COLLECT: God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your Church: and grant that what we ask in faith we may surely obtain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

Hosea 11:1-11

Ephesians 2:11-22

Matthew 16:13-20

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Matthew 16:13-20

FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD

"What then, brothers and sisters? Whenever you come together, each one has a hymn. A teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Everything is to be done for building up"

1 Corinthians 14:24-26 (CSB)

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday:
8.30am - Prayer Gathering
9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup)
2.30pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre

Tuesday:
8.30am - Prayer Gathering
10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson)
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
6pm - Dinner and Bible Study - Dan and Shonae Rowe's home

Wednesday:
9-10am - Prayer Gathering
2.00pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
2pm - Women's Fellowship Group - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)

Thursday:
8.30am - Prayer Gathering
12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at CeX) - 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 6-12

2nd Sunday: **2pm** - Jesus Club **NEXT** 22 November

DAYS UNAVAILABLE: **Simon**—On Leave, **Daniel**—Wednesday, **Pam**—Friday

NORTHERN BEACHES ANGLICANS

A place of hope

Sunday 8 November 2026 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.



The Foolish and the Wise – The Church

In an era in which we are witnessing the rapid expansion of the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), there is an increasing movement to redefine what we mean by the word 'intelligence'. Yet, we must recognise that there is a fundamental difference between the thinking of a human mind compared to the processes of a computer program. The Bible, however seems to place greater emphasis on wisdom rather than intelligence, and in doing so it gives us some very clear warnings. Isaiah 5:21 warns us, "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight." Similarly, James 3:13-18 reminds us that there is an earthly wisdom that is not from God. It is a wisdom driven by envy and selfish ambition, resulting in "disorder and every evil practice." These Scriptures reminds us that knowledge, intelligence and even wisdom, when separated from humility and godliness, can lead to great damage and harm. However, the Bible also speaks of a wisdom that is 'from above' rather than worldly. Proverbs 3:7 encourages us, "Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil." It is the fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom. As we consider the wisdom of the women of Matthew 25 this morning, we will see that their wisdom was not seen simply in what they knew, but in their readiness for the bridegroom's arrival. Similarly, it is our humble dependence on the Lord that will keep us prepared for His return.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service 29 November 2026 Sunday@9 - 9am**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Yve Fraser, James Taylor, Christine Russell, Kath Maher, Noel Bultitude, Jade and Jaxon Pridham.

Please pry for the family and friends of Bessie Doyle as they grieve her recent death.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP: The Parish Council met a week earlier this month, due to Simon heading away on leave. Here are some of the matters discussed:

*Simon reported on: progress with the Crown Lands, the Staff Planning day, the attendance of the NCLS, the recent Women's Breakfast, and feedback from plans to replace damaged church bibles.

*Daniel reported on: the month of ministry activities including youth and children's ministry, his progress toward the Vocation's Panel on 20 November, and preparations for when Simon is on leave.

*Pam mainly reported on: Kairos ministry preparations and specific prayer points.

*The Treasurer briefly reported on: the current financial position of the parish (although financial statements were unavailable), and the recommendations to roll over a maturing term deposit.

*The Wardens reported on: the progress of the Op Shop counter refit, and air-conditioner servicing.

*The Op Shop Committee report: was tabled and read with no action required.

*Finally, the Parish Council agreed that we should seek a pledge exemption from the diocese for any monies raised if we are to proceed with purchasing the lane-way, and/or renovations to our parish centre building.



SENIOR MINISTER'S LEAVE: Our Senior Minister, Simon, will be taking some long service leave with his family from 9 Nov – 10 Jan. For information on our services over this period, or any pastoral needs, please speak to our ministry team of Rev Daniel Rowe, Rev David Hanger, or Rev Pam Stone. Please direct all enquiries through the church office, 6654-1370.



Zoe Reeve: **TODAY** 8 Nov

Tricia Smith: Monday 9 Nov

Noreen Prendergast: Mon 9 Nov

Bill Livock: Tuesday 10 Nov

Alison Reeve: Saturday 14 Nov

May God bless you all on your special day.

SRE TEACHERS: As we approach the end of year, please be praying for God to raise up more Scripture teachers in our local schools. At the moment there will be a number of classes without teachers in 2027. Please speak to Simon if you have an interest in being trained to teach SRE.



Happy Anniversary

Graham & Annie Finch

Thursday 12 November

May God bless you both on your special day.

"The Foolish and the Wise"

Today's Readings:

Joshua 24:1-25 (pg 236)

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18 (pg 1188)

Matthew 25:1-13 (pg 993)

Today's Sermon Text:

Matthew 25:1-13 (pg 993)



WELCOME BISHOP MURRAY:

This morning we warmly welcome the Bishop of the Grafton Diocese, the Right Reverend Doctor Murray Harvey. He will be involved at both our 8am and 10am services, and will be available to meet over morning tea after each service. Please take the time to introduce yourself to him today.

VOCATIONS PANEL: Please continue to pray for Daniel Rowe as he heads toward the Vocations Panel of the Diocese on 20 November. It will be at this panel meeting where Daniel's progression for ordination will be assessed. Pray that Daniel is able to prepare well for this interview in the coming weeks, and that the panel will be guided by the wisdom of God in their decision-making.



Our Songs of Praise

@8*All to Jesus I Surrender

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*We Come as Guests Invited

*Lo, He Comes in Cloud Descending

@10*Behold Our God

*Christ Our Wisdom

*We Declare

*We Belong to the Day

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:

Kairos inside for Women is a 5-day Christian course held inside the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre at Kempsey, 15-20 November. This year Pam will again be a part of the team who will go in and share the love of Jesus, and the hope he offers to all people, to the 'women in green' who are able to attend. Please pray that those who do attend will allow their hearts to be open to the gospel message, and that they may experience the transforming power of our Lord and Saviour. And pray for Pam as she helps lead this Kairos team.

