

COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from everything that may hurt us, that we may be ready in body and soul cheerfully to accomplish whatever you want us to do; 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:

Isaiah 46:1-13
Isaiah 48:1-11
Matthew 11:25-30

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 46:1-48:22

FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD

"Speaking in tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers"

1 Corinthians 14:21 (CSB)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Monday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup)
2.30pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
- Tuesday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
6pm - Dinner and Bible Study - Dan and Shonae Rowe's home
- Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering
2.00pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
2pm - Women's Fellowship Group - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at CeX) - see David Aber
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga
- Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
6pm - WiFY - Years 6-12
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club **TODAY** 18 October

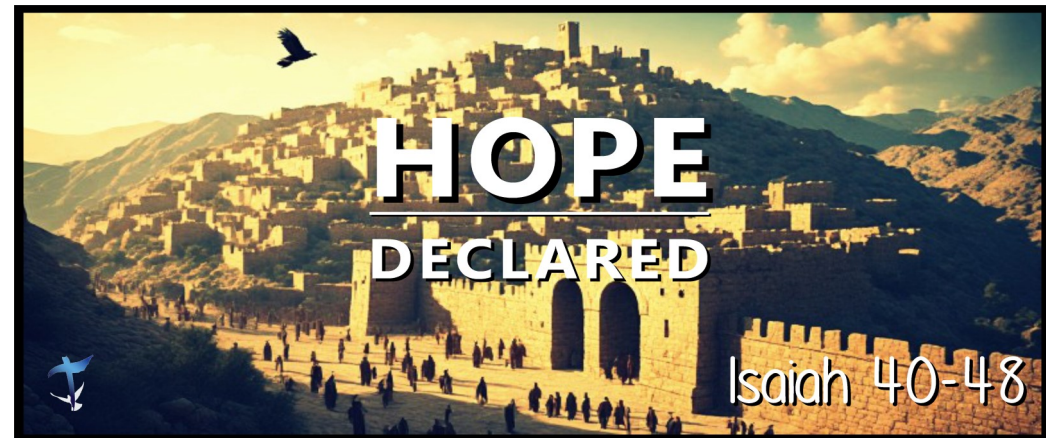
DAYS UNAVAILABLE: Simon—Thursday, Daniel—Wednesday, Pam—Friday



Sunday 18 October 2026 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.



Should we trust Cyrus? – Isaiah 44:24-45:25

The hope declared in Isaiah 40-48 would have come as wonderful news to a people oppressed in exile. The horrors of war would have been fresh in the minds of God's people, and the loss of loved ones and national leaders would still have been deeply felt. The news of God's plan to rescue His people would therefore have lifted their eyes beyond their present struggles. However, the means by which God would bring about this rescue now becomes clearer. The Babylonian captors, who had devastated God's people, would themselves be defeated by the Persian king Cyrus and his pagan empire. Although the people would be permitted to return to their homeland, they would still live under foreign rule. We can understand why God's people might have been a little confused by this plan. Having once been an independent nation, they would now need to adjust to life under the a foreign ruler while continuing to recognise the LORD as their God and remaining faithful to Him. We can see a similar challenge for Christians today as our societies becoming increasingly secular. Although political leaders may rise and fall, God's sovereignty remains unchanged. Christians are therefore to remain loyal to Christ, trusting that God remains in control over the superpowers of our world.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service **29 November 2026** Sunday@9 - 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, James Taylor, Christine Russell, Kath Maher, Noel Bultitude, Robyn Rooth, Norm Glyde, Barry Smith and Jade.

Please pray for the family of Janice Laughter as they mourn her recent 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.



PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP: Last Tuesday the Parish Council met to discuss the affairs of the parish. Here is a brief summary of the meeting:

- * The Wardens stepped the council through a proposal to renovate the front counter area in the Op Shop. Parish Council gave approval to go with one of the quotes.
- * Simon gave an update on the application to purchase the Crown Land. We have finished the negotiation phase and are now awaiting their decision. This may come in the next few weeks. Please be in prayer about it.
- * Simon gave an update on the NCLS as we have received the paper survey. We will conduct the survey in our two church services on 25 October.
- * The Parish Council are considering upgrading the Church Bibles, potentially to the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) version. There is a demonstration Bible available to review.
- * In the month of September the church received a one off donation of \$75,000, to which the council was surprised and very thankful to God for. God continues to richly provide for us, even when our current budgeting is for a large deficit. Please join the council in giving great thanks to God.
- * Simon acknowledged the recent deaths of Mrs. Thelma Watkins and Rev. Don Turnbull, who have both significantly contributed to the ministry of the church in their time at NBA.
- * Simon and Dan reported on the ministry activities in the last month, including the successful Holiday Kids' Club.
- * Clair gave an update on the current financial position of the parish, along with details of current investment accounts.
- * Simon updated the council about the progress on a potential upgrade of the parish's IT equipment, including the office computers. There is currently no firm proposal in place.



Name Badges:

If anyone is needing a name badge, please contact the Office or Raye Jefferys.



Parish Offertory Budget Update

	Actual	Budget	Shortfall
September	\$9,392	\$11,250	\$-1,858
YTD	\$74,242	\$101,250	\$ -27,008



"Should We Trust Cyrus"

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 44:24-45:10 (pg 726)

Isaiah 45:11-25 (pg 727)

Matthew 17:1-8 (pg 983)

Today's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 44:24-45:25



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us on

Saturday 24th October 2026

at 8:30am

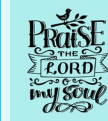
Enjoy a yummy breakfast with warm company as we chat and hear how God transforms lives.

19-21 Scarborough St, Woolgoolga



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RSVP: sign up sheet
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Our Songs of Praise

@8* There is a Redeemer

* Jesus is Lord

* His Name is Higher

* Lord of the Church

@10* Ancient of Days

* Crown Him With Many Crowns

* Jesus, Thank You

* My Soul Will Wait For You

HSC STUDENTS:

The HSC runs 13 Oct—3 Nov. Please be in prayer for those students we know sitting exams this year. Lauren Blair, Amber Hundle, Erica Munro, Zoe Reeve and Finn Toovey Powditch

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS)

Update: We have finally received our paper surveys and have set the new date to complete our NCLS in Church next Sunday 25 October. You can complete the survey on your mobile device or using a paper survey.

Happy Birthday



Merrilyn Flick

Monday 19 Oct

May God bless you on your special day.



SUMMER SCHOOL 2027

1-6 JANUARY, MT TAMBORINE

SPEAKER: DAVE FOWLER (AFES)



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