

**COLLECT:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always uphold and encourage us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER BEFORE READING:** Our Father, we love to hear you speak to us, and so we are eager to hear your Word. Please help us by your Spirit to listen to you as your Word is now read, and soften our hearts so that we might know you better, and love you more. Amen.

**Next Week's Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 1:1-20  
Isaiah 1:21-2:5  
Luke 24:40-49

**Next Week's Sermon Reading:**

Isaiah 1

**FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:**

*"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you."*

**1 Corinthians 1:4-6 (NIV)**

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**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

**Monday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) **RECESS**  
2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre

**Tuesday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
4pm - Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering  
1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home)  
2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)  
4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice  
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - Ministry Centre **RECESS**

**Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre  
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (David & Leone's home)

**Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) **RECESS**  
5.30pm - WIFy - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 **RECESS**

**DAYS OFF** Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



We warmly welcome you to Northern Beaches Anglicans. If you are new, visiting, or one of our regulars we are glad you have joined us today.



**Trusting Babylon – Isaiah 39**

The final episode in this historic part of Isaiah (chapters 36-39) gives us an insight into the fickleness of our devotion to God. King Hezekiah in many ways has been a model of godliness. As we have seen so far Hezekiah has been prayerful in all situations, faithful in sickness and in health, and a devoted leader of his nation, Judah. But in chapter 39 we find the king of Judah making an extremely naïve and disastrous decision by inviting the Babylonians in to the Treasury of the kingdom. In the end this will lead to the fall and exile of Judah.

The great news for us is that our true king, Jesus, never falters in his devotion to God. And it is this perfection that will be granted to all who trust in him.

**PARISH SERVICES:** SUNDAY@8—8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10—10AM (Family Service). Combined Service every 5th Sunday@9—9AM.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ted Varley, Cora Geer, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Jeff Maher, Susan Aber, Beverley Maddox, Marilyn Godde, Judy Howard, Barry Smith and Ian Fraser.

Please give thanks to God for the life of Rex Rainbow and pray for Clair and Aaron Anderson and their families as they mourn the loss of Clair's dad Rex and Aaron's grandfather, Arthur.

Northern Beaches Anglicans in the Diocese of Grafton is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on this list have requested prayer at this time.

### GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:

SUMMER SCHOOL: What do you do for a holiday of refreshment and recreation? Have

you thought of attending the CMS Summer School at Mt Tambourine? This is a tremendous opportunity for Spiritual refreshment and understanding the true mission of CMS and meeting even more missionaries than our CMS Partner. The 2024 Summer School applications opened last Wednesday. The Reeve family and David & Leone will be attending and welcome others to join them. If you love camping in a tent or caravan or mobile home or would prefer cabin accommodation or a local motel or Airbnb, it is a truly inspiring opportunity. Meeting new people and enjoying many conversations. Why not come? Chat with Simon, Alison or David and Leone if you are interested and they can give you further information. Dates are: 5th-10th January 2024. Guest Speaker: Andrew Shead along with present missionaries and a new family going out for the first time. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

### KIDSCURCH TERM 4:



As we praise God for growth in our children's and youth ministries, we are also needing to cater for this growth in new ways. Starting in Term 4 we will be running a split KidsChurch

during our 10am Families' Service.

The Primary School age group will continue to meet in the Ministry Centre (under the church), while the High School age group will be meeting in the Parish Hall. This will also mean extra helpers to cater for both groups. Please speak with Simon or Alison if you are able to help with either of these groups.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Due to the School Holidays there will be **no Stay & Play, WiFY or KidsChurch** programs running **for the next two weeks**. **WiFY** will **resume on Friday 13th October**. **Stay & Play** will **resume Monday 16th October**, and **KidsChurch** will **resume Sunday 15th October** with some minor changes.



### "Trusting in Babylon" This Week's Readings

Isaiah 39:1-8 (Pg 718)  
Acts 8:26-38 (Pg 1099)  
Matthew 7:1-6 (Pg 971)

**This week's Sermon Reading:**  
Isaiah 39 (Pg 718)



Send Good News and Great Joy!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Appeal:**

A reminder that your filled Shoeboxes will need to be returned by **NEXT Sunday 8 October**. If you have any queries, please contact Jean Maher.

### Praise the Name of the Lord Forever

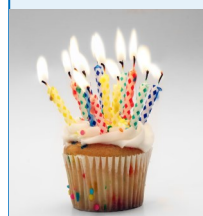
### Happy Anniversary



**Ted & Laurel Varley**  
Saturday 7 October

May you enjoy this special celebration and may God bless you both on your special day.

### Happy Birthday



**Arthur Oxley**  
Tuesday 3 October  
**Jean Maher**  
Friday 6 October  
**Don Turnbull**  
Saturday 7 October

May God bless you all on your special day

### Today's Songs of Praise



@8\* Holy, Holy, Holy  
\* As The Deer  
\* Come and See  
\* What a Wonderful Change  
@10\* Come Thou Fount  
\* My Soul Will Wait  
\* By Faith  
\* For the Cause

### Tuesday Chat & Chill



Chat and Chill will be **meeting in the chapel this coming Tuesday, 3 October** from **10:30am-12md**. This will include an **abbreviated Holy Communion service**.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST:

There will be **NO Men's Breakfast** next weekend. We will resume next month.



### BCA BOX MONTH:

This will be the last week we will be collecting and counting BCA Boxes. Your BCA boxes will then be returned to you as soon as possible.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**October 8, 2023 @ 2pm:** Trial Run Day for those interested in being involved with the Jesus Club  
**October 15 @2-3pm:** Social Day for potential Consumers