

COLLECT: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth so that they may return unto the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's service that they may renounce those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to it; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: Gracious God, your word is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Today, when we hear your voice, deliver us from hardness of heart. Help us to put away everything that keeps us from persevering in your way, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Next Week's Readings:

1 Samuel 25:1-17
Philippians 1:1-11
John 11:31-44

Next Week's Sermon Reading:
Philippians 1:1-11

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."

Romans 13:14

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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 (see Pam)

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 - Ministry Centre

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)
5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10
6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship **RECESS**

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday

DAVID'S FINAL MINISTRY MORSEL

One **treasured possession** on my many bookshelves is a large print 1978 **An Australian Prayer Book**. The Prayer Book has a beautiful crafted, handstitched leather cover with a cross on the front. The **leatherwork** done by the husband of one of Dad's teaching staff. He suffered severely from depression and found great encouragement in making the cover. Written **inside the cover** in Dad's school teacher cursive handwriting. The following: **2 Corinthians 4** *To our dear David. May your ministry be long and blessed. Our love Mum, Dad, Sally 29-11-81* (the date on which I was made a Deacon).

Ever since, **Leone and I** have always been **thankful for the words of 2 Corinthians 4**. Especially these words, *For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.* v5-7

A reminder that **today is not primarily about Leone and I**. But about **the Lord Jesus Christ and his church**. For it is God who **opens people's hearts** to see, know and follow Jesus. It is the **treasure of the gospel**, the good news about Jesus who died in our place, conquered death by rising from the dead, opening up, to those who believe, the gates of glory: eternal life in his presence.

As **jars of clay** we have had the **immense privilege** of guarding, proclaiming and living out the treasure of the gospel. A privilege that does not end today! The immense privilege of sharing our lives, and sharing in the lives of precious, precious people God has entrusted into our care. We are **thankful to God, beyond words**, for that privilege.

In Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders he said, *'Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.'* **Acts 20:28** **We love the church** which was purchased with the blood of Christ. Borrowing from words spoken at the recent GAFCON conference: **(cont'd on page 3)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Barry Smith, Russ Godden, Rex Rainbow, Frances Robinson, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Pam Clarke, Laurel Vardy, Ron Maddox, and Naomi Pike and her twins.

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



Northern Beaches Anglicans rejoices in the privilege of gospel partnership with Anglican Aid as we give financially and pray in response to the immeasurable

humanitarian need throughout the world. Earlier in the year we contributed to the appeal for those suffering in Syria and Turkey from the devastating earthquakes. In more recent times individual parishioners responded to the East Africa Hunger Appeal. Recently wonderful news came from Anglican Aid's partner in Kenya, CMS missionary, Norm Gorrie. "We thank God for wonderful rain that is now falling here at Marsabit. Thanks to all of you who have been praying. It is so, so wonderful to hear the rain on the tin roof. For those living around the mountain, they now have real hope of being able to plant!"

Praise God:

for answered prayer of solid rain after five failed rainy seasons; the hope this provides for those facing starvation in northern Kenya and elsewhere; for the generosity of Australian Christians.



Pray:

for effective, ongoing food distribution while people wait for crops to yield a harvest; for protection and ongoing rain provision for the growth of these crops.



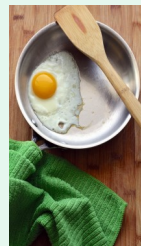
Tuesday Chat & Chill

Chat and Chill is designed for those folk who are less able to get to our regular church services, or those elderly people who are seeking Christian fellowship. Participants can be picked up and returned home by our wonderful group of volunteers. Chat and Chill will be meeting in the chapel THIS Tuesday, 2 May from 10:30am-12md. Please contact Pam Stone if you are hoping to attend, or would like to be a volunteer in this valuable ministry.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT

Saturday 6 May



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



WARM WELCOME to members of David and Leone's family and to visitors locally and beyond joining us this morning as we celebrate David and Leone's ministry here at Northern Beaches Anglicans over the last 13 years and throughout the Diocese of Grafton over these last 41 years. We appreciate your fellowship with us this morning and pray that you will be encouraged and uplifted by our gathering in Jesus' name.

MINISTRY MORSEL (cont'd)

Our hearts desire is that Northern Beaches Anglicans and local churches throughout the Diocese of Grafton will grow as a:

REPENTING church – calling people to repentance, not ignoring our own sin

RECONCILING church – based on Scripture calling people to be reconciled with God and one another
REPRODUCING church – making disciples, telling the world about the saving grace of Jesus Christ

RELENTLESSLY compassionate church – driven by the love of God to love our neighbour.

ROSTERS: Yes you just received rosters **BUT** Leone will be preparing for July to September in the coming months while with Naomi and twins' birth. Please email parish office or text her with your unavailability or if you want to go on the rosters for either service. (Leone: 0448215905)



Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Macintosh

TODAY 30 April

Joan Neuwirth

Tuesday 2 May

May God bless you both on your special day

'Passing On The Treasure'

This Week's Readings

Joshua 24:14-24 (Pg 236-237)

2 Timothy 2:1-13 (Pg 1198)

This Week's Sermon Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-13 (Pg 1198)



Today's Songs of Worship

@9* All My Ways are Known to You

*Jesus is the Mighty Mighty King

*Yet Not I but Christ in Me

Blessed Assurance

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Choir)

*For the Cause

SERMON SERIES

With the conclusion last Sunday of our journey through Luke's gospel, we begin a new series next Sunday as we explore together **Paul's Letter to the Philippian church.**



Barry & Tricia Smith

Thursday 4 May

May you enjoy this special celebration and may God bless you both on your special day.