

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly passions of sinful men: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER BEFORE READING:** Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us, showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. We ask you now to teach us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



**Next Week's Readings:**

1 Samuel 25:18-31  
Philippians 1:12-26  
John 12:37-43

**Next Week's Sermon Reading:**  
Philippians 1:12-26

**FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:**

*"Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters."*

**Romans 14:1**

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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 **RECESS**

**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 **RECESS**

**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 **RECESS**

**DAYS OFF** Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



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.



*Thanksgiving and Prayer*

This morning we commence a new sermon series from the New Testament part of the Bible on Philippians. This letter was written by the apostle Paul, and his co-worker Timothy, about ten years after Paul had first visited the city of Philippi (in Greece) and planted a brand new church (see Acts 16:11-40). Paul, as he writes, is now most likely under house arrest in Rome. The reason he writes is to thank the church at Philippi for a gift he has received from them, and the encouragement of their support. His affection for the people in the church is clearly evident as we read his letter. And so it is through this letter that Paul also takes the opportunity to encourage the Philippians church to stand firm in their love for Jesus as they face opposition. What the Philippians needed then is also needed now.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Barry Smith, Rex Rainbow, Frances Robinson, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Pam Clarke, Laurel Vardy, Ron Maddox, and Naomi Pike and her twins.

Please pray for the families of Judy Howard's father, Russ Godden, and Annie Finch's father, Sydney Ebb, as they grieve their deaths.

*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**

BCA South Australia/Northern Territory. Today in our BCA prayer diary we are invited to pray for BCA's work in South Australia and Northern Territory. The Regional Officer, John Warner, is a pastoral support to 9 BCA Field Staff families, and 3 vacant parishes across this huge region. Most of these areas have been in the news regularly over the last few months with youth violence extending into many communities. Please pray for David as he supports people and promotes BCA across this region. Please pray for the various Field Staff who have willingly placed themselves in difficult towns to proclaim the good news of Jesus, and to bring His compassion to the lost.



**Celebration of Ministry**

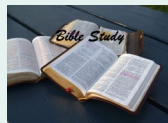
It was a joy to be a part of last weeks celebration of David and Leone Hanger's Ministry in the Parish, over the last 13 years, and in the Diocese, over the last 41 years. Thank you to all who came to the various activities we planned on the day. Thank you also for the generous contributions to the gifts we have given to David and Leone. We also are extremely thankful for the committee that put everything together. So thank you Lynnette Hoskins, Clair Anderson, Adrienne Hatton and Denise Lockett for working so hard to bring it all together. It is wonderful to celebrate and give thanks to God for the good things He is doing in and around us.

**RETURN OF ACTIVITIES**



A reminder that the following activities are now back from Recess:

WiFY, Stay and Play, Kids Church and Men and Women's Bible Study.



**ROSTERS:**

Yes, you just received rosters **BUT** Leone will be preparing for **July to September** in the coming months while with Naomi and the birth of her twins. Please email parish office or text her with your unavailability or if you want to go on the rosters for either service. (Leone: 0448215905)



**'Thanksgiving and Prayer'**

**This Week's Readings**

1 Samuel 25:1-17 (Pg 293)  
Philippians 1:1-11 (Pg 1178)  
John 11:31-44 (Pg 1077)

**This Week's Sermon Reading**

Philippians 1:1-11 (Pg 1178)



**BUILDING WORKS:**

For those who have not been made aware, in the coming months there will be some repair work done to the brickwork around the stained glass window behind the Communion Table. At the moment we have cordoned off the area behind the Communion Table and ask that people avoid going into that area. The Parish Council is seeking to engage a builder to complete the works in the coming weeks. Until the work is completed Holy Communion will be celebrated in front of the usual Table.



**SENIOR MINISTERS RETURN FROM ANNUAL LEAVE:**

Simon and the family want to thank you for praying for us while we have enjoyed our leave over the last 3 weeks. We had a refreshing time away in Queensland with good weather and fun activities, and it is wonderful to be back ready for this new season of ministry



**Today's Songs of Praise**



@8\* Rejoice! The Lord is King

\*Love Divine All Loves Excelling

\*In Christ Alone

\*Forth in Thy Name I Go

@10\* Come People of the Risen King

\*Jesus, Your Mercy

\*My Heart is filled with Thankfulness

\*Reformation Hymn

**CHURCH OFFERINGS for April 2023**

	Actual	Budget
Cash & Envelopes	\$4,613.10	\$3,333.00
Electronic Offering	\$4,475.00	\$4,583.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,088.10</b>	<b>\$7,916.00</b>

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council will be meeting this coming **Tuesday May 9, 6:30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Please pray for the deliberations and decision of the council as we seek to enhance the ministry of the parish.



**Happy Birthday**

**Betty Bultitude**

**TODAY 7 May**

**Fiona Bennell**

**Thursday 11 May**

*May God bless you both on your special day*

