

COLLECT: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**NORTHERN BEACHES
ANGLICANS**

4th December 2022 AD

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-12

Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week's Sermon Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.' **Romans 12:1**

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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES

DAYS OFF David—Monday Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday

MINISTRY MORSEL

Getting tougher to share the true meaning of Christmas in our secular society. May Scott Blackwell's words assist us to share the Christian narrative.

“Christmas is not the **fairy story** of a **red-costumed fat man** in a flying sleigh. It is the **story of God** sending to earth a **little baby boy** to be born in a barn and **discovered** whilst sleeping in a manger by shepherds. Having seen the angels from heaven, and having **heard from the God** that rules both heaven and earth through them, the shepherds are required to **come to terms** with this truth: *‘I will bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’* **Luke 2:10-12**

If the **curious sign** of the manger speaks of anything, it is that this **Jesus**-this Lord and Saviour- is **humble** and lowly of heart. As **majestic** as he will eventually be revealed to be, the reality is that he will never be too important for you to **get to meet, know or understand**. You will never be too small or too inferior for him. He is seriously **concerned about you**. Yes, he is ‘God the Son’. But this is the God who out of **love and compassion**, bends down so that he might lift you up and show you how important you truly are in his eyes and within his heart. This is the man who **lives a life exactly like yours**, but in service to God, and who then **surrenders that same life** in service to you....

He is **God the Son** - whom all of us need to **honour as our Lord** (our king), just as the wise men from the East did. But he was also born to be a **blessing to all who meet him and honour him**: the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the local and the foreigner. This boy is born so that an amazing blessing from God might come to every man, woman and child who meets him and comes to know him. What then is this blessing?...It is the blessing of **forgiveness**, the blessing of **new relationship**, the blessing of **life**.”



FREE COVID TESTING KITS and N95 MASKS

are available to the parish family until supplies run out. Please take them from the table at the back of the church under the Notice Board.



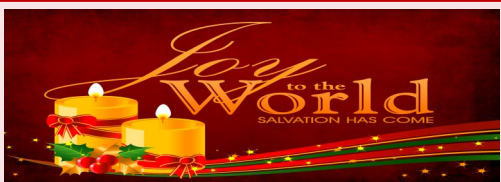
REEVE THANKSGIVING/BCA CELEBRATION:

We warmly welcome **Rev Mike Uptin**, QLD/NNSW Regional Officer for BCA, to our services this morning as he formally concludes the Reeve family role with BCA and joins in our thanksgiving for this partnership which has so richly blessed Northern Beaches Anglicans.



PARISH MISSION: As a parish family we **always seek to be on about the mission of spreading the Good News about Jesus**. From **time to time that mission is refreshed** by more focused activity, **more focused prayer** and **gospel enthusiasm** from **beyond the immediate family**. Refreshment is on its way through a mission team from **Sydney Missionary and Bible College (March 25 – April 2, 2023)**.

Please put the dates in your forward planner. More importantly **please put this Mission on your prayer list NOW** and begin to cover every aspect of the mission in prayer. The **key to fruit** will not be the quality organisation or moving presentations but the **work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people**.



CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS

For your diary, planning and prayerful invitation of others our Christmas plans are:

Dec 11 6pm Family Carols

Dec 18 Sandy Beach Carols (from 6pm)

Dec 24 6pm Family Christmas Eve Gathering

Dec 25 8am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Please take a bundle (or more) of our Christmas flyers and distribute them in your neighbourhood and/or use as a personal invitation

ONLINE OFFERTORY:

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This Week's Readings

Genesis 48:1-14 (Pg52)

Genesis 49:29-50:3 (Pg54)

Matthew 3:1-12 (Pg967)

This Week's Sermon Reading

Genesis 48-50(Pg52-54)

UPCOMING EVENTS

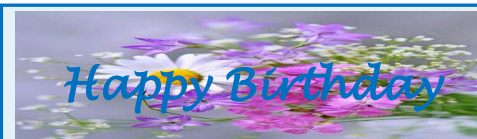
For your **information, diary** and **prayers** in the month of **December:**

- 5 December Op Shop Leader's Meeting
- 6 December Chat and Chill Christmas Party
- 13 December Parish Council Meeting
- 17 December Market and Toy Stall
- 18 December David Final Service Upfront (for a while)



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Belinda Stone, Lynda-Mary Wood, Pam Clarke, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Thelma Watkins, Belinda McHale and Ron Maddox. Northern Beaches Anglicans in the Diocese of Grafton is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on this list have requested prayers at this time.



Ted Vardy

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Cora Geer

Thursday 8 December

May God bless you both on your special day



Today's Songs of Worship

@8 *Fill Your Hearts With Joy And Gladness

- *Sing To God New Songs Of Worship
- *The Lord's My Shepherd
- *Father I Place Into Your Hands
- @10* See Him Coming
- *Jesus, Strong and Kind
- *All My Ways Are Known To You
- *Let Your Kingdom Come

FACES IN GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP



Some of our longer term parishioners, especially those from the days of the **Women's Guild** may be able to **picture** in their minds **the face** of retired CMS missionary, **Sylvia Jeanes**. She still **lives in Sabah** but is **currently ill**. She has been in hospital twice recently. Please pray for wisdom for doctors and patience and endurance for Sylvia as they seek to diagnose her illness and care for her.

Most of us can **picture M's smiling face**. Take the time to **add** to your picture the **faces of some** whom **she serves**. M's latest newsletter is on the noticeboard.

SIMON'S COMMISSIONING

Simon's Commissioning as Priest-in-Charge will take place on **Wednesday January 18** at 6pm.



The AGM will be held on **Sunday February 26, 2023**. Please begin to **prayerfully consider nominations** for Wardens, Parochial Councillors and other elected positions. As **2023** is the **beginning of a new 3 year Synod cycle** there will also be **elections for a three year term of Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators**. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated.

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - A RESOURCE NOT A THROWAWAY

