**COLLECT:** Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER BEFORE READING:** Blessed Lord, you have caused all the Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear, read, learn and embrace them, that, encouraged and supported by your Word we may hold fast to the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Next Week's Bible Readings:**

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

**Next Sunday's Sermon Text:**

Matthew 5:1-12

### *FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD*

"If, therefore, the whole church assembles together and all are speaking in tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all"

***1 Corinthians 14:23-24 (CSB)***

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## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

**Monday:**
**8.30am** - Prayer Gathering
**9-11am** - Stay and Play (Playgroup)
**2.30pm** - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre

**Tuesday:**
**8.30am** - Prayer Gathering
**10am** - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)
**4pm** - Choir Rehearsal
**6pm** - Dinner and Bible Study - Dan and Shonae Rowe's home

**Wednesday:**
**9-10am** - Prayer Gathering
**2.00pm** - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
**2pm** - Women's Fellowship Group - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)

**Thursday:**
**8.30am** - Prayer Gathering
**12.30pm** - Gentlemen's Lunch (at CeX) - see David Aber
**4.30pm - 6pm** - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga

**Friday:**
**8.30am** - Prayer Gathering
**9am** - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
**6pm** - WiFY - Years 6-12

**2nd Sunday:** **2pm** - Jesus Club **NEXT** 1 November

*DAYS UNAVAILABLE:* **Simon**—Thursday, **Daniel**—Wednesday, **Pam**—Friday

# NORTHERN BEACHES ANGLICANS

*A place of hope*

**Sunday 25 October 2026 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.*




## Fallen Babylon, fallen servant nation? – Isaiah 46-48

"Comfort, comfort my people…" These are the opening words of the opening section of Isaiah 40-48. A number of weeks ago now we began looking at this section of Isaiah that offered hope to the exiles of Israel. Yet it seems that God is not offering comfort to a discouraged people as much as to God pleading with an indifferent or oppositional people. Time and time again, Isaiah raises the issue of the people's idolatrous behaviour, similar to those of Babylon.

As God's proclamation of judgement comes closer to Babylon, Isaiah sounds a word of warning. Israel cannot rely on its pedigree, history and traditions. God's people must make a choice - continue living in their sinful, rebellious ways, like those of their captors or escape, fleeing the coming destruction.

On the one hand, the events of Isaiah 46-48 and the ensuing return from exile are far removed from our times today. And yet, the warnings are just as relevant as John makes clear in the book of Revelation. God's people at all times must not become complacent in the society around them, trusting their long standing connections to church or traditions but trust in the Lord our Redeemer.

**PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM** (Holy Communion) &
**Sunday@10 - 10AM** (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service 29 November 2026 Sunday@9 - 9am**

## *PLEASE PRAY FOR:*

Yve Fraser, James Taylor, Christine Russell, Kath Maher, Noel Bultitude, Norm Glyde, Barry Smith, Jade, Jaxon Pridham and Robert Anderson.

*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: BCA

The October newsletter from Dave and Margie Wood in Coober Pedy is now available. They are thankful to God about many things, but in particular His perfect timing in a number of their ministries. They are now holding a regular youth meeting at the Umoona Aboriginal Community with up to 12 young indigenous people, with the help of a Christian teacher in town. They were also blessed to have a mission team come from Adelaide to help in ministry during the School holidays. Dave is grateful for the start of a small men's group as they meet together. Please pray that Dave and Margie might be sustained in good gospel ministry in such a remote and isolated part of Australia.

## NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS):

Today we will be completing the NCLS in both our church services. All people 8yrs and older are welcome to participate if they wish to, unless you have already completed a survey at another church. There is a separate children's survey for ages 8-15. There are paper surveys available, but I would encourage as many as possible to attend the survey online. Use the QR code on your mobile device or go to attendersurvey.ncls.au. Ensure you type in the Church Code: **NG02601** and have **St Augustines** appear, then you are set to fill in the survey. Please complete all questions before you leave church today, and return all paper surveys for collection. Thank you for taking the time to share important feedback.

**Name Badges**: If anyone is needing a name badge, please contact the Office or Raye Jefferys.

## Parish Offertory Budget Update

| | Actual | Budget | Shortfall |
|---|---|---|---|
| **September** | $9,392 | $11,250 | **$-1,858** |
| **YTD** | $74,242 | $101,250 | **$ -27,008** |

**"Fallen Babylon, fallen servant nation"**

**Today's Readings:**

Isaiah 46:1-13 (pg 728)
Isaiah 48:1-11 (pg 729)
Matthew 11:25-30 (pg 976)

**Today's Sermon Text:**

Isaiah 46-48

## BISHOP MURRAY'S VISIT:

The Bishop of the Grafton Diocese, the Right Reverend Dr Murray Harvey, is planning his annual Pastoral Visit to NBA on Sunday 8 November. He will be involved in both our 8am and 10am services. He has also been invited to join us at morning tea following each of the services, which will give everyone a chance to personally welcome him.

## *Our Songs of Praise*

**@8***Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Our God Reigns

*I, the Lord of the Sea and Sky

**@10***Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Jesus, Strong and Kind

*Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me



## HSC STUDENTS:

The HSC runs 13 Oct—3 Nov. Please be in prayer for those students we know sitting exams this year. Lauren Blair, Amber Hundle, Erica Munro, Zoe Reeve and Finn Toovey Powditch



**SRE TEACHERS**: As we approach the end of year, please be praying for God to raise up more Scripture teachers in our local schools. At the moment there will be a number of classes without teachers in 2027. Please speak to Simon if you have an interest in being trained to teach SRE.

