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.

<u>PRAYER BEFORE READING</u>: 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:**

Exodus 3:1-14 Philippians 3:2-11 Mark 15:33-39

### **Next Sunday's Sermon Topic:**

'The Lord'

#### **FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES**

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."

### Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

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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

**Tuesday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)

**4pm** - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering

**1.30pm** - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre **2pm** - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)

**4pm** - Sunday@10 Singing Practice - see Simon Reeve **7.30-8.30pm** - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

**12.30pm**—Gentlemen's Lunch (at the Hub) - 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)

**5.30pm** - WiFY - Years 5-12

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, Next 7 September

'A Place of HOPE'

31 August 2025 AD

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.



# **Knowing God – 'The Prodigal God'**

In Luke 15 we read one of Jesus' most well known parables, commonly known as 'The Prodigal Son'. This parable speaks about the incredible journey of a wayward son who recklessly spends his entire inheritance on wild living before recognising the foolishness of his actions. And although this captivating story can strike a cord with many of us, it is interesting to note that Jesus does not call his story 'The Prodigal Son'. In fact his introduction states, "There was a man who had two sons." (Luke 15:11). There are two sons to consider in this story, as well as the father of these brothers. It was the late Timothy Keller (founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, NY) who helpfully reminds us of the lavish and reckless love demonstrated by the father toward his two sons. And it is to this fatherly figure we are to draw parallels to our Heavenly Father.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service 30 November Sunday@9 - 9am



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Hardy, David Ellis, Nicola Mercer, Peter Knott and John McTackett

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.

CMS QNNSW

## **GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: CMS**

The latest prayer letter has arrived from our CMS link missionary. M and L are currently in Argentina spending time with L family and home church. M has had to face many challenges, including having to learn yet another language, and another culture. They will be arriving in Australia in December. She also share some good news about one of the women she was meeting with in the Middle-East, with the provision of medical care for her unwell son. Please continue to pray for M and L as they seek God's direction for future ministry, and give thanks to God for answered prayer for this Middle-Eastern lady, and her son.



## **NEW LIFE CONFERENCE:**

North-West Christian Women's Conference Saturday 13th September 2025, Calrossy Anglicans School, Tamworth. Guest speaker Lesley Ramsay, on: 'God's Redemption Project'. Visit: newlifeconference.org.au See Alison for more details.



Please note that there are updated newsletters on the noticeboards from our CMS link missionary, and from Dave and Margie Wood with BCA.

Please read their latest news so you can continue to pray for and support them as they serve Jesus in difficult places.



#### **CCSM DINNER:**

The Annual CCSM Dinner will be held on Saturday 20 Sept 6pm at Harbourside Presbyterian Church. \$20 per person. RSVP to reserve your seat by contacting 0427 656 725



# Happy Anniversary

**Rod & Laurie Pilon** 

Scott & Keryn Rodham Friday 5 September

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



# "Knowing God— The Prodigal God" Today's Readings:

Psalm 51:1-13 (pg 566)

Romans 8:1-9 (pg 1132)

Luke 15:11-32 (pg 1048)

**Today's Sermon Topic:** 

The Prodigal God



## MEN'S BREAKFAST is on



NEXT Saturday 6 September 8-9.15am in the Parish Centre. Gold coin donation.

## ALL MEN WELCOME

Come along for a great, quality cooked breakfast, fellowship, good conversations, and discussion shaped to grow our faith.



## **BCA BOX MONTH:**

September is BCA Box Collection month. Please

bring your BCA money boxes in to be counted.



# Our Songs of Praise

@9 \*Speak, O Lord \*Tell Out My Soul

\*Jesus, Your Mercy

\*Be Thou My Vision



# Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Appeal:

The Samaritans Purse boxes will be available to pack for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), 2025.

Please continue to pray for the positive effect of the OCC boxes to help children and families (even villages) to hear and be touched by the story of God and His Son Jesus.

Please take a box to fill after praying about the age and sex to pack for.

Instruction and registration form is in the box. Practical extras are also available for you to include in your box. The boxes will be collected in early October to be sent off to many countries. For queries, please contact the coordinator. Jean Maher.



Chat and Chill: will be meeting in the Chapel THIS Tuesday 2 Sept from 10:30am -12md.



Daphne Durovic: Wed 3

Robyn Rooth: Fri 5 Sept

May God bless you both on your special day