COLLECT: Graciously hear us, Lord God; and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities; 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 14:28-15:9 Isaiah 19:16-25 Mark 3:7-12

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Isaiah 14:28-20:6

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup."

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (CSB)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) IN RECESS

2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre

Tuesday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

4pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering

11.00am - 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 IN RECESS

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga (Hanger home)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) IN RECESS

5.30pm - WiFY - Years 6-12 IN RECESS

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, 13 July





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.



Isaiah 13:1-14:27 – The King of Babylon

Today we return to our preaching series in the Old Testament book of Isaiah chapters 1- 39, thinking about a Nation on the Brink. We have already looked at the historical context of this book as we read through Isaiah 36-39, where we learn about King Hezekiah's faithfulness to God through the Assyrian crisis (702 BC), but also his carelessness during the Babylonian crisis (713 BC). The prophet Isaiah has been tasked by God to bring the message of God's judgement on the Nation of Judah (Isaiah 1-6) during a time of corruption and self-sufficiency. It is a call to return to the Lord before it is too late, as other nations bear down on Judah. And although King Ahaz (Hezekiah's Dad) has lead the people of Judah into dangerous territory, God promises to restore Judah to its former glory (Isaiah 14:1-2), and that Babylon will not ultimately succeed.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Don & Judy Howard, the Wylie family, Annie Finch, Jillian Flynn, Pam Clarke, Belinda Stone, Darren Gray and Ted and Laurel Vardy.

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

Our CMS link missionaries have now left their field location in the Middle East and are now

in Argentina spending time with extended family and friends. While in Argentina M will do some intensive learning of the Spanish language. Then M and L will be travelling to Australia where it is hoped they might spend some time with their link churches, including us. Please pray for ongoing safety as they travel, and good quality time together as a newly married couple. And continue to pray for the fruit of their ministry in the Middle East, that previous contacts might continue to grow in their knowledge of Jesus, and that they might continue to read and learn from God's word.



PARISH COUNCIL

Meets this **Tuesday**, **8th July**, in the Parish Centre beginning at 6.30pm. Please pray for this important meeting.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ROUND-UP:

The Synod of the Diocese met up last weekend to discuss the direction of the Diocese, like an AGM. Due to some personal reasons we had to send both our alternate Synod Representatives, Christine Wilson, and Leone Hanger (which we are very thankful for). There was not too much extra business other than the usual reports and discussion about financial matters. Two other motions were passed by the Synod which are summarised below:

- * Motion 16 The clergy working week group ask that Synod supports a revision to the clergy working week from 6 days to 5 days to promote a healthier rhythm of work and rest for clergy and lay ministers.
- * Motion 18 A motion of Solidarity with Palestinian Dignity calling on the Diocese to consider boycotting entities complicit in the occupation and oppression of the Palestinian people, and calling on the Australian Government to suspend cooperation with the State of Israel.

The Diocese is still to work out how these two motions will be put into action within our Diocese.

"The King of Babylon" Today's Readings:

Isaiah 13:1-13 (pg 691) Isaiah 14:1-8 (pg 692) Mark 3:1-6 (pg 1003) **Today's Sermon Text:** Isaiah 13:1-14:27 (pg 692)

LONG STORY SHORT author, evangelist, former CEO of Anglican Aid, David Mansfield is our guest preacher at both services on Sunday 27 July. David will also lead a 45 minute seminar helping us to use LONG STORY SHORT as a tool in our personal evangelism.

The gathering with David will begin at 12 noon with a shared BYO lunch in the Parish Centre followed by the seminar.

This is a unique opportunity for us to learn from the gifts and wisdom of a passionate evangelist, continuing to grow our focus on reaching our communities for Christ. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church to assist our planning.



Postcards for the Mission Encounter Event on 1-2 August 2015 are available at the back of the Church.



Our Songs of Praise

@8 *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*Thy Kingdom Come O God

*Praise to the Lord

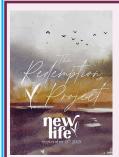
*Joy to the World

@10 *The Voice of the Lord

*My Hope is Built

*We Remember

*Facing a Task Unfinished



<u>NEW LIFE</u> CONFERENCE:

North West Christian Women's Conference Saturday 13th September 2025, Calrossy Anglicans School, Tamworth.

Guest speaker Lesley

Ramsay, on God's Redemption Project. Early bird tickets now available. Visit: newlifeconference.org.au See Alison for more details.



Our next Toy Sale is on Saturday 19 July.

Happy Birthday



Scott Rodham: Thurs 10 July

Bonnie Anderson Fri 11 July

> Lyn Wylie Sat 12 July

May God bless you all on your special day