

COLLECT: Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: We thank you, heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit. By your Spirit help us so to hear your holy word that we might be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (CSB)

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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)
7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve **IN RECESS**
- Thursday:** 8.30am - Prayer Gathering
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at Bluebottles Cafe) - 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 5-12
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club, 14 December

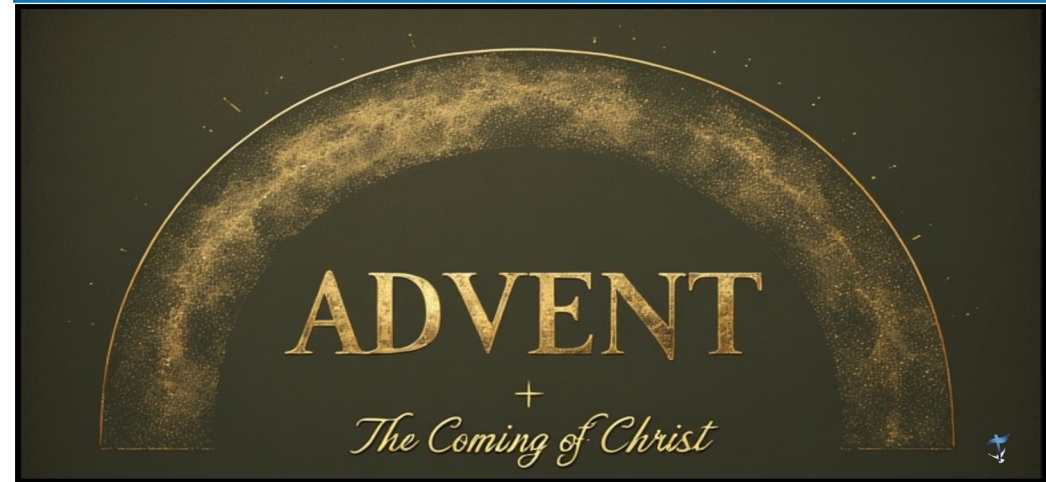
DAYS UNAVAILABLE: Simon—Thursday, Daniel—Wednesday, Pam—Friday



7 December 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.*



A Voice Calling in the Desert – Matthew 3:1-12

When travelling in Uganda many years ago, I remember enjoying a Western-styled lunch at a restaurant in the nation's capital, Kampala. As we sat down to eat, a great commotion began to rise from the street outside. People were gathering and shouting, drums were beating, and local armed police were making their way toward the growing crowd. From our seats overlooking the road, we watched as the street filled with motorbikes and cars. Eventually, a ute came by with a man standing on the back, wearing a distinctive hat and waving to the crowds. It was the weekend of the nation elections, and President Museveni, the incumbent, was campaigning for re-election. The people had prepared the way for their leader – an image not unlike what we see in our passage this morning. John the Baptist prepares the people of Israel for the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) & Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service 28 December Sunday@9 - 9am



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, Helen Robertson, Stephen Rea, Ross Crawford, Simone, Narelle Mallett, David Peters and Scott Rodham.

Please pray for Steve and Trish Rea as they grieve the death of Steve's mum, Maureen Rea who died last Sunday.

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: Lost children of Jonglei

Back in September of 2019 we had a special visit from Aduk Dau, founder of the Lost Children of Jonglei Scholarship (LCOJS) program, which provides children living in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya an opportunity to have a secondary school education. Most of our congregation were staggered by Aduk testimony and story of how she came to Australia from the Sudan via this refugee camp. Aduk has now written a book of her experiences, and we will have the opportunity to welcome her to NBA again in February next year. Please continue to pray for the effectiveness of the LCOJS program as it offers displaced children the possibility of a brighter future for them and their families

The Radiance of God's Glory

Family Carols – 14th Dec
6pm – On the Lawn

Christmas Eve – 24th Dec
6pm – Families' Christmas

Christmas Day – 25th Dec
8am – Holy Communion

NORTHERN BEACHES
ANGLICANS CHRISTMAS

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PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP:

Parish Council met last Tuesday night for a brief meeting before enjoying an end-of-year celebratory dinner at the Rectory. Here are a number of items discussed at the meeting.

- * Simon gave a brief report on ministry activity since the last meeting including: Youth Muster, Archdeaconary meeting, various funerals and bereavements, the winding up of SRE for the year and the Combined Service focus on Compassion.
- * The Council gave approval for the purchase of 3x wireless headset microphones to replace the current damaged mics.
- * The financial statements for November were discussed and approved.
- * An update on the progress of the 2026 draft budget was given by the treasurer.
- * The wardens moved a motion of appreciation for the work done by David Peters on the kitchen bench tops in the Parish Centre. It was passed with acclamation.
- * The Parish Council meeting concluded as we sung 'The Grace' before we enjoyed dinner together with all our immediate families.

"A Voice Calling in the Desert"



Today's Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10 (pg 690)
Romans 15:4-13(pg 1139)
Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 967)

Today's Sermon Text:

Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 967)

CAROLS on the LAWN

Join us as we sing and
celebrate Jesus' birth -
God's gift of grace to us.

14 December 2025
6pm - 7pm

BYO dinner and
picnic rug or chair

JOIN US >

Northern Beaches
Anglicans front lawn.



SANDY BEACH CAROLS:

Sandy Beach Carols in the Park are on tonight at 4:30pm at the Sandy Beach foreshore. This is a free family event run by Sandy Beach Baptist Church. It should be a wonderful evening focused on the good news of Jesus, the saviour born for us.



Rosters are now being compiled for February to April 2026. If you will be away, or want to go on or off the rosters, please email or call the Office. Please let the Office know by Friday 12 December.



Our Songs of Praise

@8* On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

*God is Working His Purpose Out
*Lord Jesus Christ

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel

@10* The Voice of the Lord

*No Other Name

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*This Life I Live



GLENREAGH CHRISTMAS:

On the notice board at the back of the church is an invitation to join the Anglicans in the Glenreagh Community to celebrate Christmas and raise funds for the Coffs Harbour Oncology Unit. There are a number of events to choose from, including a Major Fundraiser at the Golden Dog Hotel on **21 December**.

Happy Birthday



Ted Vardy
Mon 8 December

Kate (7)
Mon 8 December

David Ellis
Thurs 11 December

Ella Reeve
Fri 12 December

May God bless you all on your special day