<u>COLLECT</u>: Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people; and so that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as will please you; 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:**

Psalm 51:1-13 Romans 8:1-9 Luke 15:11-32

#### **Next Sunday's Sermon Topic:**

The Prodigal Son

#### **FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."

Hebrews 1:3 (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

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)

**4pm** - Sunday@10 Singing Practice - see Simon Reeve **7.30-8.30pm** - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

12.30pm—Gentlemen's Lunch (at the Hub) - 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 (Rectory)

**5.30pm** - WiFY - Years 5-12

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, TODAY 24 August

'A Place of HOPE'

25 August 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.



# **Knowing God – 'Scripture'**

For many years some Anglicans have often been accused of worshipping the Holy Trinity as: 'The Father, the Son, and the Holy Scriptures '!! Of course this is a criticism that some Anglicans put little emphasis on the Holy Spirit, and too much emphasis on the Bible. However, it seems to me that the Bible clearly teaches that the Holy Spirit transforms lives as we read God's word, the Scriptures. As part of the armour of God we are encouraged to "Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17) And we know from Hebrews 4:12 that "... the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." The Spirit of God will never contradict the word of God, and so it is through Scripture we can know God.

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



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Annie Finch, Darren Gray, Jillian Flynn, Alice Hardy, June Park, Andy Hardy, David Ellis and Nicola Mercer.

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.



**WELCOME:** This morning we welcome the Rev. David Piper, his wife Joanne along with their family, who serve as BCA Field Staff in Emerald/Blackwater in central Queensland. David will

be preaching this morning on the topic of 'Scripture' as a part of our Knowing God Series, as well as share a little of what BCA is doing in rural and regional Australia. It is very much our privileged to have the Piper family join us and I trust we will be blessed by them, and we will be a blessing to them in this ministry.



#### **BCA CONNECT**:

BCA Connect – TODAY 24 August, 2pm, St John's Anglican Church Coffs Harbour. Guest Field Staff – David and Joanne Piper from Emerald/Blackwater, plus Regional Officer – Mike Uptin. Register via bushchurchaid.com.au under news & events.



#### **GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CCSM**

The ministry of Special Religious Education (SRE) in our local Schools is a vital way to connect with and engage local young people with the gospel. Currently we are involved in teaching in our 4 local primary schools each week. And this week our

Assistant Minister, Dan, commences teaching Years 5 and 6 at three of these schools on a Tuesday. Please continue to pray for all the SRE teachers as they seek to be engaged in teaching about Jesus. Please pray for Dan as he gets to know the children in his classes, and as he points them to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



#### **NEW LIFE CONFERENCE:**

North-West Christian Women's Conference Saturday 13th September 2025, Calrossy Anglicans School, Tamworth. Guest speaker Lesley Ramsay, on: 'God's Redemption Project'.

Visit: newlifeconference.org.au See Alison for more details.

# "Knowing God—Scripture" Today's Readings:

Psalm 119:105-120 (pg 613) Isaiah 55:1-13 (pg 737) Matthew 5:17-20 (pg 969) **Today's Sermon Topic:** 

Scripture



# COMBINED SERVICE

Please note that **NEXT Sunday 31 August** we

will be holding a combined communion service at 9am.







## Our Songs of Praise

@8 \*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
\*Speak Lord in the Stillness
\*Seek Ye First

\*Trust and Obey
@10 \*Behold our God
 \*Amazing Love

\*The Power of the Cross

\*Crown Him With Many Crowns



### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Appeal:

The Samaritans Purse boxes will be available to pack for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), 2025.

Please continue to pray for the positive effect of the OCC boxes to help children and families (even villages) to hear and be touched by the story of God and His Son Jesus.

Please take a box to fill after praying about the age and sex to pack for.

Instruction and registration form is in the box. Practical extras are also available for you to include in your box. The boxes will be collected in early October to be sent off to many countries. For queries, please contact the coordinator, Jean Maher.





Daniel Grono: Tue 26 Aug

Joan Cowling: Wed 27 Aug

Barbara Beattie: Thurs 28 Aug

May God bless you all on your special day