**COLLECT:** Almighty God, you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant that we may put away the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, and always serve you in sincerity and truth; through the merits of 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:**

2 Samuel 7:8-17 Haggai 2:1-23 Mark 2:18-28

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

Haggai 2:1-23

#### FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"13 No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it."

## 1 Corinthians 10:13 (CSB)

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#### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering IN RECESS

9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) IN RECESS

2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre

Tuesday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering IN RECESS

**4pm** - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering

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 IN RECESS

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) IN RECESS

5.30pm - WiFY - Years 6-12 IN RECESS

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, 27th May



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.



## Haggai 1 - Kingdom Priority

There has been quite an evolution of reality home improvement shows over the last 25 years. From Backyard Blitz to The Block, from Changing Rooms to House Rules, we have become obsessed with making our living spaces private oases that suit our comfortable lifestyles. As we read the Old Testament prophet Haggai, it seems that humanity has not changed much in over 2500 years. On returning to their homeland, the Jewish people, who have been exiled for around 70 years, put their heart and soul into building comfortable homes for themselves. However, the prophet reminds the people of God that their Heavenly Father wishes to bless his people as they rightly prioritise his place in their lives. And so we would be wise to hear the teaching of Haggai, and be sure that we do not neglect the priority of God's Kingdom.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gaye Cutmore, Judy Howard, the Wylie family, Zia Nadan, Iqbal Singh,
Annie Finch, Joan Cowling and Joan Neuwirth.

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



GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: Bush Church Aid (BCA) – Today, in the BCA Prayer notes, we pray for David and Joanne Piper, in Emerald/Blackwater, and Simon and Angela Owen, in

Cloncurry, along with their young families. These families are serving Jesus in small communities in central and north-western Queensland, and much of their ministry includes connecting with friends of their children. As we know, there can be great pressure on Pastor's Kids (PKs) as they involuntarily form part of the church's 'Ministry Team'. But actually, this is a reflection on the families' view of the church. We are to throw ourselves, family and all, fully into the service of God, and fully into the growth of the Church. So, please pray for the Piper family, and the Owen family as they seek to grow the church in these small places, and pray that we would follow the good of their example and throw our all into the service of Jesus in our local church.

STAY & PLAY: There will be no Stay & Play on Monday 28th April. Our playgroup will start up again on Monday 5th May, 9-11am. woopi FRIDAY YOUTH (WiFY): WiFY will not be meeting this coming Friday, 2nd May. Our next WiFY Jam night will be at the church on Friday 9th May, 5:30-7pm.

# HOPE **EXPLORED**

Hope Explored is a three session course that invites people to discover the lasting hope, peace and purpose that Jesus offers. Please join us at the church on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th May from 5-6pm. Text Simon for more details on 0450-255-055.

## Happy Birthday



*Joan Neuwirth* Friday 2 May

May God bless you on your special day

## Holy Bible

## "Kingdom Priorities" Today's Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-7 (pg 306)

Haggai 1:1-15 (pg 946)

Mark 2:13-17 (pg 1003)

Today's Sermon Text:

Haggai 1:1-15 (pg 946)

## **NEW SERMON SERIES:**

Today we begin a new sermon series in the Old Testament book of Haggai. Why not take the time to read through this very short book so that you will be prepared for our two-week sermon series?



Jesus Club is on today 27th April @ 2pm

COMBINED SERVICE: The 5th
Sunday in June is the Synod
weekend. We will be hosting
Synod Representatives at 8am,
followed by our 10am family
gathering.

The 31st August is the **NEXT** combined service.

## Our Songs of Praise



@8 \*Morning Has Broken

\*God is Building a House

\*Speak Lord in the Stillness
\*Search Me O God

@10 \*10,000 Reasons

\*Come Thou Fount

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\*My Hope is Built

\*Be Thou My Vision

## **SENIOR MINISTER ON LEAVE:**

The Reeve family will be taking a break for two weeks after Easter until 5 May. For all pastoral support please contact the office number (6654-1370) anytime where David or Pam will be available to assist.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be NO Men's Breakfast this coming Saturday in May. Please be on the

lookout for our gathering next month on the first Saturday in June.



ROSTERS: Rosters for May through to July will be out next Sunday 4th May, however if

you are on roster I will be informing you today. Thank you Leone

## **2025 PARISH DIRECTORY**

Our new directory will be handed out over the coming weeks by Leone. Due to privacy requirements these can only be given to those in the directory.