

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly passions of sinful men: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Bible Readings:**

2 Samuel 8:1-14

1 John 5:1-12

John 7:45-52

**Next Sunday's Sermon Text:**

John 7:45-52

**FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

*"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot share in the Lord's table and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?"*

**1 Corinthians 10:21-22 (CSB)**

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**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

- 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  
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
- 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 6-12
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club, **TODAY 18 May**

**DAYS OFF**

**Simon—Thursday**

**Pam—Friday**



**NORTHERN BEACHES**  
**'A Place of HOPE'**  
**ANGLICANS**

**18 May 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.*



**John 7:25-44 – Come and see ...the one who was sent**

Everyone has an opinion. Everyone has a position. Everyone has their own views of things. But that does not mean that everyone is right! Or that everyone is set in their views. After all, when you remember back to when you were younger, there are many things you might be embarrassed to admit you believed. By verses 40-43 of our chapter this morning the crowds in Jerusalem were struggling with what they thought about Jesus. And you can see this with all the questions that John narrates for us. Could he be the Prophet? Maybe he is the Messiah? Where is the Messiah to come from? What do the scriptures say about this? Verse 43 concludes, "Thus the people were divided because of Jesus." Again, the irony in John's account is extraordinary, and especially when Jesus' words are so decisive. Will we believe that Jesus is the one sent from God?

**PARISH SERVICES:** SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &  
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service **31 August Sunday@9 - 9am**

### *PLEASE PRAY FOR:*

Gaye Cutmore, Don & Judy Howard, the Wylie family, Zia Nadan, Iqbal Singh, Annie Finch, Charles Brewer and Dennis Berrisford.

*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.*



### GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: COMPASSION

NBA continues to financially and prayerfully support 10 Compassion children in the Philippines. The support they receive through Compassion provides education and resources, provides personal care and attention, and connects children to a local church community who teach the gospel in their area. Recently our income to be given directly to Compassion has decreased, and yet we have decided to continue to support our sponsor children. If you are able to give over and above your usual offertory to help us with this commitment, then please mark or reference your extra giving 'for Compassion', and continue to pray for each child listed on our Compassion noticeboard.



### PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP:

Parish Council meet last Tuesday. Here is a summary of some of the issues discussed.

- \* Simon reported on Easter Services and the search for a 2nd full-time assistant minister.

- \* Pam reported on Chat & Chill, Jesus Club, music ministry and ministry at WRV.

- \* The treasurer reported on finances for April, on the up coming roll over of our term deposit and the reduction in giving to Compassion.

- \* The wardens reported on recent maintenance including the completion of the ramp at the back of the Parish Hall, and the ongoing issue with the cleaning of our toilet areas.

- \* A motion of appreciation was given to David Peters, along with Steve Egan, for the wonderful work done on the Parish Hall ramp.

- \* The council approved the purchase of a new photocopier, and a new office desk to replace the current damaged one.

- \* A reassessment of the process for counting and the banking offertory monies was initiated.

Please join me in thanking God for the wisdom and gifts each of our Councillors offer to this parish.

### "... the one who was sent"

#### Today's Readings:

2 Samuel 7:25-29 (pg 307)

Acts 2:1-13 (pg 1091)

John 7:25-44 (pg 1071)

#### Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

John 7:25-44 (pg 1071)

### HOPE EXPLORED



Our three-session Hope Explored course is running in the church chapel over the next two Tuesdays 5—6pm.

For more details, please text Simon on 0450-255-055.



### Change of Address:

For those people who have been trying to contact Marj Simmons, Marj's new address is: 1/35 Parklands Road, Largs, NSW 2320. Her phone number is unchanged.



**BCA BOXES:** If you have put a box in recently with no name on the box please speak with Leone so we can allocate the funds to the right person.



### 2025 PARISH DIRECTORY

Our new directory is available. Please see Leone to get your copy. Due to privacy requirements these can only be given to those in the directory.

### Our Songs of Praise



@8 \*Lord of the Years

\*Because He Lives

\*Peace is Flowing Like a River

\*Once In Royal David's City

@10 \*See Him Coming

\*Christ Our Wisdom

\*We Remember

\*By Faith



### COMBINED SERVICE:

The **5th Sunday in June** is the Synod weekend. We will be hosting Synod Representatives at 8am, followed by our 10am family gathering. The 31st August is the **NEXT** combined service.



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**David & Leone Hanger**

**Tuesday 20 May**

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