

**COLLECT:** 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 be honour and glory, 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:**

Psalms 34  
Mark 4:21-29

**Next Sunday's Sermon Text:**

Psalms 34

**SERMON SERIES MEMORY VERSE**

*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

**Matthew 1:21 (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  
10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)  
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering  
1.30pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre  
2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)  
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve **IN RECESS**
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at Bluebottles Cafe) - see David Aber  
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga **IN RECESS**
- Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rector) **IN RECESS**  
6pm - WiFY - Years 5-12 **IN RECESS**
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club **IN RECESS**

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



**21 December 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.*



**The Week before Christmas**

Friends, as we enter this week before Christmas, we acknowledge with grief the horrific events of last Sunday evening at Bondi Beach in Sydney. Like many across our nation, we are shocked and deeply saddened by reports of this terrorist attack targeting innocent Jewish lives on Australian shores. Our hearts are broken. How, then, should Christians respond to such news? First, we are called to pray – for the families of the victims, for the injured, and for all those who are traumatised – asking the God of all comfort to sustain those who grieve and suffer (2 Corinth. 1:3-7). Second, while the moral evil of such violence is clear and must never be excused, Jesus warns us against self-righteous judgement. Instead, he calls us to examine our own hearts in repentance, remembering the fragility of life and our need for God's mercy (Luke 13:1-5). Finally, Scripture assures us that God remains sovereign, even when events defy our understanding. We trust that he is at work for ultimate good (Romans 8:28-9), as we long for Christ's return to renew our broken world.

**PARISH SERVICES:** SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &  
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service 28 December Sunday@9 - 9am



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, Stephen Rea, Ross Crawford, Simone and Narelle Mallett.  
 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.

## The Radiance of God's Glory

Family Carols – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 6pm – On the Lawn

Christmas Eve – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 6pm – Families' Christmas

Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 8am – Holy Communion

19 Scarborough Street, Woolgoolga  
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**NORTHERN BEACHES**  
 ANGLICANS **CHRISTMAS**



### GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CMS

For seven years now we have been supporting our current CMS link missionary. She has been serving as a missionary in the Middle-East, meeting with local women, encouraging them to discover the Jesus of the Bible. After getting married almost 1 year ago she has returned from the mission field to Australia with her husband in the last week, and will start preparing for the next stage of serving God as a married couple. We heard a couple of weeks ago that they are hoping to go back to the Middle-East but her husband will still need to undergo further training. Please pray for M & L as they re-enter Australian culture and as they reconnect with link churches who have been supporting them. Pray also that the coming months will provide some clarity as they consider future ministry as a new family.



**COMBINED SERVICE:** Please be aware that on **Sunday 28 December** NBA will be holding only one 9am Combined Service as we begin another Summer in the Psalms. There will be no Holy Communion at our Combined Service, and our mission focus will be on the **Coffs Coast Schools Ministry**.



**Christmas/New Year Newsletter:** Please note that our next newsletter will be out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It will cover Sunday 28th December and Sunday 4th January, so please make sure that you put it on your fridge. The following newsletter will come out on Sunday 11 January.



### "Read The Sign"

#### Today's Readings:

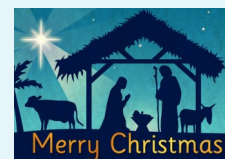
Isaiah 7:10-17 (pg 686)

Romans 1:1-7 (pg 1126)

Matthew 1:18-25 (pg 966)

#### Today's Sermon Text:

Matthew 1:18-25 (pg 966)



### OFFICE & OP SHOP CLOSURES:

Both the Op Shop and the Parish Office will be **closed** from **12noon Wednesday 24th December** and **reopen** on **Tuesday 13th January at 9am**. **No donations** will be taken from **next Thursday to 13th January**. There will be an Op Shop Orientation Day on Monday 12th January for all staff.

**ALL PASTORAL MATTERS NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE PHONE (02 66541370)**

**Pam will be on deck from 2-7 January 2026, during CMS Summer School.**

## Happy Birthday



**TODAY 21 December**

*Pam Stone*

*Gideon Anderson*

*Mirrilee*

**Mon 22 December**

*Adrienne Hatton*

*May God bless you all on your special day*



## Our Songs of Praise

@8\* May the Mind of Christ my Saviour

\*O Little Town of Bethlehem

\*Jesus, Name Above All Names

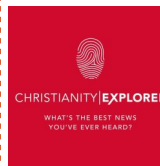
\*Our Eyes Have Seen the Glory

@10\*O Come, All Ye Faithful

\*Angels From the Realms of Glory

\*My Soul Will Wait for You

\*By Faith



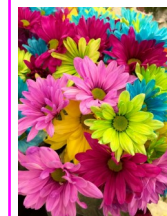
### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:

A short 4-week course on the basics of Christianity will be run

in the new years beginning on Tuesday evening 20 January, 5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you know of anyone, or you are interested in joining yourself, please contact Simon.



### Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries



If you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary acknowledged in the newsletter during the year, please add your name to the date in the red book at the back of the church, ready for 2026.