

COLLECT: Lord, give your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Isaiah 42:18-43:7

Isaiah 44:6-23

Matthew 12:20-34

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 42:18-44:23

FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD

"Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking"

1 Corinthians 14:20 (CSB)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Monday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup)
2.30pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
- Tuesday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
6pm - Dinner and Bible Study - Dan and Shonae Rowe's home
- Wednesday:** 9-10am - Prayer Gathering
2.00pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
2pm - Women's Fellowship Group - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at CeX) - 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)
6pm - WiFY - Years 6-12
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club **TODAY** 4 October

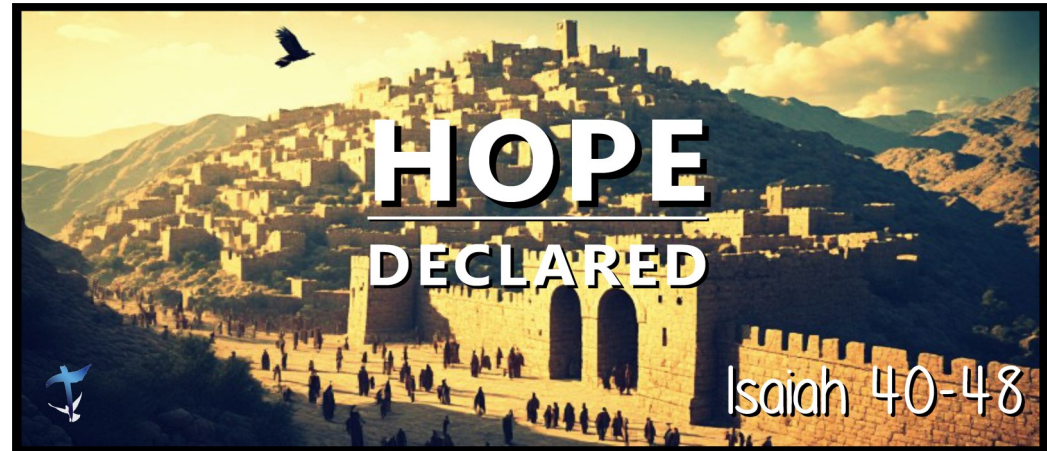
DAYS UNAVAILABLE: Simon—Thursday, Daniel—Wednesday, Pam—Friday



Sunday 4 October 2026 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.



The Power of God and the Wisdom of God –Isaiah 40:12-42:17

Last week we got a glimpse into the comfort that God was bringing for his exiled people. *Comfort, comfort my people...* the LORD *protects his flock like a shepherd*. But after 70 years in Babylon - under the oppressive yoke of the nation that completely defeated Jerusalem, how would God bring deliverance? Could he bring deliverance?

In life, it is easy to make comparisons between different things. Home size, bank accounts, intellect or someone's authority and influence. 'Mine is better than yours because...' Does that thinking ever flow into how we think about God? With whom shall we compare the LORD? Is God comparable? Is his power and wisdom matched or contested?

God's people were looking for redemption and deliverance. But were they looking in the wrong place? Do we look in the wrong place? Do we forget, like Israel, that God is above all and that there is none who can compare? Do we, like Israel, look to the power and wisdom of our world, instead of looking to the Power and Wisdom of God? God moves in mysterious ways... sometimes in unexpected and shocking ways. The most shocking was using a Roman cross as the means of redemption and deliverance for all people. A stumbling block to some, and foolishness to others. How do we view God's means of salvation?

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service **29 November 2026** Sunday@9 - 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, James Taylor, Christine Russell, Kath Maher,
Noel Bultitude and Robyn Rooth.

Please pray for the family, and all those who have known the Rev. Don Turnbull
ad they mourn his recent death.

*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: SMBC

We have received word that little Asher, was safely born on 20 September to Kohei and Grace Yamada on 20 September. Asher has some significant developmental and medical conditions, including a partially cleft palate, which are being investigated and may be surgically addressed. But overall the family is thankful for answered prayer, and the support of many through their pregnancy and the delivery. Please continue to pray for the Yamada family through this period, and the medical team as they care for Asher.



WELCOME: This morning we welcome Xanthe Yemm to our services, who with her husband Rob, are ministers in training at the Anglican Cathedral in Bathurst. Rob and Xanthe are Field Staff with BCA and are here on the Coffs Coast for yesterday's Connect Day. We will hear more from Xanthe about the wonderful work of BCA in rural, regional and remote Australia.



CMS SUMMER SCHOOL: Registration is now open for CMS Summer School Christian missionary conference at Mount Tambourine. Conference goes from 1 to 6 January 2027. For more information speak to David or Leone, and register at cms.org.au/event/qnsw-summarschool-2027/



Ted & Laurel Vardy
Wednesday 7 October

May God bless you both on your special day.



Jean Maher
Tuesday 6 Oct
Charles Brewer
Thursday 8 Oct

May God bless you both on your special day.



"The Power of God and the Wisdom of God"

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 40:12-30 (pg 719)

Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg 721)

Matthew 20:20-28 (pg 987)

Today's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 40:12-42:17



NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS):

NCLS Update –

Unfortunately we still have not received the paper survey forms. There will be more of an update at our services.



A gold coin donation

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us on

saturday 24th October 2026
at 8:30am

Enjoy a yummy breakfast with warm company as we chat and hear how God transforms lives.

19-21 Scarborough St, Woolgoolga



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RSVP: sign up sheet
or 6654 1370



Our Songs of Praise

@8* All Creatures of our
God and King

*Come and See the Shining
Hope

*Because He Lives

*Fill Your Hearts with Joy

@10* Only A Holy God

*This I Believe

*How Deep the Father's Love

*Let Your Kingdom Come



THIS WEEK:

**Holiday Kids Club:
Knights of the King**

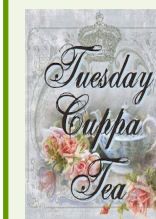
When: 7th to 9th October
Great for: kids from K to Year 6.



HSC STUDENTS:

The HSC starts on
Tuesday 13 October.
Please be in prayer
for those students we know sitting
exams this year.

Lauren Blair, Amber Hundle,
Erica Munro and Zoe Reeve.



Please note change
of date: **Chat and
Chill** will be held in
the Chapel on
**Tuesday
13 October** from
10:30am - 12md.