

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: 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 Readings:

1 Samuel 19:8-18
Psalm 23:1-6
John 10:1-21

Next Week's Sermon Reading

Psalm 23

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:9-11

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) (In Recess)
2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)

Tuesday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
4pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
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 - Ministry Centre (In Recess)

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rector) (In Recess)
5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 (In Recess)
6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship (In Recess)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



15th January 2023 AD

Ministry Morsel

After arriving back from an enjoyable **5 days at CMS Summer School**, I was shocked to hear this week of the sudden death of Cardinal George Pell. The news of his death came on the same day that two teenage girls were buried in Quirindi, a place we lived for 3 years. The two girls died suddenly a few days after Christmas while boating on Lake Keepit. And, of course, we would have also heard the terrible news of those 3 Western Australian children orphaned on Christmas morning when their family car flipped and their parents were killed. In all these events sudden death shatters a holiday season that is meant for refreshment.

When I think about it, my guess is that **these tragic events could have easily involved one of us**. How often have we been praying for a member undergoing surgery, or in hospital for various reasons? Or how often are we enjoying life by the water maybe inches from danger? Or how often do we take a quick drive down the highway to visit family? **The reality is sudden death could easily over come any one of us.**

Life is so fragile. Death can impact any family on any given day. As we take in news about such tragedies, **we must respond to two important questions.** Firstly, **am I prepared to meet God face-to-face if I am to experience sudden death?** And secondly, **do my family and friends know enough about the God they will one day meet?** If life is that fragile, we would be fools if we didn't for **a moment take stock of our lives and listen to the warnings of Jesus.**

The Bible urges us to be prepared. Jesus calls us to be ready at any moment to meet him. And as **Jesus calls us to be ready to meet him**, he also urges us to **warn others of the great danger of dying unprepared.** So, let us continue in our local community to make every effort to introduce people to King Jesus and preparing them for eternity.

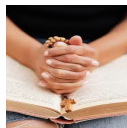


YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:
A RESOURCE NOT A THROWAWAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Merilyn Flick, Rex Rainbow, Yve Fraser, Frances Robinson, Belinda Stone, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Thelma Watkins and Cora Geer.

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.



SIMON'S COMMISSIONING

Simon's Commissioning as Priest-in-Charge will take place on **THIS Wednesday January 18 at 6pm.**



The Bake and Toy Sale for January has been **Cancelled.**



'He Has Done It!'

This Week's Readings

1 Samuel 19:1-7 (Pg287)

Psalms 22:1-31 (Pg547)

Matthew 27:32-54 (Pg998)

This Week's Sermon Reading

Psalms 22 (Pg547)

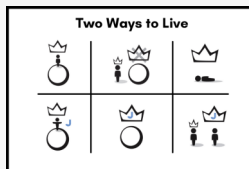
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Monday Manna 5.30-6.30pm:

Term 1 starts 6 February—Monday Nights at the Church We will be seeking to **Know and Tell the Good News of Jesus** in preparation for the SMBC mission week. **This course will be based on Two Ways to Live.**

Please contact Simon for further information.



Today's Songs of Worship

@8* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

*Holy is the Lord

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Now Thank We all our God

@10* We Come Together

*Be Hold Our God

*Never Alone

*Facing a Task Unfinished



Anne Moon

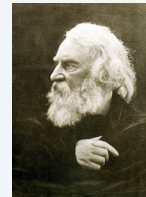
Wed 18 January

May God bless you on your special day

2023 AGM: The AGM will be held on **Sunday February 26, 2023.** Please begin to **prayerfully consider nominations** for Wardens, Parochial Councillors and other elected positions. As **2023** is the **beginning of a new 3 year Synod cycle** there will also be **elections for a three year term of Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators.** Nomination forms available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated.

Simon's Commissioning 18 January @ 6pm

Needed: Congregation members to assist with the **catering by supplying refreshments for the supper following Simon's commissioning.** This will be held in the hall and slices, cakes or fruit platters would be great. If you can help prepare or supply please let Chris Wilson or Jean Maher after the 8.00 service or Kerry Burke after the 10am service. *Please pray for this special event in our Church life.*



GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:

On Christmas Day I preached from Psalm 120 about living in a world where 'Peace on Earth' seems too distant. In my sermon I mentioned the author of a Christmas song called 'Longfellow's Carol'. To my surprise after I wrote the sermon I discovered that a **new movie had just been released** based on the life of this 19th century poet, Henry Longfellow. It is not often that a high quality Christian movie is released in Australian cinemas, but this production seems to be aimed at spreading the Christian message through retelling the true story of a Christian man who struggled through tragedy, yet discovered the source of real hope. *Please pray* that this movie might touch the lives of many who watch it in Australian cinemas. If you are interested in finding out more about the movie, visit iheardthebellsmovie.com.au



MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS

An important part of the ministry of NBA, and being a member of one of our congregations, **is meeting up mid-week** to **encourage** and **care for one another**, to **read the Bible**, and to **pray for each other**. Our mid-week small groups also **offer an opportunity to meet up with people** we may not usually see during the week. **If you are new to NBA** or are **not part of a mid-week small group**, please chat with me (Simon) to see if there is a group that might suit you. Who knows, your presence may be a great help to someone else this year.



PARISH MISSION: As a parish family we **always seek to be on about the mission of spreading the Good News about Jesus.** From time to time that mission is refreshed by more focused activity, **more focused prayer** and **gospel enthusiasm** from **beyond the immediate family.** Refreshment is on its way through a mission team from **Sydney Missionary and Bible College (March 25 – April 2, 2023).** Please put the dates in your forward planner. More importantly **please put this Mission on your prayer list NOW** and begin to cover every aspect of the mission in prayer. The **key to fruit** will not be the quality organisation or moving presentations but the **work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people.**

FIRST AID QUALIFICATIONS

Parish Council is keen to identify any parishioners who have up to date first aid qualifications. If you do, could you please let one of the Wardens know as we seek to improve our Work, Health & Safety practices.

CHURCH OFFERINGS for December 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Cash & Envelopes	\$3,537.00	\$3,333.00
Electronic Offering	\$3,480.00	\$4,583.00
TOTAL	\$7,017.00	\$7,916.00