

COLLECT: Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the ways of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: Heavenly Father, we bow in your presence. May your Word be our rule, your Spirit our teacher and your glory our supreme desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (CSB)

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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
10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering
1.30pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve **IN RECESS**
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at Bluebottles Cafe) - see David Aber
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga **IN RECESS**
- Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) **IN RECESS**
6pm - WiFY - Years 5-12 **IN RECESS**
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club **IN RECESS** (after today)

DAYS UNAVAILABLE: Simon—Thursday, Daniel—Wednesday, Pam—Friday



14 December 2025 AD

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.



Reporting What You Have Heard and Seen – Matthew 11:2-11

The interactions between Jesus and John the Baptist in Matthew 11 are quite extraordinary and deeply insightful. Later, in Matthew 14, we learn more about John's imprisonment, and eventual execution, where we are told that John was bold enough to speak out against the moral corruption of figures such as King Herod. But in our passage today we sense a moment of uncertainty from the man who so fervently pointed people at the Jordan to the Messiah (Matthew 3:11-12). From prison he sends his disciples to check in with Jesus, and maybe to allay his own concerns about his ministry. The message that Jesus returns is emphatic and clear. Jesus comes in fulfilment of OT prophets like Isaiah binding up the broken, and proclaiming peace between God and man.

Blessed are those who take no offence at Jesus' ministry, but hold fast to who he truly is.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service 28 December Sunday@9 - 9am



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, Helen Robertson, Stephen Rea, Ross Crawford, Simone, Narelle Mallett and David Peters .

Please pray for Steve and Trish Rea as they grieve the death of Steve's mum, Maureen Rea.

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.

Jesus Club GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP – **JESUS CLUB**

At **NBA** we try to be **inclusive**. We have found that our usual way of church doesn't always cater for those who have significant learning and cognitive difficulties. Ah! **The answer Jesus Club**. Every fortnight we gather to hear God's word presented in a simpler way, do activities to reinforce the message, sing God's praise, prayer and generally have a good time. The **aim** is to **present God's message** and **help our members to understand that they are loved and can have a personal relationship with their Lord**. This year we looked at the Lord's Prayer and decided it taught us a heap about how to be one of Jesus' flock. We also looked at Jesus as our teacher as well as our Saviour and how he taught us with parables. Our sessions are totally interactive with team and members sharing enthusiastically... perhaps you could say we are a very unusual Bible study group! Members are driven to club and home again and afternoon tea is provided. We have four active members and five team plus one support worker. We are keen to grow and are definitely ready to.

The Radiance of God's Glory

Family Carols – 14th Dec
6pm – On the Lawn
Christmas Eve – 24th Dec
6pm – Families' Christmas
Christmas Day – 25th Dec
8am – Holy Communion

19 Scarborough Street, Woolgoolga
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NORTHERN BEACHES
ANGLICANS **CHRISTMAS**

COMBINED SERVICE: Please be aware that on **Sunday 28 December** NBA will be holding only one 9am Combined Service as we begin another Summer in the Psalms. There will be no Holy Communion at our Combined Service, and our mission focus will be on the **Coffs Coast Schools Ministry**.

CALENDAR Rosters are now being compiled for February to April 2026. If you will be away, or want to go on or off the rosters, please email or call the Office. Please let the Office know by **THIS Tuesday 16 December**.

“Reporting what you have heard and seen”



Today's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg 713)

James 5:7-10 (pg 1219)

Matthew 11:2-11 (pg 976)

Today's Sermon Text:

Matthew 11:2-11 (pg 976)

CAROLS
on the
LAWN

Join us as we sing and celebrate Jesus' birth - God's gift of grace to us.

14 December 2025
6pm - 7pm

BYO dinner and picnic rug or chair

JOIN US

Northern Beaches Anglicans front lawn.

Happy Birthday

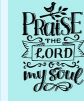


Brodie Rowe
TODAY 14 December

Thelma Watkins
Wed 17 December

May God bless you both on your special day

Our Songs of Praise



@8* We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

* Onward Christian Soldiers

* What A Wonderful Change

* To God Be the Glory

@10* Angels We Have Heard On High

* Crown Him With Many Crowns

* How Deep the Father's Love for Us

* Let Your Kingdom Come



GLENREAGH CHRISTMAS:

On the notice board at the back of the church is an invitation to join the Anglicans in the Glenreagh Community to celebrate Christmas and raise funds for the Coffs Harbour Oncology Unit. There are a number of events to choose from, including a Major Fundraiser at the Golden Dog Hotel on **21 December**.

OFFICE AND OP SHOP CLOSURES:

Both the Op Shop and the Parish Office will be **closed** from **12noon Wednesday 24th December** and reopen on **Tuesday 13th January at 9am**. No donations will be taken from next Thursday to 13th January. There will be an Op Shop Orientation Day on Monday 12th January for all staff.

ALL PASTORAL MATTERS NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE PHONE (0266541370)

Pam will be on deck from 2-7 January 2026, during CMS Summer