

COLLECT: Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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:

2 Samuel 2:22-3:5

2 Peter 3:1-9

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Reading:

2 Peter 3:1-9

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

1 Corinthians 1:25 (NIV)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) **IN 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) **Luncheon**
2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home) **IN RECESS**
4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - **IN RECESS**

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (Hanger home)

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

NEXT COMBINED SERVICE IS December 31, 2023 @9am

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.



'Beware the Villains' – 2 Peter 2:1-22

As we enter chapter 2 of Peter's second letter we discover he moves quickly to warn his readers of the danger of false teachers and their false teaching. It is telling that Peter uses a lot of words in this letter to demonstrate the judgement that stands ahead of those who would pervert the message of the gospel. He is either passionately against those who would teach false doctrine, or passionately protective of the church family, or both. However we view what was going on in Peter's day, we can see the connections with false teachers in our day. In the end, the only way we can be protected from false teaching is by knowing the apostles' message well, and by testing what we hear today with the testimony of the Bible.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &

Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **Combined Service** every 5th Sunday@9 - 9AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ted Vardy, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Jeff Maher, Ian Fraser, Stephen Powell, David Wheeler, Norm Glyde, and Steve Egan.

Please give thanks to God for the life of Cora Geer and pray for Lynda-Mary and Robyn, and their families, as they mourn her death. 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.



HOPE is born

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24
8am – Holy Communion
10am – Family Service
6pm – Kids' Christmas

Christmas Day – Dec. 25
8am – Holy Communion


NORTHERN BEACHES
ANGLICANS **CHRISTMAS**

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PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP:

Parish Council met briefly last Tuesday evening to discuss the following items before we celebrated the year with a Christmas dinner for all our Parish Councillors and their families. Thank you for your support in ministry in 2023.

- ◇ Confirmation of November meeting minutes
- ◇ Discussion on the Op Shop Committee changes into 2023
- ◇ Discussion on the significant increase in Op Shop profits for 2023, probably enhanced by the introduction of EFTPOS
- ◇ Discussion about the number of Christmas Services this year
- ◇ Discussion about the Bishop's renewal of licence for the Senior Minister due 19 December
- ◇ Discussion on the progress of the draft budget for 2024
- ◇ All other items were held over to our next Parish Council meeting in February 2024



Happy Birthday

David Ellis Monday 11 December
Ella Reeve Tuesday 12 December

May God bless you both on your special day

"The True Story"



This Week's Readings

2 Samuel 2:8-21 (pg 301)
2 Peter 2:1-22 (pg 1226)
Matthew 7:13-23 (pg 971)

This Week's Sermon Reading:

2 Peter 2:1-22 (pg 1226)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:



The Parish will be distributing its annual Christmas hampers in the next week to families who usually struggle at this time of the year. If you are available to help put together and distribute these hampers, please speak with Alison asap.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:

A short 6-week course in the basics of Christianity will be run in the new year beginning on Monday evening 22nd January, 5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you know of, or are interested yourself in joining us, please contact Simon.



ADVENT 2



Today's Songs of Praise

@8* All Creatures of our God and King
* O For a Closer Walk with God
* O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
* To God be the Glory

@10* Come People of the Risen King
* Jesus, Thank You
* In Christ Alone
* Facing a Task Unfinished

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED:

One of our young congregation members is seeking accommodation locally in the new year. If anyone has a unit, a granny flat, or even a spare room available for rent please contact Simon.



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL SANDY BEACH CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
SANDY BEACH FORESHORE
STARTS AT 5:00PM



BBQ • FACEPAINTING • ICE CREAM • GLOW STICKS
PETTING ZOO • LIVE MUSIC AND MORE...

SPECIAL GUESTS: THE TOADS

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Join us from 5pm and bring a picnic dinner.
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TOY AND BAKE SALE: A big thank you to all who baked for and assisted at the Toy and Bake Sale yesterday, our last for the year. And also a big thank you to all who have lovingly served this way each month throughout this year. Ted and Laurel Vardy have contributed enormously this year, as in previous years, and there are many others who have stepped up as Ted and Laurel have been unavailable. Thank you all for your loving contribution.

