

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: Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us, showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. We ask you now to teach us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Next Week's Bible Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-55

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Luke 1:39-55

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"Don't you know that those who perform the temple services eat the food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the offerings of the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should earn their living by the gospel."
1 Cor. 9:13-14 (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
 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)
 4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice - see Simon Reeve
 7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve **IN RECESS**

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

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
 9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
 5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-12 **IN RECESS**

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, **TODAY 15 December**

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



15 & 22 December 2024

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.*



Joy and Love – in Advent

In preparing for Christmas, what better things to wish people than 'Joy' and 'Love' in this special season. In fact, what better things to wish someone in life than these two virtues. Christians know that JOY is more than just happiness. Joy springs from a deep knowledge of God's plan. Christian joy could be defined as an attitude God's people adopt, not because of happy circumstances, but because of their hope in God's love and promise. Joy comes from knowing the hope that Jesus brings by his life, death and resurrection. And LOVE, again, is not just a feeling of being wanted or needed, it is an affection known because of the self-sacrificial act of another. The birth of Jesus, God incarnate, shows us a self-sacrificial love equivalent to the cross, the laying down of ones own circumstances and rights for the benefit of others. Let's pray that the Joy and Love experiences by our family and friends this Christmas comes from a deep understanding of the person of Jesus, and the life he brings.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service** 29th December Sunday@9 - 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marj Simmons, Pam Stone, Joan Neuwirth, Judy Howard,
Matthew Doherty and Ron Maddox.

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.



Heaven to Earth

Christmas Eve – 24th Dec
6pm – Kids' Christmas

Christmas Day – 25th Dec
8am – Holy Communion

Sunday – 29th Dec
9am – Combined Service

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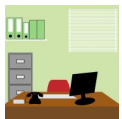
GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: BCA



The latest prayer letter and ministry update from Dave & Margie Wood is available to read. It is filled with joy and excitement following a local mission undertaken in Coober Pedy with year 12 students from an Adelaide Christian School. The week of the mission was filled with 'God moments' that opened the door to speak with others about Jesus and invite locals to join some church activities. It is very much worth reading as we think and pray about our own mission week next year. Continue to pray for Dave and Margie particularly as they follow up on the connections made after the mission, and for the possibility of running an after school Kids' Club starting next year. Copies of their prayer letter are available on the BCA noticeboard.

COLLECT 22 December: Raise up your great power, Lord, and come among us to save us; that, although through our sins we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your plentiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the sufficiency of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit the honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFICE CLOSURE:



The Parish Office will be unattended from Friday 20 December to Monday 13 January. For all pastoral matters please ring through the office number on 6654-1370, which will be diverted to the ministry team. Simon will be at CMS Summer School 5-10 January.



OP SHOP CLOSURE:

The Op Shop will be closed to customers and donations from **Saturday 21 December to the 13 January 2025.** The Op Shop Volunteers will be having a morning tea on Monday 23 December.

Joy – In Advent

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 12:1-6 (pg 691)
Philippians 4:4-7 (pg 1181)
Luke 3:7-18 (pg 1028)

This Sunday's Sermon Text:

Philippians 4:4-7 (pg 1181)

Joy – In Advent

Next Week's Bible Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a (pg 931)
Hebrews 10:5-10 (pg 1211)
Luke 1:39-55 (pg 1025)

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Luke 1:39-55



ROSTERS are being prepared for

Feb—April 2025. If you

are away during that time, or you would like to go onto the roster, please let **Leone** know **ASAP.**



Thelma Watkins: Tues 17 Dec

Aaron Anderson: Thurs 19 Dec

Steve Rea: Thurs 19 Dec

Gideon Anderson: Sat 21 Dec

M: Sat 21 Dec

Pam Stone: Sat 21 Dec

Adrienne Hatton: Sun 24 Dec

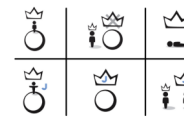
May God bless you all on your special day



Today's Songs of Praise

@8 * Crown Him with Many Crowns
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
*The Kingdom of God
*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining
@10 *O Great God
*Speak, O Lord
*Yet, Not I but through Christ in Me
*We Belong to the Day

Two Ways to Live



TWO WAYS TO LIVE:

A short 6-week course on the Christian faith will run in the new year beginning

Monday evening **20th January 2025,** 5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Simon on 0450-255-055.



COMBINED SERVICE:



Please note that **Sunday 29th December** will be a 5th Sunday **combined service at 9am.** At this service we will be recommencing our 'Psalms of Summer' preaching series through into January starting at Psalm 29.



Thank you to all who baked for and helped out at our **Toy and Bake Stall** yesterday. Another successful day connecting with our community.