

**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.

**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 Readings:

1 Samuel 18:1-11  
Psalm 20:1-9  
John 14:1-14

#### Next Week's Sermon Reading

Psalm 20

#### FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

*The Angel said to Joseph, "(Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins".*

*Matthew 1:21*

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#### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Monday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)  
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) (In Recess)
- Tuesday:** 2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)  
8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
- Wednesday:** 4pm - Choir Rehearsal  
9-10am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)  
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
- Thursday:** 7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - Ministry Centre (In Recess)  
8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)
- Friday:** 11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)  
8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess)  
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) (In Recess)  
5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 (In Recess)  
6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship (In Recess)

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES

**DAYS OFF** Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



#### Christmas Greetings



Christmas greetings on parish newsletters have been a **staple diet for me for nearly forty years**. Last Sunday I shared in my last service as Rector (Senior Minister) at Northern Beaches Anglicans prior to extended leave and final retirement at the end of April.

As a sign of my age the first thing that popped into my head were these words from the classic movie Sound of Music. 'So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good night I hate to go and leave this pretty sight So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu Adieu, adieu, to yieu and yieu and yieu So long, farewell, au revoir, auf wiedersehen.' Probably a **sub-conscious acknowledgement of the rich privilege** it is for **Leone and me to serve God and you for the last 13 years** in the communities of the Northern Beaches. **Thank you for the privilege**. Such is our love for the people of the Northern Beaches, that unlike the Von Trapp family who escaped to another country, we are living in retirement here in Woolgoolga.

We are **delighted at God's provision of Simon and Alison Reeve to continue to lead a parish that desires to make Jesus known**. May each of you look to Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. **May this Christmas be a time of joy and thankfulness for all that God has given you**. May you **look beyond yourselves** to those for whom the Christmas season is painful, sad and lonely.



Our sermon Series throughout January, **beginning next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**, we will be **enjoying the 'Psalms of Summer'**.

We will be **looking at Psalms 20-23** over the month and **seeing how King David relies on God through the struggles of life**.

We look forward to you joining us through January.



**YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - A RESOURCE NOT A THROWAWAY**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Merilyn Flick, Rex Rainbow, Yve Fraser, Frances Robinson, Belinda Stone, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Thelma Watkins.

Northern Beaches Anglicans in the Diocese of Grafton is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on this list have requested prayers at this time.



## Happy Birthday

**Jesus  
Grace (19)  
TODAY 25 Dec**

**Anne Dorman**

Fri 30 Dec

**Dodong (22)**

**Helen Robertson**

Sun 1 Jan

**Marj Simmons**

Wed 4 January

**May God bless you all on your special day**



## Happy Anniversary



**Jeff & Jean Maher**  
Friday 6 January

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

**Collect for 1 January 2023**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised and for man's sake became obedient to the Law: purify our hearts and all our members, so that we may die to all sinful desires and in all things obey your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**2023 AGM:** The AGM will be held on **Sunday February 26, 2023**. Please begin to **prayerfully consider nominations** for Wardens, Parochial Councillors and other elected positions. As 2023 is the **beginning of a new 3 year Synod cycle** there will also be **elections for a three year term of Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators**. Nomination forms available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated.

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE TEAM AT NBA:**



Simon and Alison, David and Leone, and Pam, along with our families, wish you a **very happy and safe Christmas for 2022**. Along with the joy of spending time with families, and resting from the regular



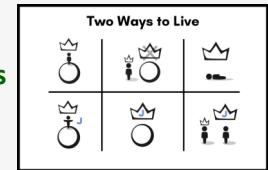
routine, **it's important at this time of the year to take stock of our lives and consider how God views us**. We so often blame God for not listening to us when we struggle or cry out to Him for help, but we rarely consider whether we have listened to God or considered His will for our lives. **Christmas reminds us that we need Jesus to save us from our sin**. Without the birth of Jesus we would never find rest for our weary souls. **So this Christmas consider recommitting your life to Jesus as your Christmas gift to Him!**



### **Monday Manna 5.30-6.30:**

**Term 1 starts 6 February**—Monday Nights at the Church We will be seeking to **Know and Tell the Good News of Jesus** in preparation for the SMBC mission week. **This course will be based on Two Ways to Live**.

Please contact Simon for further information.



### **Christianity Explored:**

A short 2-day course, will be commencing on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. If you are **wanting to know more about why this church exists**, or **if something has been said today that raises questions in your mind that you are needing answers to**, please consider attending this free course where **you will find out more about the best news you could ever know**.

Contact our Senior Minister, Simon, for more information on 0450-255-055.

### **SIMON'S COMMISSIONING**

Simon's Commissioning as Priest-in-Charge will take place on **Wednesday January 18 at 6pm**.

### **ONLINE OFFERTORY:**

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**Reference: Offertory**



**PARISH MISSION:** As a parish family we **always seek to be on about the mission of spreading the Good News about Jesus**. From time to time that mission is refreshed by more focused activity, **more focused prayer** and **gospel enthusiasm** from **beyond the immediate family**. Refreshment is on its way through a mission team from **Sydney Missionary and Bible College (March 25 – April 2, 2023)**. Please put the dates in your forward planner. More importantly **please put this Mission on your prayer list NOW** and begin to cover every aspect of the mission in prayer. The **key to fruit** will not be the quality organisation or moving presentations but the **work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people**.