connection, care, praise.

Image: Donna, Natalie, Beth painting at Hui 2025.



1 Corinthians 12.4-6 NIV

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Tuesday 10 March

Pray for Lydia Rennie, our new youth camps facilitator for lower NI / upper SI (central NZ). She starts with SUNZ at our ministry hui, so it's a great time to meet everyone and learn the SUNZ way.

Wednesday 11 March

Our Finance team are holding the support office fort - Anitha, Lucas, Andrew. Give thanks for their diligence and over-and-above service.





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Thursday 12 March

Hui closes today. Pray for safe travel home for all SUNZ staff.



Friday 13 March

Our youth camps team gather for their own 2-day hui to plan and pray over the year.

Natalie Duchesne, Youth Camps Team Leader
 Caitlin Janes, North Island Facilitator
 Lydia Rennie, Lower North/Upper South
 Jayden Meads, South Island Facilitator
 Donna Beech, Camps Admin

Sat 14 - Sun 15 March

Anamata in Wellington on Saturday 9am-3.45pm

SUNZ challenge youth ministry leaders to avoid complacency but to always balance new ideas with sound Biblical foundation.

Monday 16 March

Pray over the content and design for our mid-April (online only) issue of ADVENTURE. Pray the writers will be inspired and intuitive.

Tuesday 17 March



Give thanks for SUNZ volunteers in key areas who host, help and keep the SUNZ flame burning.

Wednesday 18 March

Nigel Winder, Children & Families consultant Otago-Southland. Give thanks for Nigel and his family in ministry together.



SUPAkidz October 2025 at Camp Columba

Thursday 19 March

SUNZ now have 3 MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) accreditors on our Youth Team: Neville Bartley, Larissa Pearce, Piper Clare. Pray for more groups to book MHFA training workshops.

Friday 20 March

Pray for our ministry staff in their networking and asking for donations. It is not easy to do. Pray doors will open and opportunities will develop.

Sat 21 - Sun 22 March

Piper Clare, Youth Consultant Wellington & Kallan Reid are getting married on Saturday!



Pray for their marriage to thrive, surrounded by godly community. (Ruth 4.11)

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Monday 23 March Beyond Experience

leadership development programme involves:

BE Tuatahi (first year) = 20 participants who have been nominated through camps, events, churches, peers

BE Tuarua (second year) = 15 participants are invited and interviewed

Each BE participant has a Kaiārahi (mentor) for the 10-month programme.

BE Kindred (join SUNZ staff for 1 day pw) = this year we have 4 participants.



Tuesday 24 March

Thomas Mucklestone completed BE Tuarua in 2025. Beth Coates had a chat with him.

How have you grown in your leadership through your BE participation?

My understanding of faith and how it plays out in a Christian leadership space. How others have lived out their faith is very inspiring and shown me how to live for Jesus both in and outside of the church.

How have you lived out the process of discernment (theme for BE 2025)?

It inspired me to lean into a personal relationship with [Jesus]; more Bible reading and [talking] to trusted members of my community. BE has been key in my journey of knowing God has a plan for my life and He wants me to know what this means.



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Wednesday 25 March

Kia Tipu, children's ministry events are on:

23 May	St Albans Church, Christchurch
6 June	Mt Albert Church, Auckland
20 June	St Ninian's Church, Wellington
8 Aug	Taupō Baptist Church
12 Sep	Whanganui Central Church



Pray for Liz Eichler leading the Children & Families ministry team in preparation. Give thanks for all speakers and helpers who are involved. The focus will be on helping churches create the best environment for children's faith to grow.

Thursday 26 March

Pray for our young people who are searching for meaning and connection. Pray they will all find this in our Christian church community wherever they are.



Image: Senior Surfari, Raglan, Jan 2026

Friday 27 March

Bruce Crozier and Beth Coates, BE leadership team will be in Christchurch preparing for the annual gathering. Pray for all logistics to be bump-free and for good health.

Sat 28 - Sun 29 March

BE (Beyond Experience) The Weekend is at Living Springs, Allandale. It's a bit of a 'fast n' furious' weekend for up to 65 attendees but an important time for new BE'ers to connect with their Kaiārahi (mentors).



BE The Weekend - 2025

Monday 30 March

The end of March is also the end of our fiscal year. Pray we will calmly manage and complete all the required reporting and processes.

*We are held strong by God
We are held strong by healthy ministry
We are held strong by our volunteers
We are held strong by our staff
We are held strong by our donors*

*Hilary Hague
Annual Review 2025 pages 5-6*

Tuesday 31 March



Pray for our April *Wild Wāhine* tramps to be full; for 24 girls in Years 11-14.

17-19 April Kauaeranga Kauri Trail

25-27 April Tararua Forest Park

More info here <https://sunz.org.nz/event-category/sucamps/autumn-youth-camps/>

The 3-day tramps are a pilgrimage through nature and faith, encouraging our young women to become lifelong disciples of Jesus who serve the world around them.



*Bible study time in the middle of the trail.
Jesus is with you on the journey.*



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