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June 2026 Update



Dear friends,

It's been a while since my last update due to a very busy – but fruitful – six months! Much has been happening and I'm looking forward to giving you a brief rundown.

Before I do, I just want to take a moment to once again thank you for your support. It is such a privilege and a blessing to partner in gospel work with you, and I am so grateful to be able to do this apprenticeship through your generosity. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation before the end of the financial year next Tuesday, you can find the details of how to make a financial contribution at the end of this update and on my website.

Norwest Anglican also ran our MTS Vision Night last week for which I made a video providing a glimpse into a week in the life of an apprentice. It was great fun to make and I'd love for you to take a look! You can find it [here](#) and on my website.

This year I have continued my role as a youth team leader for the Junior girls (Years 6-8), which has continued to build my leadership and pastoral skills as I work with our fantastic Junior girl leaders and their girls each week. The highlight of Term 1 was Camp Norwest, our annual youth weekend away at Port Hacking during the April school holidays, which I helped plan in my role as Camp Director. It is a joy to have this time away together and I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity for the past two years to work on it behind the scenes! It is incredibly special to see God putting all this preparation into action over the weekend and I am very thankful to be part of a wonderful team of leaders and camp parents working to make it happen. Throughout Term 2 I've also been able to continue developing my preparation and delivery of youth talks, as well as helping our Youth Pastor Rehan plan the Term 2 series on the Gospel of Mark. We've been looking at the key question Jesus asks halfway through of "Who do you say I am?" and how this is answered through Mark's Gospel as Jesus reveals himself to be the Messiah. Our final youth for the term is coming up this Friday, followed by Baptism and Commitment Sunday, where we will see several youth publicly declare their faith in Jesus before friends and family – I'm so excited for a very special weekend ahead!



Delivering my youth talk on Mark 14:1-11 and my visual representation of my Revelation thematic essay.



I've also been co-teaching SRE with Sam, our Director of Family Ministries, to Year 6 at Crestwood Public. It's a rather different experience in some ways from my Year 2 class of last year in many ways, but at its heart it remains the same: sharing the gospel with the next generation in ways they can understand. I'm continuing to learn new games to get into each week (always helpful for children's and youth ministry!) and, as we journey through the Big Questions course which Year 6 completes throughout the year, thinking and talking about some challenging topics, like why are we here, what is God really like, how do we read the Bible, what makes Jesus so special, and how should we respond to him? I'm looking forward to starting the second half of our Big Questions course next term!

My studies at Youthworks College continue and have definitely ramped up as I've started my second-year subjects! This semester I completed my first exegetical course on the book of Revelation, which was a challenging but hugely rewarding experience. I've certainly come away with a much greater understanding of the book's background, structure, and meaning, and have learned a great deal about exegesis (the critical, objective interpretation and explanation of the text that aims to discover what the original author intended rather than reading our own ideas into it) and how to do this in essay form! We also started our course focusing specifically on youth ministry, equipping us with the foundational principles and practices for ministering with young people in churches.

There are many other areas where I continue to learn and grow! I'm co-leading a women's Community Group and am so blessed to have the opportunity to meet with these wonderful ladies each Wednesday to read, discuss, pray, and do life together. I've also stepped into the role of Membership representative for our 10:30am service, leading the teams for welcoming and connecting people so everyone feels at home in our congregation. Another highlight was our MTS Vision Night last week, where we had a room full of people keen to know more about both doing and supporting MTS apprenticeships here at Norwest Anglican – it was so encouraging!



*Fun on youth camp with our dress-up and worship night!*



*Reach Conference and MTS Vision Night.*



If you'd like to support me through prayer, here's some things you can be praying for:

- Thanks for the many and varied opportunities God is giving me throughout this apprenticeship in so many areas – youth, SRE, Membership, Community Group, and Youthworks College – and prayer that I would continue to make the most of all He is giving me to develop as a gospel worker for the Kingdom.
- Thanks for a great first half of the year in Youth at Norwest, especially for Camp Norwest and the many young people who are getting baptised or confirmed this Sunday.
- Thanks for the many supporters who came along to the MTS Vision Night, and prayer that those who are considering an apprenticeship will begin taking the next steps towards getting started, particularly that they would be able to attend the MTS Mission Minded Conference in August.
- Prayer for a restful break from my studies, SRE, and youth group during the holidays and that I would use this time wisely to keep up good daily habits of rest and time with God in preparation for next semester.
- Thanks that Pete and I are able to downsize from our current house to a smaller townhouse, freeing up more time and energy for us both, and prayer for our move in three weeks time.

I'm looking forward to Term 3 and all that it will bring in addition to my usual routines – there are two conferences (House and MTS Mission Minded) and two camps (KYCK and Leaders in Training) coming up and I'm pumped! Thank you, as always, for your support. God bless!

*Grace and peace,  
Jenni.*

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