

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 comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 2:8-21

2 Peter 2:1-22

Matthew 7:13-23

Sermon Reading:

2 Peter 2:1-22

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 (NIV)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) **Christmas Party**
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 - **Christmas Dinner**

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (David & Leone's home)

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

NEXT COMBINED SERVICE IS December 31, 2023 @9am

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.



'The True Story' – 2 Peter 1:12-21

“But how can we trust what the Bible says?” This question is one each of us would hear frequently when sharing the message of Jesus with others. And it is one that, if not answered sufficiently, can lead people down a path of great misunderstanding. Even the Anglican church today is wrestling with the question of the authority of the Bible over life and doctrine (teaching).

In 2 Peter 1:12-21 we get one of the clearest statements from Peter, Jesus closest disciple, on what he believes about the Old Testament, and how he views his own writings. As we understand and take in what Peter writes here, we both grow in confidence in the authority of the Bible, and know how to answer such questions.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8—8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10—10AM (Family Service). Combined Service every 5th Sunday@9—9AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ted Vardy, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Jeff Maher, Ian Fraser, Stephen Powell, David Wheeler, Norm Glyde, Cora Geer and Steve Egan.

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HOPE is born

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24
8am – Holy Communion
10am – Family Service
6pm – Kids' Christmas

Christmas Day – Dec. 25
8am – Holy Communion

NORTHERN BEACHES ANGLICANS CHRISTMAS

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GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CCSM



Scripture classes have now finished for the year in our local schools. For the last Scripture class in each school we had the Community Christian School present the Christmas story in an assembly with all the SRE students, and it was lovely to see Year 7 and 8 students sharing their faith with these Primary aged students. Please pray that over the Christmas and summer holiday period the SRE students might stay safe, and remember all that they have learned about Jesus this year. And pray that our scripture teachers may have a wonderful rest and be ready to teach again in 2024.



The **Chat and Chill's Christmas** get together is on this coming **Tuesday 5 December** from **10:30am-12md**. Please note that we will be getting together at **222 Heritage Drive, Moonee Beach**. Please contact Pam Stone if you need a lift to be organised.



CMS SUMMER SCHOOL: Registration is now open for CMS Summer School at Mount Tambourine 5-10 Jan 2024. Guest speakers will be Dr Andrew Shead, taking us through the book of Lamentations, and Archbishop James Wong, the Bishop of the Seychelles, and Primate of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Speak with Simon if you would like more information, or register online at: <https://www.cms.org.au/qnsw/summerschool2024/>.

"The True Story"



This Week's Readings

2 Samuel 2:1-7 (pg 301)

2 Peter 1:12-21 (pg 1225)

Matthew 17:1-13 (pg 983)

This Week's Sermon Reading

2 Peter 1:12-21 (pg 1225)



KIDSCURCH:

Next Sunday

10 December will be the KidsChurch Presentation in our 10am Service,

followed by the KidsChurch Christmas Party, during the 10am Service.

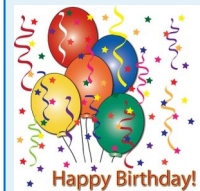
KidsChurch will then be in recess until the beginning of the School term next year. Over the summer we will continue to have a kids spot during our 10am Service and we will be offering other activities during our time together.



Rosters for January to March 2024

If you are unavailable during that period, let Leone or the Parish Office know this week.

Happy Birthday



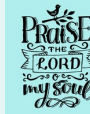
Ted Vardy

Friday 8 December

Cora Geer

Friday 8 December

May God bless you both on your special day



Today's Songs of Praise

@8* Majesty

* Be Still

* Rejoice the Lord is King

* Thou whose Almighty Word

@10* The Love of the Father

* In His Name

* We have the Words of Eternal Life

* Reformation Hymn



PARISH COUNCIL

Our next Parish Council meeting will be the last for the year. We will have a brief meeting in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 5 December from 5:30pm**, before enjoying dinner together with our families at the rectory. Speak with Alison about catering arrangements.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

SANDY BEACH CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

SANDY BEACH FORESHORE
STARTS AT 5:00PM



BBQ • FACEPAINTING • ICE CREAM • GLOW STICKS
PETTING ZOO • LIVE MUSIC AND MORE...

SPECIAL GUESTS: THE TOADS

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