

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:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-13

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Luke 3:7-13

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"For it is written in the law of Moses, 'Do not muzzle an ox while it treads our grain.' Is God really concerned about oxen? Isn't he really saying it for our sake? Yes, this is written for our sake, because he who ploughs ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes should thresh in hope of sharing the crop." 1 Cor. 9:9-10 (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
1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) **IN RECESS**
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
11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
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)
5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-12 **IN RECESS**
- 2nd Sunday:** 2pm - Jesus Club, Sunday **22 December**

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



8th December 2024 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.*



Peace – in Advent

One of the most common prayers I hear is the prayer for peace in our warring world. Aside from the heavily publicised wars in the Ukraine and the Middle East, there are many nations around the world who are hostile toward one another across thin man-made borders. At any one time there may be dozens of wars around the world occurring between nations, or even within nations, which we ought to bring before our God in prayer. But one of the great reminders at Christmas is not only that Jesus came into the world to bring peace to warring nations, but that as the Prince of Peace, Jesus brings peace between humanity and God. You see, it is only when we get our vertical relationship with God right, that our horizontal relationships with others fall into line. And in the lead up to Christmas we remember that Jesus brings us peace with God through the shedding of his blood at the cross (Col. 1:20). As we pray for peace in the world firstly pray that we might know peace with God through Jesus.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Belinda Stone, Marj Simmons, Pam Stone, Joan Neuwirth, Judy Howard and Matthew Doherty.

Praise God for the life and witness of Mark Wyborn. Please pray for Karen and the Wyborn family as they grieve his death.

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The people on this list have requested prayer at this time.



Heaven to Earth

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

Christmas Day – 25th Dec
8am – Holy Communion

Sunday – 29th Dec
9am – Combined Service

19 Scarborough Street, Woolgoolga
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NORTHERN BEACHES
ANGLICANS **CHRISTMAS**

PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP:



Parish Council met briefly on Tuesday night last week before celebrating the end of year with a Christmas dinner at the Rectory. Here are some of the points of discussion before our meal:

- * The Senior Minister began by thanking the Wardens and Parish Councillors for their encouragement and practical support of ministry at NBA throughout 2024.
- * The Senior Minister also reported on the previous months ministry including the Bishop's visit, recent baptism service, SRE final lessons, recent funerals and the upcoming Christmas services.
- * The Senior Minister also noted the gift left to the church by the late Henry Hill, and the recent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.
- * The Treasurer presented the financial statements for November, and reported on the progress of the audit process for 2024.
- * The council agreed to donate the left over budgeted mission monies proportionally to Anglican Aid, BCA, CMS and Compassion Australia
- * The Wardens updated the council on the progress of quotes and upgrades in the OpShop, including air conditioning in the Squash Court.
- * An update on the progress of the Fire Plan and Procedures was also given.

Peace– In Advent

Today's Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4 (pg 959)

Philippians 1:1-11 (pg 1178)

Luke 3:1-6 (pg 1028)

This Sunday's Sermon Text:

Luke 3:1-6 (pg 1028)



OUR GOD is a God who does far more than we ask for. Convicted of that truth Anne and David have been praying for both services in the chapel from 7.15am. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please talk with David if anyone is interested in doing likewise before the 10.00am service.



BCA SUMMER EDITION:

Please note that the Summer Edition of the Real Australian and the Prayer Notes for BCA Field Staff are freely available on the BCA noticeboard. Please take one set per family as we continue to support the wonderful work of BCA as they seek to reach Australia for Christ.



Ted Vardy: TODAY 8 Dec

David Ellis: Wed 11 Dec

Ella Reeve: Thurs 12 Dec

May God bless you all on your special day



Today's Songs of Praise

@8 * Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Sons

*On Jordan's Bank

*What Child Is This

*Christ is Surely Coming

@10 *Come People of the Risen King

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

*Christ is Mine Forever

*Live for the Kingdom



The Toy & Bake Sale:

will be on **NEXT Saturday 14 December 9.00-12.00.**

If you are **able to bake** or **have produce that can be sold** on the stall, **please bring to the Op Shop or Parish Office by Friday 13 December or deliver to the stall by 9am** on the day.

Also, lemons and passionfruit are welcome for cooking.

ROSTERS are being prepared for **Feb—April 2025**. If you are away during that time, or you would like to go onto the roster, please let **Leone** know **ASAP**.

COMBINED SERVICE:

Please note that **Sunday 29th December** will be a 5th Sunday **combined service at 9am**. At this service we will be recommencing our 'Psalms of Summer' preaching series through into January starting at Psalm 29.

Chat and Chill:

will be **meeting this coming Tuesday 10 December** from **10:30am -12md.**

With a Christmas theme, we will be meeting at 222 Heritage Drive, Moonee Beach.

