

**COLLECT:** Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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:**

Genesis 24:1-27

Romans 12:1-2

John 4:4-26

**Next Sunday's Sermon Title:**

New Series—Anglican Initiatives

**FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

*"We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began."*

**1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (NIV)**

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**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

**Monday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) **IN RECESS**  
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  
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - **IN RECESS**

**Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre  
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (Hanger home)

**Friday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering  
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) **IN RECESS**  
5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-10 **IN RECESS**

**JESUS CLUB RE-COMMENCES TODAY SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY THEN FORTNIGHTLY**

**NEXT COMBINED SERVICE IS 25th February @9am - followed by AGM**

**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.



**'My Strength and My Shield' – Psalm 28**

In thinking and reading about Psalm 28 I came across an interesting statement in the Old Testament book of 2 Samue19. The commander of King David's army, his nephew Joab, at one point says to David (v7), "...This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come on you from your youth till now." Now, there is an important context to Joab's statement in the 2 Samuel account, but what interests me, and relates to Psalm 28, is that David has faced significant trials and "calamities" since his youth. Understanding this makes his cry in Psalm 28 a lot more powerful. David has developed a pattern of turning to God, particularly in his trials, because God has proven to be his strength and shield. So who do we turn to?

**PARISH SERVICES:** SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &

Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service** 25<sup>th</sup> February Sunday@9 - 9am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Norm Glyde, Noreen Prendergast, Keith Doe, Pat Smith, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Ian Fraser and Ivan Heckenberg.

Please pray for Lesley & Ian Fitzgerald and family as they mourn the death of Lesley's brother.

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.



**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:** A short 6-week course in the basics of Christianity is currently running Monday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm at the church throughout February and March. It's not too late to join! Please speak with Simon today if you are interested in finding out more.



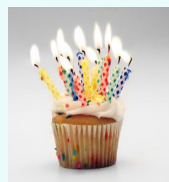
**GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:**

**NBA Open Door Op Shop** – As we take time today to commission a number of people in ministry, I would like to make special mention of our Open Door Op Shop. I am very pleased to announce that David and Leone Hanger have accepted my invitation to be appointed as Op Shop coordinators. In the past we were blessed to have Laurel and Ted Vardy manage the day to day running of this important ministry. However this year David and Leone will coordinate the wonderful team of Day Leaders, and the faithful volunteers. Please pray that David and Leone will help facilitate great communication over each week, and that the Op Shop may see more people connect with other church activities.



**KIDSCHURCH:** Next Sunday, the 4th February KidsChurch will be starting up during our 10am Family Service. We will continue to offer a Senior (high schooler age) and Junior (primary school and younger) KidsChurch program starting midway through the 10am Service. We encourage everybody, including the children, to join in the singing, the praying and hearing the Bible being read, before the children head out to their programs after the kids' talk. If you know of any families, children, or even grand children, who would like to join, invite them and bring them along to a Family Service, or speak with Simon.

**Happy Birthday**



**Julianne Oxley**  
Wed 31 January  
May God bless you on your special day.

**Jesus Club**

Meeting **TODAY 2.00-3.30pm** in the Parish Centre—and then meeting fortnightly after that.

**"My Strength and My Shield"**



**This Week's Readings**  
Esther 4:12-17 (p495)  
Psalm 28 (p550)  
Matthew 16:13-19 (p983)

**This Week's Sermon Reading:**  
Psalm 28 (p550)

*Today's Songs of Praise*



- @8\* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
- \* Great is Thy Faithfulness
- \* The Lord is My Shepherd
- \* When We Walk with the Lord
- @10\* Hallelujah to the King of Kings
- \* Before the Throne of God Above
- \* No Other Name
- \* In Christ Alone

**PARISH AGM 2024:**



**Our Parish Annual General Meeting** will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> February**, after a **9.am Combined Parish Service**, in the **Parish Hall**.

If you have any **ministry reports** that you would like tabled at the meeting, please submit them to Leone at the

**Parish Office** (preferably emailed to: office@northernbeachesanglicans.org.au) **before 31st January, 2024.**

**Current nominations:**

**Parish Wardens:** Gary Jefferys

**Parish Council:** Gary Jefferys, Lynette Hoskins,

All nominators close on **15<sup>th</sup> February**.

Nomination forms are on the back table.

**Please come to our AGM and join this church family event** as we give thanks to God for the year of ministry that has been, and pray and plan for the new year of ministry to come.



**Anne Dorman's Ladies' Bible Study**

will recommence at her home **THIS Wednesday @ 1.30pm. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!**

**CLERGY CONFERENCE:**

Simon and Emily will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference at Grafton Cathedral this **Thursday and Friday, 1&2 February**. Please direct all pastoral enquiries through the Office phone on 6654 1370.



**ROSTERS** are now available in the pigeon holes.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is **NEXT Saturday 3rd Feb** at **8.00 am** in the **Parish Centre**. Come along for a **great, quality cooked breakfast, good conversations, fellowship and discussion** shaped to **grow our faith**.

Gold coin donation.

**ALL MEN WELCOME.**



**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** As the new year begins to start up the congregation members of NBA are encouraged to join a small group that meets mid-week. Small groups are the 'engine room' of the church, providing an environment to get to know people better, good Bible-teaching, and pastoral care and support from the other group members. If you are looking to join a group this year, read the back of the newsletter to see when mid-week groups meet, or speak with Simon, David or Pam.