

24 December 2023

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: 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.**

25 December 2023

COLLECT: Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

31 December 2023

COLLECT: Our Great, Wonderful and Almighty God, we humbly ask that you would look upon your Church here on the Northern Beaches with great mercy. As you would so desire everyone to come to You in faith, we ask that You will encourage people to join our fellowship where they can hear your Word preached faithfully and desire to contribute their services to the extension of Your Kingdom. In Jesus' precious name. **Amen.**

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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
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering
1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) **IN RECESS**
2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home) **IN RECESS**
4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - **IN RECESS**
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (Hanger home)
- Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) **IN RECESS**
5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-10 **IN RECESS**

THIS NEWSLETTER HAS A SHELF LIFE OF TWO WEEKS!



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.

Christmas Greeting

It is a delight to share this Christmas season with you today. Thank you for joining us and being reminded with us of that wonderful gift we have received in Jesus. It is in him that we find 'HOPE is born'. The past year has brought with it many complications to our lives. Whether it is complications to our family lives, complications to financial status, or complications to world peace, it's not hard to feel the anxiety of our world. But the good news of the Bible, and the message of Christmas is all about our God who has not left us without hope. Jesus brings us a way to untangle our lives and to bring us his peace. That is why he is called the 'Prince of Peace.' So, take the time this Christmas season to think through the wonder of Christmas and the hope Jesus brings.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Jeff Maher, Ian Fraser and Stephen Powell.
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.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

With great love and joy the ministry team at NBA pray that you have a very safe and happy Christmas season. Simon and Alison, David and Leone, and Pam, along with our families, have been so thankful to be serving our precious Lord alongside you in 2023. And as we remember the birth of our Saviour, and the new life he offers to all who trust in him, we are blessed to be able to share this message of hope in our local community. Without the birth of Jesus we would never have known the extent of God's love for us.
So Happy Christmas to all!



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:

A short 6-week course in the basics of Christianity will be run in the new year beginning on Monday evening 22nd January, 5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you know of anyone, or are interested yourself in joining us, please contact Simon.



December

JESUS 25 December

Anne Dorman Sat 30 Dec

January

Dodong (21) Mon 1 Jan

Helen Robertson Mon 1 Jan

Dianne Meredith Mon 1 Jan

Lisa-Maree Grono Wed 3 Jan

Marj Simmons Thurs 4 Jan

May God bless you all on your special day

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-and the things that are not-to nullify the things that are, so that no-one may boast before him."

1 Corinthians 1:28-29 (NIV)



COMBINED SERVICE: The next Combined Parish Service will be at 9am on Sunday 31 December, 2023. At this Service we will be hearing, about and praying for, the work of Coffs Coast Schools Ministry (CCSM) and the joy of school scripture in our region. Please make time to stay around after the Service for our Combined Parish morning tea.

BIBLE READINGS

24 December "Ending is Beginning"

2 Samuel 3:6-21 (pg 302)
2 Peter 3:10-18 (pg 1227)
Matthew 28:16-20 (pg 999)

Sermon Reading:

2 Peter 3:10-18 (pg 1227)

25 December "Hope is Born"

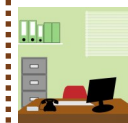
Genesis 1:1-3,26-2:3 (pg 302)
John 1:1-5 (pg 1062)

31 December "King of Glory"

Genesis 1:3-25 (pg 302)
Psalm 24 (pg 548)
Luke 19:32-44 (pg 1053)

Sermon Reading

Psalm 24 (pg 548)



OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Parish Office will be unattended until Monday 8 January. For all pastoral matters please ring through the office number on 6654-1370, which will be diverted to the ministry team. Simon will be in and out of the parish 27-30 December, and then at CMS Summer School 5-10 January.



CMS – Our link missionary is currently serving in the Middle-East. Although not in the conflict zone, she has been in contact with a number of people affected by the current hostilities. As a hospital worker, she often prays with those who are unwell or struggling with chronic illness. Please pray that over this Christmas season she will continue to be a help to many displaced by the conflict and struggling with health issues, and that she will continue to offer the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Today's Songs of Praise

@8* Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

- * Lift Up Your Heads
- * Ye Servants of God
- * It came upon the Midnight Clear



@10* Everlasting God

- * My Heart is filled with Thankfulness
- * This Life I Live
- * We Belong to the Day

Christmas Day

- * O Come All Ye Faithful
- * Once in Royal David's City
- * Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- * Joy To The World

Happy Anniversary



Jeff & Jean Maher

Saturday 6 January

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



OP SHOP CLOSURE:

The Op Shop will be closed to customers and donations until 8 January 2024, meanwhile new carpet will be installed in the Parish Centre on 4-5 January. The Op Shop Volunteers will be having an Orientation Day on Monday 8 January before the shop opening on Tuesday 9 January, 2024.