

COLLECT: Father in heaven, keep your household the church steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name; 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:

Exodus 3:1-15
2 Kings 4:42-44
John 6:1-21

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

John 6:1-21

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"About eating food offered to idols, then, we know that "an idol is nothing in the world," and that "there is no God but one." For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth – there are many "gods" and many "lords" – yet for us there is one God, the Father."

1 Corinthians 8:4-6a (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)
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 **3 November**

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.*



Do You see? Do You Hear? – John 5:16-47

In our Bible passage today Jesus speaks as a result of opposition to him healing the man at the pool in Bethesda on a sabbath (John 5:1-15). In his reply Jesus gives a scathing rebuke to those who have not seen him for who he really is. The religious establishment amongst the Jewish people claimed to know God, and yet when the Son of God visits them they misunderstand the signs and seek to kill him. This section of John's account give us an insight into our own hearts. However, in this passage, if we have ears to hear, we also learn a number of important things about Jesus. That in humble obedience he was sent by his Father. That as the Son of God he is 'equal' with God, which the Jews understood. That God the Father bears witness to Jesus in the works he does. And that Jesus has been given authority by his Father to judge all people, and to grant eternal life to those who believe in him.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Laurel Vardy, Renée Berrisford, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Joan Cowling, Ian Fitzgerald, Paul Brittliff and Gwen Wills.

Please pray for Ted Vardy and his family as they mourn the death of his brother Ron.
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: 2025 SMBC Mission

The 2025 SMBC Mission in April next year has a two-fold purpose. Firstly, it is to give theological students an experience of parish ministry in regional NSW, with the hope that more graduates would come to regional parishes, like ours, to grow God's kingdom. Secondly, the mission gives us an opportunity to harness young theological student's enthusiasm for the Lord, so that our families, our neighbours, and our friends might see the effect of the gospel on a new generation of church leaders. Please pray for the people you are connected to, that there might be a suitable event during the mission week for you to invite them to, and that the students they meet might stir in them a hunger to find out more about King Jesus.



BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT:

The Bishop of our Diocese, Murray Harvey, will be having his annual pastoral visit on **Sunday 10th November**. We will be holding a special morning tea in the hall after the 8am service, and then a sausage sizzle lunch at the rectory immediately after the 10am service.

Please come along and meet our Bishop, and pray that our faithfulness to God's Word might be seen in the fruit of our parish life together.



Could those attending the special morning tea for the Bishop's pastoral visit, please assist by bringing a plate of food to support those on Morning Tea.



Rosters for the next 3 months are available today in the pigeon holes at the back of the church.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT:

If the women of the parish could please save the date of the afternoon of **Saturday 23rd November** for our Women's Christmas Event. Please be praying for an opportunity to invite a friend to join you at this outreach event. More information to come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Graeme McLennan
TODAY 27 October**

**Chris Wilson
Sat 2 November**

Congratulations and may God bless you both on your special day.

"Do You See? Do you Hear?"

Today's Readings:

Exodus 33:7-11 (pg 90)
2 John 7-13 (pg 1232)
John 5:16-47 (pg 1067-8)

This Sunday's Sermon Text:

John 5:16-47 (pg 1067-8)



Today's Songs of Praise

- @8** * Immortal, Invisible
* Father, I Place into Your Hands
* Ye Servants of God
* Give Me Oil in My Lamp
@10 * My Lighthouse
* Power of the Cross
* Before the Throne of God
* In Christ Alone



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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST is on
NEXT Saturday 2nd November at **8.00 am** in the
Parish Centre.

Gold coin donation.

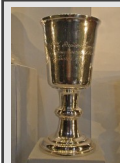
ALL MEN WELCOME

Come along for a **great, quality cooked breakfast**, fellowship, **good conversations**, and **discussion** shaped to **grow our faith**.



SCRIPTURE UNION BOYS' CAMP:

Simon, and some of the younger teenage boys, are attending a Scripture Union Boys' Camp at Scott's Head this weekend. Please pray that the boys will have a safe and fun time as they enjoy the activities of a Christian camp. And pray for Simon as he gives the bible talks, and leads a cabin group. May it be a wonderful time of spiritual growth for all.



COMMUNION AT NBA:

The Parish Council has decided, at the request of the Bishop, to return to offering the Common Cup at our 8am Communion Service, starting on the 3rd November. We have become used to using individual cups since the start of the pandemic in 2020, and we have valued the opportunity to participate in this special meal at a reduced risk of spreading infection. As we reintroduce the Common Cup you will have the opportunity when you come to the front to choose either to drink from the common cup, or to use an individual cup. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak with Simon.



PRAYING FOR HSC STUDENTS:

NSW Higher School Certificate Students will be sitting their final exams **until Friday 8 November**. Please pray for those students we know who are preparing for these exams. Pray for **Nathan Dean, Emily Bell, Ashley Egan, Makayla Quinn, Ev Pratley and Ella Reeve**.