

COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: Our Father, we love to hear you speak to us, and so we are eager to hear your Word. Please help us by your Spirit to listen to you as your Word is now read, and soften our hearts so that we might know you better, and love you more. **Amen.**

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 48:1-14

Genesis 49:29-50:3

Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week's Sermon Reading

Genesis 48-50

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:15

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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 (see Pam)
Tuesday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 4pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	9-10am - Prayer Gathering 1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) 2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home) 4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice 7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - Ministry Centre
Thursday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering
Friday:	11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam) 8.30am - Prayer Gathering 9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rector) 5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship

DAYS OFF David—Monday Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



**NORTHERN BEACHES
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MINISTRY MORSEL

There are **some things** that we simply find **hard to believe** even though it is obviously true. The **return of Jesus Christ** to this world is one of these things. Jesus' return is true because he **promised to return**. 'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' **John 14:3**. Jesus shows us he consistently keeps his promises. So we **ought to believe** this great promise. Even if we believe it there can be an **internal struggle** as to whether Jesus' return **really matters**?

When you are reminded of Jesus' return what is the **thinking in your heart**? Are you filled with **great joy**, anticipation, relief? OR is it possible that what is **really going on** is a thought process that leads to:

*'Big deal! As long as the timing **doesn't interfere** with my life goals and priorities.'*

The **Second Coming** is a reality that ought to **stir us** into action. The action of **evangelism**. Motivated by a profound concern for the **eternal destiny** of others. Jesus will return and every person will be called to **give an account** of their life. If we love others we will desire for them an **encounter with the Lord of the universe** and these words from his lips, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master's happiness!' **Matthew 25:21**

If Jesus is coming back and we don't know when, **how will he find us**? What will be our priorities? Will we be going about the **Master's business** in a way that honours him? Or will we be **distracted** by issues and activities that in the end **don't matter** one bit to Jesus?

Jesus will return to **judge the world** and gather his people for all eternity.

What a **personal tragedy** of eternal importance to **not be ready**!

SIMON'S COMMISSIONING

Simon's Commissioning as Rector will take place on **Wednesday January 18** in the evening at a time to be finalised. Please put this date in your diary.

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

NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

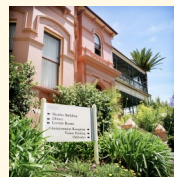
Belinda Stone, Lynda-Mary Wood, Pam Clarke, Mark Wyborn, Leone Hanger, Anne Dorman, Marj Simmons, Thelma Watkins, Belinda McHale and Ron Maddox. **Praise God** for the life and witness of Walter Neuwirth and pray for Joan and their family as they mourn his death.

Praise God for the life and witness of Irene Whitton and pray for Noel and Betty Bultitude and the Whitton family as they mourn her death.

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.

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**.



MEN'S BREAKFAST NEXT Saturday 3/12/22

in the **Parish Centre**. Gold coin donation. Come along for a **great, quality cooked breakfast, good conversations, fellowship and discussion** shaped to **grow our faith**. **There will be surprise Guest Speakers**

ALL MEN WELCOME



CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS

For your diary, planning and prayerful invitation of others our Christmas plans are:

Dec 11 6pm Family Carols

Dec 18 Sandy Beach Carols (from 6pm)

Dec 24 6pm Family Christmas Eve Gathering

Dec 25 8am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Please take a bundle (or more) of our Christmas flyers and distribute them in your neighbourhood and/or use as a personal invitation



Pam & Athol Clarke

Monday 28 November

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



REEVE THANKSGIVING/BCA CELEBRATION: Simon, Alison, Ella, Zoe and Joel will conclude their role with **BCA** on **Sunday December 4**. So, at both services next Sunday we will celebrate our partnership with **BCA** and acknowledge the current ministry the Reeve family have exercised amongst us. **Rev Mike Uptin**, QLD/NSW Regional Officer for **BCA** will join us for this occasion.

'The 3rd Journey to Egypt'

This Week's Readings

Genesis 46:1-7,26-27 (Pg49)

Genesis 47:1-12 (Pg50)

Matthew 24:36-44 (Pg993)

This Week's Sermon Reading

Genesis 46-47 (Pg49-52)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 are available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated.



LOST/FOUND:

After the 10am service last Sunday a navy blue long sleeved jacket was discovered in the church. Please see David if it is yours.

ONLINE OFFERTORY INFORMATION:

NAME: **NBA Working Account**

BSB: **082 842** Account: **887941599**

Reference: **Offertory**



Today's Songs of Worship

@8 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*God Has Spoken By His People

*Song of Joseph

*O For A Thousand Tongues

@10* Hallelujah To The King of Kings

*How Deep The Father's Love

*This Life I Live

*For The Cause

Happy Birthday

Pam Clarke

Yesterday 26 November

Kerry Burke:

Today 27 November

Trish Heckenberg:

Monday 28 November

May God bless you all on your special day



COVID TESTING KITS and N95 MASKS

Free Covid testing kits and N95 masks are available to the parish family until supplies run out. Please take them from the boxes at the back of the church underneath the table under the Notice Board.

