

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: We thank you, heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit. By your Spirit help us so to hear your holy word that we might be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week's Bible Readings:

Exodus 13:17-22
Isaiah 4:2-6
John 1:14-18

Next Week's Sermon Reading:

Isaiah 4:2-6

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)

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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
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
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - Ministry Centre

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (David & Leone's home)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
5.30pm - WIFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



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.



Judgement on Judah – Isaiah 3:1-4:1

No one likes to be told they are wrong. In fact, we often say to others, "Don't judge me!" But in the Book of Common Prayer (the Anglican guide to running church) we read these words in the communion service, "Therefore judge yourselves, brothers and sisters, that you might not be judged by the Lord; repent truly of your sins..."

The judgement pronounced by God on Judah in Isaiah 3 comes because the people of Judah neglected to recognise the damage their actions were causing others. They did not carefully assess their own lives in the light of God's word. And so as we read about this sad moment in Judah's history we are gently warned to not fall in the same trap. Our own judgement must come one way or the other.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8—8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10—10AM (Family Service). Combined Service every 5th Sunday@9—9AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ted Vardy, Cora Geer, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Jeff Maher, Susan Aber, Beverley Maddox, Judy Howard, Barry Smith, Ian Fraser, Stephen Powell and Josh and Jules Oxley

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:

Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes



Last week we prayed for the 75 shoeboxes that had been collecting around the Communion Table in the church. During the week Jean Maher packed them up and sent them off to Coffs Harbour where they will be inspected and prepared for international shipping. The boxes will then be distributed to 1 of 100 countries Samaritan's Purse are connected with where they will be prayerfully given out to children at church outreach events and in orphanages. These children are then invited to join a 12-week discipleship course called The Greatest Journey where they will learn what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Let's pray that each child that receives one of our shoeboxes will join the course and become a life-long follower of Jesus.

PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP:

The **Parish Council** met last Tuesday evening with the **following outcomes:**

- * New carpet and painting in Parish Office discussed
- * ACNC Governance Self-evaluation continued and now half completed
- * Growth in ministries mentioned and increase in pastoral care for people noted
- * Planning for 40th Anniversary of foundation stone initiated
- * Financial statements for September reviewed and received
- * Progress on new BCU Bank Accounts reported due to NAB branch closure
- * Wardens are investigating additional office furniture, carpeting hall and upgrading disabled toilet
- * outdoor and indoor hall lighting, and potential of universal key access
- * Op Shop upgraded clothing racks
- * An update on the church sound system upgrade noted
- * Success of office and volunteer's luncheon reported
- * Parish property fire audit proposed
- * Increase to youth ministry catering allowance discussed



"Judgement on Judah"



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 3:1-15

Isaiah 3:16-4:1

Matthew 24:1-14

This Week's Sermon Reading:

Isaiah 3:1-4:1



COMBINED SERVICE:

Next Sunday (29 October)

we will be holding a

Combined Parish Service. **Both our congregations will meet together at 9am** with a special focus on the work of Compassion who are seeking to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.



BISHOP'S VISIT:

Our Parish has invited the **Bishop of the Grafton Diocese, Murray Harvey**, to join us at both our church services, including morning tea, on Sunday 12 November. This will be a great opportunity to spend some time with our bishop.

Happy Birthday



Patricia Smith

Monday 23 October

Graeme McLennan

Friday 27 October

May God bless you both on your special day



Today's Songs of Praise

@8* Crown Him with Many Crowns

* Father, we love you

* O Jesus I have promised

* I Cannot Tell

@10* All my ways are known to you

* Raised with Christ

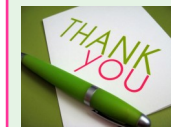
* No Other Name

* Christ is mine forever



SAVE THE DATE:

Our main church building turns 40 on 30 November, and the Parish Council has decided to mark this occasion with a Parish Dinner. Please save Saturday evening **25 November** in your diary so that you can join the parish family to celebrate God's gift to us of this wonderful place to glorify God. More details to come.



Thank you to all those who assisted in making the Toy and Bake sale possible yesterday.

We appreciate those who baked for the first time—and those who did that bit extra.



CHURCH OFFERINGS for Sept 2023

	Actual	Budget
Cash & Envelopes	\$2,489.50	\$3,750.00
Electronic Offering	\$5,960.00	\$4,167.00
TOTAL	\$8,449.50	\$7,917.00