

COLLECT: Father in heaven, keep your household the church steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name; 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 6:1-13
Revelation 4:6b-11
Mark 4:3-12

Next Week's Sermon Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-13

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power."

1 Corinthians 1:17 (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
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
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 - Parish Centre - Years 4-10

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



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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.



A Worthless Vineyard – Isaiah 5

We love our investments to work for us. If our money is not growing through interest at the bank, we put it into the stock market. If the stock market is going in the wrong direction, we invest in bricks and mortar.

In Isaiah 5, the sad story of unfaithful Judah is placed in a parable that everyone can understand. As the hearer of this song we would all agree that the gardener should leave the unfruitful land and invest his time elsewhere. That is until we realise that the unfruitful vine is actually God's chosen people. Of course, Jesus picks up on Isaiah's illustration a number of times in different ways, yet with the same force. "... (M)y Father ... cuts off every branch that bears no fruit" (Jn 15:1-2). The question for us is this: 'How is God's investment in us proving its worth?'

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, Betty Cameron, Graeme Adams, and Peter Wood

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:
CMS Summer School**

A reminder from a few weeks ago that **CMS Summer School 2024** is now open for registrations. This is a perfect way to spend a week in early January for spiritual refreshment and to understand more of the heart of CMS in seeing 'A World that knows Jesus'. Summer School runs from **5-10th January** at **Mt Tambourine**, in the Gold Coast hinterland. There is a variety of accommodation options available from camping and cabins, to motels or Airbnbs. The guest speaker this year is **Andrew Shead**, and there will be plenty of time to meet new and returning missionaries doing similar work to our CMS partner, and there is a fantastic children's and youth program. Speak with the Hangers or the Reeves if you are interested in coming along.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

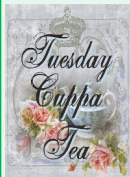
Our Senior Minister, Simon, will be leading the prayers at this coming Saturday's Remembrance Day Service at the RSL Club, commencing at **10:30am on 11th November**. Please pray for our continued witness to our Lord Jesus in the community at this event.



BISHOP'S VISIT:

Next Sunday the **Bishop of the Grafton Diocese, Murray Harvey**, will be joining us at both our church services, including morning tea after each service. This will be a great opportunity to spend some time with our bishop. Bishop Harvey will be presiding over communion at the 8am Service, and will be observing the baptism of two of the late Bev Hardacre's grand children at the 10am Service. Simon will preach the last sermon in our series from Isaiah.

Tuesday Chat & Chill



Chat and Chill will be **meeting in the chapel on NEXT Tuesday from 10:30am-12md**. If you know of any aged people or anyone living alone, that would benefit from this fellowship, please contact Pam Stone. A lift can also be organised if needed.

"A Worthless Vineyard"



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-17 (pg 683)

Isaiah 5:18-30 (pg 683)

Luke 6:39-45 (pg 1069)

This Week's Sermon Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-30 (pg 683)



PARISH CELEBRATION:

In recognition of our main church building turning 40 on the 30th November, we are planning to mark the occasion with a Parish Dinner. If you are interested in joining us to celebrate this special event on Saturday evening the **25th November**, please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. It will be important to give thanks to God for the wonderful space we have been given to glorify God.

Happy Birthday



Zoe Reeve

Wed 8 November

Tricia Smith

Thurs 9 November

Noreen Prendergast

Thurs 9 November

Bill Livock

Fri 10 November

May God bless you all on your special day



Today's Songs of Praise

@8* Fill Your Hearts with Joy

* He is Exalted

* Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour

* I Serve a Risen Saviour

@10* Only A Holy God

* My Soul will Wait

* Jesus Your Mercy

* We Belong to the Day



8.00am Morning Tea Roster

is in need of a couple or group to do morning tea after the Service so as to limit the number of times each group is on the roster. Please speak to Leone if you can help

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Our **Op Shop Committee** will be meeting tomorrow **6th November at 9:30am in the Vestry**, while our next **Parish Council meeting** will be **Tuesday 14th November at 6:30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Please pray that these important meetings are productive and helpful in promoting our vision to be 'A Place of Hope' in the community.

Happy Anniversary



John & Robyn Rooth

Friday 10 November

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