

COLLECT: Stir up, Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they may produce abundantly the fruit of good works, and receive your abundant reward; 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:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21: 25-38

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Luke 21: 25-38

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"Now when you sin like this against the brothers and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to fall, I will never again eat meat, so that I won't cause my brother to fall."

1 Corinthians 8:12-13 (HCSB)

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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) **IN RECESS**
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
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga (Hanger home)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-12

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, Sunday **1st December**

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.*



The Hard Truth – John 6:60-71

As we reach the end of our preaching series through John 4-6, we come to the surprising part of John's gospel (vv60-71). After being followed by the crowds, performing many signs and teaching these disciples about God's plan for the world, all of a sudden we see these disciples pivot from being mesmerised by Jesus, to grumbling and taking offence at his teaching. It's not that Jesus' teaching was hard to understand, they knew exactly what he was saying, they just could not bring themselves to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Verse 66 tells us that "...many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." They were happy to have a saviour, but they refused to have Jesus as their Lord. And so the question for us is, which one of these disciples will we be like? Will we be half-hearted in our commitment and abandon him when it's too hard, or will we understand, like Peter (v68), that there is nowhere else to go.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Belinda Stone, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Lillian Essex-Clarke, Pam Stone, Judy Howard and Matthew Doherty.

Please pray for the family and friends of Alan Moore as they grieve his death.

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The people on this list have requested prayer at this time.



GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CCSM and CHCCS:

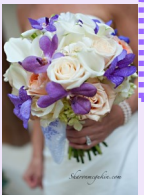
The coming week signals the final Scripture classes for the year in our local public schools. On Tuesday and Wednesday we will be holding combined Scripture assemblies at Corindi, Woolgoolga and Sandy Beach Public Schools. The Coffs Harbour Christian Community School (CHCCS) has kindly offered its middle-school outreach team to run these assemblies sharing the Christmas story in a fun, musical and clever way. Please pray for this week's combined Scripture assembly lessons, that the CHCCS students will enjoy acting out the Christmas story, and that the local primary school Scripture students might understand the wonder of Christmas, and seek to know the person behind it all, Jesus.

FUNERAL FOR ALAN MOORE: One of our faithful congregation members who has been in the Opal Care Nursing Home for the past 5 years, died on Wednesday last week. Alan lovingly served his Lord and Saviour for the majority of his life. His funeral service will be held at NBA this week on Wednesday 27th November at 10:30am. All are welcome to join in as we give thanks to God for Alan's life.



OUR GOD is a God who does far more than we ask. Convicted of that truth Anne and David have been praying for both services in the chapel from 7.15am. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please talk with David if anyone is interested in doing likewise before the 10.00am service.

Happy Anniversary



Pam & Athol Clarke

Thursday 28 November

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

Happy Birthday

Leone Hanger: TODAY 24 Nov

Walter (21): TODAY 24 Nov

Maureen Brown: Mon 25 Nov

Pam Clarke: Tues 26 Nov

Kerrie Burke: Wed 27 Nov

Trish Heckenberg: Thurs 28 Nov

May God bless you all on your special day

"The Hard Truth"

Today's Readings:

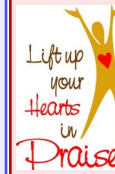
Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (pg 184)

1 John 4:1-6 (pg 1230)

John 6:60-71 (pg 1070)

This Sunday's Sermon Text:

John 6:60-71 (pg 1070)



Today's Songs of Praise

@8 * Praise to the Lord the Almighty
*Be Still

*The Church's One Foundation
*What a Friend

@10 *All My Ways are Known to You
*The Voice of the Lord

*We Have the Words of Eternal Life
*My Soul Will Wait for You



CMS SUMMER SCHOOL: at North Tambourine for 2025 will be on from **3rd to 8th January** next year. It would be wonderful to have a good number from NBA attend this fantastic conference. The guest speaker at the conference will be William Taylor from St Helen's Bishopsgate, London, and will be well worth hearing. Plus there will be a number of CMS Missionaries speaking about their international ministries. Please join us. **Registrations now open** online (www.cms.org.au/event/between-two-worlds/), or speak to Leone for more information.



COMMUNION AT NBA:

Since reintroducing the Common Cup during 8am Communion, I would like to remind everyone that we still offer individual cups for those who wish to use them. When receiving Communion please line up on the right side of the aisle if you wish to use the Common Cup. Individual cups will also be available to both sides of the aisle. For health reasons we don't permit the dipping of your wafer into the Common Cup, however if you prefer to dip you can also use an individual cup. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak with Simon.



SANDY BEACH CAROLS: Sandy Beach Baptist Church is hosting the Sandy Beach Christmas Carols event on **Sunday 8th December**, starting from **4:30pm**. Please come and join a wonderful community evening which is openly Christian and very family orientated. This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite your family or neighbours to hear the Christmas message.



CHRISTMAS AT NBA: With Christmas only one month away NBA begins to enter the Christmas Season. Next Sunday we will begin a four-week preaching series thinking about Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Christmas. This season gives us a chance to reconnect with the events of Christmas, and rekindle our relationship with Christ. Next Sunday in the notice sheet will be a list of short Bible readings for us to read personally each day in the lead up to Christmas. Also, the Sandy Beach Carols on 8th Dec., our Kids Christmas Eve 6pm Service 24th Dec., and our Christmas Day 8am Service will all be opportunities to join in the celebration of Jesus' birth, and of God's plan of salvation. So please make the most of this Christmas Season and allow love, joy, peace and hope to encourage us in Christ.