

**COLLECT:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always uphold and encourage us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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 to so 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:**

Isaiah 40:12-30

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 20:20-28

**Next Sunday's Sermon Text:**

Isaiah 40:12-42:17

**FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD**

"I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue"

**1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (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** 4 October

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



**Sunday 27 September 2026**

**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.*



**Comforting Voices – Isaiah 40:1-11**

This morning we commence a new sermon series on the second half of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. Over the last three years, we have walked our way through the first 39 chapters of the book, watching as 'a nation on the brink' responds to the threats of war. However, the intent of the book has never been to explore political decision-making, but rather to examine the nation's spiritual response to external threats. Sadly, as chapter 39 comes to an end, the nation of Judah, lead by King Hezekiah, turns to the Babylonian Empire rather than to God. The capital city is subsequently sacked, and the people of Judah are lead into Babylonian captivity. The first thing we notice as we commence chapter 40, and the second half of this book, is the incredible word of comfort brought to this people who have rejected God's rule and experienced the consequences of their rebellion. God continues to be faithful to his promises despite the stubborn hearts, minds and wills of his people. There is much for us to learn about the justice and mercy of God as we read on in the book of Isaiah.

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Joey Howard, Yve Fraser, James Taylor, John Moy, Bob Hoskins, Christine Russell, Kath Maher, Noel Bultitude and Robyn Rooth.

*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.*



**BAPTISM:** This morning we extend a warm welcome to all those who are visiting at our 10am service for the baptism of Elsie Constance Lillian Anderson. We give great thanks to God for the precious gift of life that He has given us in Elsie, and we pray, on such a special occasion, that God will continue to richly bless Elsie as she grows in her knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



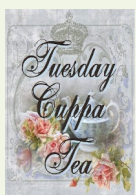
### GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CCMS

Even as the beginning of the school holidays commences, please continue to pray for the work of Scripture (SRE) in our schools. Give thanks to God for the ongoing work of the CCSM board who raise funds and provide administrative support for this important ministry in our local public primary and high schools. Pray also that the scripture teachers might have a refreshing break. And pray that people might come forward willing to be trained to teach SRE in 2027.



### BCA BOXES

September is BCA Box collection month. Please bring in your BCA boxes for counting and leave them on the front pew. They will be available for collection on the back table.



**Please note change of date:** **Chat and Chill** will be held in the Chapel on **Tuesday 13 October** from **10:30am - 12md.**



**Darren Wylie**

**TODAY:** Sunday 27 Sept

**Arthur Oxley**

Saturday 3 Oct

*May God bless you both on your special day.*



### "Comforting Voices"

#### Today's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg 718)

1 Peter 1:17-25 (pg 1221)

Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 967)

#### Today's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg 718)

### NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS):

NCLS Update – We will hope to complete the digital and paper survey's together next week in church on Sunday 4 October.



### Our Songs of Praise

@8\* God is Love

\*Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

\*He is Lord

\*And Can It Be

@10\* Beyond Our God

\*Jesus, Strong and Kind

\*Christ is Mine, Forevermore

\*Be Strong and Courageous



### Save the date:

**Holiday Kids Club: Knights of the King**

When: 7th to 9th October  
Great for: kids from K to Year 6.



**Please note:** There will be **NO** Men's Breakfast next Saturday 3rd October.

Come to the BCA Connect Day from 09am to 12pm at St John's Anglican Church in Coffs Harbour.



**Reminder:** Please remember that Daylight Saving starts next weekend. Clocks to be wound forward one hour **Saturday night**. So it will feel like we are meeting 1 hour earlier next Sunday.