

COLLECT: Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. **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.**

<p>Next Week's Bible Readings: Jeremiah 1:1-9 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Matthew 28:11-20</p> <p>Next Sunday's Sermon Title: Anglican Distinctives—Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Corinthians 2:12 (NIV)</p>
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<u>WEEKLY HAPPENINGS</u>	
Monday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) 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) 2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)
4pm - Sunday@10	Singing Practice
Thursday:	7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study 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) 5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-10

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

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



18th February 2024 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.



'Symbols'

There are many symbols on show whenever you enter a church building. Most of these symbols, or visible signs, tell the story of some aspect of the Christian faith. Some symbols are helpful. Some are totally misunderstood. And some might even be deemed unnecessary. Article XXV, of the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion, states, "There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord." And so Anglicans believe that according to the Bible there are only two symbols deemed by Jesus as necessary for our gathering together. The symbol of Baptism, a sign of our new resurrected life in Christ, and the symbol of Communion, a memorial meal pointing to Jesus' death on the cross for our sins. And so at the heart of these two foundational symbols is the gospel message, Jesus' death and resurrection.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service** 25th February Sunday@9 - 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Norm Glyde, Noreen Prendergast, Keith Doe, Pat Smith, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Ian and Yve Fraser, Ivan Heckenberg, Elizabeth Macintosh, Leone Hanger, Bonnie Anderson and Jeanie Reason.

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The people on this list have requested prayer at this time.



GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: Bush Church Aid Society

Dave and Margie Wood are only a month away from arriving in Coober Pedy to commence ministry at the Catacomb Church. You might remember that our last BCA link 6 years ago was with Geoff and Tracey Piggott, again in Coober Pedy. It is exciting to see ministry continue in this small mining town through Dave and Margie's willingness to go. To help support the Woods, please pick up from the back table a 'Real Australian' magazine, the BCA Prayer notes for summer, and a postcard with Dave and Margie's detail on it. It would be lovely if you could personally contact them and encourage them as they take this big step. Please pray for God's peace as they settle in.

PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP: Last Tuesday our Parish Council met for the final time before the Parish AGM, with the following outcomes:

- *Emily Johnson welcomed into her new role as Ministry Apprentice
- *Simon reported the renewal of his licence as Priest-in-charge of NBA until 2029
- *Australian Charities & Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) self-evaluation done
- *Carpeting and painting in the Parish Hall noted
- *Financial audit for 2023 noted and discussed
- *2024 Draft Budget for presentation to AGM passed
- *Electrical work on Parish Hall and Rectory noted
- *Permission for new Op Shop signage granted
- *Permission for additional shelving in Parish Hall storeroom granted
- *Future upgrade of Air Conditioning in Op Shop identified
- *Cry Room cooling to be investigated



A gentle reminder that **MARCH** is our BCA Box opening month.

HELP NEEDED: The Op Shop Committee is looking for volunteers willing to help take the rubbish trailer to the Coffs Harbour tip. If there are enough willing volunteers a simple roster can be put together to lighten the load (no pun intended). Reimbursement for petrol is offered. Please see David or Leone.



MEN@GLEN: The annual men@glen Christian Conference for men at Glen Innes is on **Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March**. Al Stewart will be the special guest speaker speaking on 'Healthy Masculinity & why the world needs it', with Angus grazier Ross Thompson also sharing his testimony. It would be great to have a group of men head up together to encourage and be encouraged. Please speak to Simon for more information.

"Anglican Distinctives-Symbols"

This Weeks Readings:

Genesis 17:1-14 (pg 15)

1 Corinthians 11:17-33 (pg 1150)

Matthew 3:1-6,13-17 (pg 967)

Next Sunday's Sermon Title:

Anglican Distinctives—Symbols



Today's Songs of Praise

- @8* Immortal, Invisible
- * On Jordan's Bank
- * Lord Jesus Christ
- * Lord, the light of your love
- @10* All My Ways are known to You
- * My Lighthouse
- * In Christ Alone
- * Reformation Hymn



PARISH AGM 2024:

Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held next Sunday 25 February, in the Parish Hall after our 9.am Combined Parish Service.

The Annual Reports for 2023 are available after today's service for you to read through and consider as you prepare for the AGM. Please note the Draft Budget for 2024 which will be up for discussion in the meeting.

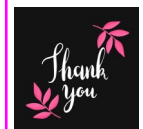
Current nominations for the new Parish Council:

Parish Wardens: Gary Jeffreys, Stephen Egan

Parish Council: Gary Jeffreys, Lynette Hoskins, Clair Anderson, Dennis Wylie, Josh Oxley and Leone Hanger

Please come to our AGM and join this church family event as we give thanks to God for the year of ministry that has been, and pray and plan for the new year of ministry to come.

CMS is again putting on their **MELT Youth Camp** from **4-6 May** at CYC Burleigh Heads. This promises to be a great time for high school students wanting to spend time with Christians interested in the gospel and global mission. **Find out more at <https://www.cms.org.au/event/melt-2024/>**



Thank you to all who assisted with the **Toy & Bake Sale** yesterday. Your baking, your donations and even your presence at the sale, is very much appreciated.

Happy Birthday



Gary Jeffreys

Wed 21 February

Ian Fitzgerald
&

Milan Durovic

Thurs 22 February

May God bless you all on your special day.

Happy Anniversary



Matthew & Kerry Burke

TODAY 18 February

May you enjoy this special celebration and may God bless you on your special day.