

# Central West Emmaus Newsletter April 2022

**Meet us at Candlelighting & Closing  
Ridgecrest, via Wellington  
Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 3.30pm  
Men's Walk 28th April-1st May  
Women's Walk 5th-8th May**



**Our Men's Walk is less than a week away, the Women's Walk a week later, and we are excited to see what God will do in the lives of the 14 pilgrims who will attend.**

**Yes, we have 14 (Fourteen) pilgrims, four men and ten ladies.**

Please pray for the pilgrims, that God will meet with them and draw them closer to Himself through this Emmaus experience . Please pray for the teams that they will serve God with all their hearts, and that Covid or other distractions will not disrupt the flow of the Walks.

**And please come to Candlelighting—turn left at the top of the Ridgecrest driveway, and park near the Oval. Walk across the Oval to the top Hall, which will be well-lit and easy to see.**

**Closing Ceremony Sunday 3.30pm in Lakeview Room**

Please see the article overleaf from our new National Spiritual Director on the power of prayer.

Our National Spiritual Director is Rev Christine Rose from Brisbane, who has sent this note of encouragement to all Communities.

As a National board we are wanting to be proactive and committed to praying for your needs and believing for a resurgence of a move of the Holy Spirit in all our communities and every branch of our communities, i.e. Chrysalis, etc.

Later we are hoping to call all the CLDs and CSDs together on a zoom meeting for us to spend in prayer. So there will be two avenues of prayer taking place, one being at board level and one being with you all.

I was reading a devotional from 'word for today' just recently, it was an older copy but the story goes like this:

**'When a believing person prays, great things happen' James 5:16**

**While holidaying in England, DL Moody visited a London church that was spiritually dead. The pastor recognised him and asked him to preach at the morning service. Reluctantly, Moody agreed. Afterwards, he told a friend the congregation was so unresponsive it was all he could do to finish the sermon. Later, he remembered he had committed himself to preach there again at night. Wishing he had never interrupted his holiday plans, he spent the afternoon dreading what was ahead. But behind the scenes, something was happening that Moody knew nothing about. After the morning service, an elderly lady met her invalid sister for lunch and told her about Moody's upcoming visit. Her sister's eyes lit up, and she exclaimed. "I've been praying God would send Moody to England! Put away the lunch, Sis. We'll spend the afternoon fasting and praying for tonight's service". When Moody took the pulpit that night, an 'electric sense of God's presence filled the sanctuary. He preached like a man on fire and, when he issued an invitation for people to follow Christ, five hundred responded. Moody had them sit down while he re-explained the Gospel call, thinking that they had misunderstood him. The same five hundred stood to receive Christ. That Sunday initiated one of the greatest revivals ever to sweep England.**

**What helped make it happen? Two elderly ladies who understood their church desperately needed the fire of God's Spirit. They believed God's promise "when a believing person prays, great things happen".**

**Your prayers can help ignite the fire of God and make things happen – it is time !**

## From Your Community Lay Director

This Easter has been a memorable one for us. On Good Friday, we joined with more than 300 others to walk the Stations of the Cross in the Botanic Gardens here in Orange. Crosses about 2 metres high marked each Station, and were dotted a short walk apart around the Gardens. There was a reading and prayer at each station, and between each station, a different person was appointed to carry a wooden cross to lead the people through this moving, devotional ceremony. It was good to see many different people joining in, from different churches and different cultures.

On Easter Sunday, our pastor reminded us that Jesus' death and Resurrection are recorded not only in the Bible but in many other historical documents written around that time or very shortly afterwards.

So our hope in Christ is steadfast and sure, founded on the rock of our salvation, Jesus Himself.



**Come and join us at Ridgecrest**



## **Current Board Members**

<b>Community Spiritual Director—Helen Paine</b>	<b>Community Agape &amp; Walk Agape - Jenny Gilbertson</b>
<b>Community Lay Director— Avril Butler</b>	<b>Gatherings - Vacant</b>
<b>Secretary— Sandra Mudford</b>	<b>Candlelighting – Avril Butler</b>
<b>Treasurer, Registrar &amp; Ridgecrest Liaison— Don Butler</b>	<b>Training – Helen Harris &amp; Avril Butler</b>
<b>Reunion Groups and Newsletter— Vacant</b>	<b>Website - Andrew Alder</b>
<b>Prayer – Vacant</b>	<b>IT Oversight - Vacant</b>
<b>Supplies - Helen Harris</b>	<b>Sponsoring – Jenny Gilbertson</b>
<b>Copyright - Ann Fragar</b>	<b>Book Table—Michael Flack</b>
<b>Music Coordinator – Leisha Chaseling</b>	

## **Reunion Groups**

***Bathurst Butterflies (First Sat of month)—0417 479 676***

***Bathurst Gold—6331 2729***

***Bathurst Rainbow Connection—6331 9241***

***Dubbo Zooey Zebras—6882 2639***

***Dubbo Wild Ducks—6885 4454***

***Misfits—Dubbo 6887 2191***

***Hassans Walls (Last Sat of odd months)—***

***Lithgow Zigzags (Last Sat of odd months)—***

***Mendooran Doers—6886 1265***

***Narromine Sunflowers—6889 1791***

***Nyngan Nutmegs—6832 1339***

***Oberon Pine Nuts—0411 636016***

***Orange Blossoms—6361 0127***

***Parke's Stargazers—6869 1969***

***Peak Hill Gold Seekers (First Sun of month)—6869 1784***

***WWW.com Wellington—6845 2404***