

**COLLECT:** Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER BEFORE READING:** We thank you, heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit. By your Spirit help us so to hear your Holy Word that we might be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Next Week's Bible Readings:**

Exodus 15:1-8

Psalms 27

John 8:12-19

**Sermon Reading:**

Psalms 27

**FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

*"And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."*  
**1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (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) **IN RECESS**  
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**

**JESUS CLUB RE-COMMENCES SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY THEN FORTNIGHTLY**

**NEXT COMBINED SERVICE IS 25th February @9am - followed by AGM**

**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.



**'Pure Devotion' – Psalm 26**

Today's Psalm shows the extraordinary devotion of one man to his God, the LORD. Despite the distraction of others and the manipulation of the world the Psalmist claims to have led a blameless life (vv1 and 11), to have trusted in the LORD without wavering (v1b), to have walked continually in his truth (v3), and to have avoided the influence of evil men (vv4-5). The only person I can think of who lived like this is the Lord Jesus Christ. And yet this Psalm is attributed to the hand of King David. The comfort I get from this Psalm, is that King David continued to require God's vindication (v1), his love and truth (v3), his presence (v8), and his redemption and mercy (v11). The only way we can stand on level ground is by being devoted to him.

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

Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service** 25<sup>th</sup> February Sunday@9 - 9am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Norm Glyde, Noreen Prendergast, Keith Doe, Pat Smith, Beverley Maddox, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons and Ian Fraser.

Give thanks for the life and witness of Jeff Maher and pray for Jean and the family as they mourn his 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.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:**



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



**GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:**

Northern Beaches Anglicans have now officially been linked with Dave and Margie Wood as they go to Coober Pedy to commence full-time ministry at the Catacomb



Anglican Church with BCA. They will be commencing ministry in March this year and will be surveying the 'lay of the land' as they settle in. An important role of a supporting church will be getting to know the Woods, and offering specific prayer support for them. So please pick up their postcard from the BCA noticeboard and place it on your fridge. Pray for them, sign up for their newsletter, and send them an email encouraging them as they pack and leave. It is wonderful to finally see the gospel continue to be proclaimed in Coober Pedy.



**Ian McLeay**

TODAY 14<sup>th</sup> January

**Anne Moon**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

May God bless you both on your special day

**ROSTERS:** As you may or may not have noticed some of you didn't receive a roster and for those who did it was only for 4 weeks. We have decided to change the roster times so the next roster will go from February - April, 2024. If you think you will be away during that time or you would like to become part of the rosters please let Leone or the Parish Office know before 18<sup>th</sup> January, so the Rosters can be finalised and handed out.

**"Pure Devotion"**



**This Week's Readings**

1 Samuel 24:1-15 (p292)

Psalms 26 (p549)

Luke 13:10-17 (p1045)

**This Week's Sermon Reading:**

Psalms 26 (p549)

*Today's Songs of Praise*

- @8\* Glorious Thing Of Thee Are Spoken
  - \* O For A Heart To Praise My God
  - \* We Love The Place O God
  - \* Now Thank We All Our God
- @10\* As Long As You Are Glorified
  - \* See Him Coming
  - \* Raised With Christ
  - \* My Soul Will Wait

**Northern Beaches Anglicans  
2024 Annual General Meeting:**

The parish's Annual General Meeting will be held this year on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024** following our Combined Parish Service. Please begin to prayerfully consider nominations for Wardens, Parish Councillors and other elected positions. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated. All reports to Leone, preferably emailed to [office@northernbeachesanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@northernbeachesanglicans.org.au) before the end of January.

**BAPTISM TODAY:**

All our parish family are welcome to join **the Anderson family** at 12:30pm **TODAY**, 14<sup>th</sup> January, down at the Woolgoolga Lake for Aaron's baptism. **Bring your own picnic lunch** before Aaron is baptised in the lake at around 1:30pm. Following this special event, **the Anderson's** have offered to put on afternoon tea for all who attend. **See you there!**



**READY FEET SATURDAY:** On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30-1pm, we will be running Ready Feet Saturday, equipping congregation members and volunteers with the required compliance for serving in the parish. A Faithfulness in Service course will be run, information about Working with Children's Checks will be given, and the opportunity to start online Safe Ministry Training will also be offered. Please speak with Lynnette Hoskins or Simon if you are unsure if you need to attend.

**8am MORNING TEA ROSTER:**

Do you enjoy your Sunday morning tea and chat each week? Please consider gathering a team and serving on this 8am MT roster, (No cooking required only a packet of biscuits) This will lessen the number of times people serve on each roster. Please let Leone know ASAP.

**NO BAKE AND TOY SALE IN JANUARY**