

**COLLECT:** Our Great, Wonderful and Almighty God, we humbly ask that you would look upon your Church here on the Northern Beaches with great mercy. As you would so desire everyone to come to You in faith, we ask that You will encourage people to join our fellowship where they can hear your Word preached faithfully and desire to contribute their services to the extension of Your Kingdom. In Jesus' precious name. 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:

1 Samuel 19:9-24

Luke 15:1-10

Luke 15:11-32

### Next Week's Sermon Reading

Luke 15

### FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."*

**Romans 12:14-15**

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### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

<b>Monday:</b>	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 9.11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) <b>(Commencing 6 February)</b> 2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 4pm - Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.10am - Prayer Gathering 1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) <b>(recommencing 8 Feb)</b> 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 <b>(Commencing)</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)
<b>Friday:</b>	8.30am - Prayer Gathering 9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rector) <b>(Commencing)</b> 5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 <b>(Recommencing)</b> 6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship <b>(Recess)</b>

**DAYS OFF** Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



**NORTHERN BEACHES**  
ANGLICANS

**29th January 2023 AD**

## Ministry Morsel

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHALLENGES:

Some of you may be aware of the fracture that is deepening and continuing to damage the Church of England. In the last week there have been significant steps pushed forward by many bishops for the blessing of same-sex relationships within church services. This is causing great heartache among orthodox Anglicans who wish to continue to be a part of the Church of England but are seeking to remain faithful to Biblical teaching. Sadly, many have already left the church over the issues.

These changes **do not** currently affect the Anglican Church of Australia. The dioceses around Australia are bound by our own constitution which remains separate from the Church of England.

Currently our doctrine of marriage according to our constitution remains between one man and one woman. However, these changes in the Church of England do two things. Firstly, the changes place strain on our relationship with the worldwide communion, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Already there are dioceses, and bishops from the global south seeking to distance themselves from the Church of England. And the interesting fact is these dioceses are not small, rogue, splinter groups, but actually are much larger churches than the Church of England itself.

Secondly, and more significantly, this move will put greater pressure on our diocese to align itself with such changes and swim with the culture of the day. Currently our bishop has asked the clergy of this diocese to wait for bishops across Australia to agree before any change in practice.

However, he has also indicated that there is no Church Law against such practices.

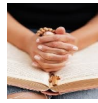
Friends, as orthodox Anglicans seeking to be faithful to Biblical teaching, please pray for God's hand to be on the Church of England, and the Anglican Church of Australia as it faces this crisis. If there is an irreparable break in the fellowship of the worldwide communion, it will be extremely heartbreaking, but we will still be able to serve God as we have done in our community. But if there is a break of fellowship inside the Australian Church, then we will all be faced with many difficult questions. Now is the time to pray!

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Merilyn Flick, Rex Rainbow, Frances Robinson, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Thelma Watkins, Cora Geer, Kylie Gosper and baby William.

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.



**Today's Songs of Worship**

@9\* Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

\*My Heart is filled with Thankfulness

\*Reformation Hymn

\*May the Mind of Christ



**'The Writings'  
This Week's Readings**

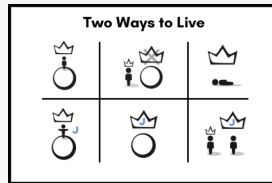
Proverbs 1:20-33  
(pg 629)

Proverbs 2:1-15 (pg 629)

**This Week's Sermon Reading**  
The Book of Proverbs

**Monday Manna 5.30-6.30pm:**

**Term 1 starts 6 February**—Monday Nights at the Church We will be seeking to **Know and Tell the Good News of Jesus** in preparation for the SMBC mission week. **This training course will be based on Two Ways to Live.** Please contact Simon for further information.



**MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS**

An important part of the ministry of NBA, and being a member

of one of our congregations, is meeting up mid-week to encourage and care for one another, to read the Bible, and pray for each other.

Our mid-week small groups also offer an opportunity to meet up with people we may not usually see during the week. If you are new to NBA or are not part of a mid-week small group, please chat with me (Simon) to see if there is a group that might suit you. Who knows, your presence may be a great help to someone else this year. **Please see the Weekly Happenings on the back page for group details.**



**SCRIPTURE (SRE) IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS:**

If you are interested in being involved in Scripture (SRE) in our local Primary Schools, or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak with Simon.

There is a **training day for all SRE teachers** on **Tuesday February 7, 11am-2:30pm** at the Church of Christ, Coffs Harbour. This is important to attend for all SRE teachers and a great way to meet the SRE Team over the Coffs Coast.



**PARISH AGM 2023:**

**Our Parish Annual General Meeting is fast approaching.**

**It will be held on 26 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 the **office before 13 February.**

**Nominations** for Wardens, Parish Councillors, Synod Representatives and Parish Nominators will also need to be **submitted to the office before 16 February.** **Please come 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.

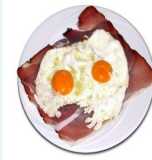


**SMBC**  
SYDNEY MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE

**GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:**

**SMBC Mission Week.**

We are currently planning a week of mission in our local community from **26 March to 2 April.** Sydney Missionary and Bible College (SMBC) have offered to send 8-12 Bible College Students along with a Lecturer to check out what parish ministry is like in our area, to encourage our people, and to assist in introducing people in our community to King Jesus. **There are a number of ways you can get involved, including:** being willing to billet some students over the week, inviting and attending with neighbours and friends the various activities we will plan for, be involved in helping out at some of those planned events, and looking for opportunities to speak about Christianity to those who do attend these activities. After the mission week there may be a number of people with whom we will need to maintain connection, as a result of our events. **Please pray** for each of these aspects of the mission and that the week may result in the growth of God's Kingdom.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 4 February 2023**

**At 8.00am** 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.**

**ALL MEN WELCOME**