

COLLECT: Almighty God, by whom the world has been filled with the light of your incarnate Word: grant, we pray, that as he kindles the flame of faith and love in our hearts so his light may shine forth in our lives; who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER BEFORE READING: Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week's Readings:

1 Samuel 19:1-7

Psalms 22:1-31

Matthew 27:32-54

Next Week's Sermon Reading

Psalms 22

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES:

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same functions, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:4-5

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess) 9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup) (In Recess) 2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)
Tuesday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess) 4pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	9-10am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess) 1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) (In Recess) 2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home) (In Recess) 4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice 7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - Ministry Centre (In Recess)
Thursday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess) 11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre (see Pam)
Friday:	8.30am - Prayer Gathering (In Recess) 9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rector) (In Recess) 5.30pm - WiFY - Parish Centre - Years 4-10 (In Recess) 6.30pm - Friday Night Fellowship (In Recess)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



Ministry Morsel

I have never been a great student of literature. In fact, I think I was one of only two people in my High School English class who actually spoke English at home! And so I have never really appreciated until recently the craftsmanship and effort that goes into writing, especially things like songs or poetry. It has only as I have taken the time to look in depth at the Psalms that I have begun to appreciate the beauty of words.

There is beauty in the way words express the emotions of a writer. And there is beauty in the way words can paint a crystal clear picture of what is happening in an author's life.

But the Book of Psalms is one step better than that. God is the ultimate author of the Psalms; The LORD is the one inspiring these words. The Book of Psalms is about relationships with Him. It's about His character, and it's about the struggles of His people.

As we take a break from our regular preaching series this January, we have the opportunity to continue to discover more of the character of God, and some of the struggles of His people as we enjoy the Psalms of Summer.

Psalms 20-23, attributed to King David, open up for us some of the most significant times of our lives. Through the joy of great victories, the difficulties of seemingly unanswered prayer, the challenge of facing death, and the comfort of a God who walks with and strengthens His people.

I encourage you to come prepared each Sunday as we explore together the Psalms of this Summer. Read and reread Psalms 20-23, and meditate on what is going on in each of these very special Psalms. I am sure you will notice some of the connections to the New Testament, but remember God has always been seeking to strengthen His people even before Jesus was born more than 2000 years ago.

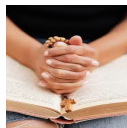
So, as we meditate on these Psalms together, come and identify with the ongoing struggles of God's people in these Psalms, but also discover the heart of our eternal God, and the comfort that He brings. And as you meditate on these Psalms this Summer, may you be equipped to face the challenges that life throws at us, and may we be able to help those around us who seem to struggle no end. May we offer the comfort of King Jesus as he prepares us for eternity with Him.

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: A RESOURCE NOT A THROWAWAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Merilyn Flick, Rex Rainbow, Yve Fraser, Frances Robinson, Belinda Stone, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons and Thelma Watkins.

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.



Ian McLeay

Sat 14 January

May God bless you on your special day

'A TIMELY REMINDER OR A PROPHECY?'



This Week's Readings

1 Samuel 18:12-30

Psalm 21:1-13

Luke 10:17-24

This Week's Sermon Reading

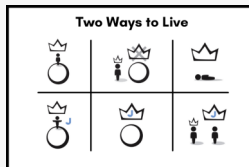
Psalm 21

ONLINE OFFERTORY: NAME: NBA Working Account, BSB: 082 842, Account: 887941599, Reference: Offertory

Monday Manna 5.30-6.30pm:

Term 1 starts 6 February—Monday Nights at the Church We will be seeking to **Know and Tell the Good News of Jesus** in preparation for the SMBC mission week. **This course will be based on Two Ways to Live.**

Please contact Simon for further information.



Happy Anniversary



Noel & Betty Bultitude

Thurs 12 January

May you enjoy this special celebration and may God bless you both on your special day.

Today's Songs of Worship



@8* I Will Enter His Gates

*He Is Exalted

*O Worship The King

*Crown Him With Many Crowns

@10* Jesus, Thank You

*Everlasting God

*As Long As You Are Glorified

*In Christ Alone

2023 AGM: The AGM will be held on **Sunday February 26, 2023**. Please begin to **prayerfully consider nominations** for Wardens, Parochial Councillors and other elected positions. As **2023** is the **beginning of a new 3 year Synod cycle** there will also be **elections for a three year term of Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators**. Nomination forms available at the back of the church. Please ensure correct nomination form is used for the position being nominated.

Christianity Explored:



This **short 2-day course**, will commence **THIS Friday 13th January**. If you are **wanting to know more about why this church exists**, or **if something has been said today that raises questions in your mind that you are needing answers to**, please consider attending this free course where **you will find out more about the best news you could ever know**.

Contact our Senior Minister, Simon, for more information on 0450-255-055.

GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP:



Andrew and Margie Newman have been **serving with CMS** (Church Missionary Society) **in a Bible College in Uganda** for the last 3 years. It has been an **extremely tough first term** in the mission field as they **arrived in the North Kigezi Diocese** right as the **COVID19 pandemic was starting**. Under God's grace they have **persevered in their first term** as they have **engaged in cultural learning, language learning** and **resourcing the Bible College to reach accreditation level**. Andrew and Margie will be attending Summer School this week in Mount Tamborine as they share some of the highs and lows of their first 3 years. **Please pray** for them **as they enjoy 6 months of refreshment in Australia** before heading back to Uganda for their second term.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Parish Office: Has reopened, Mon-Fri, 9am-12.30pm

Op-Shop reopens for donations: Monday 9 Jan

Daily Prayer Gatherings resume: Monday 16 Jan

Parish Office: (02) 6654-1370 for all pastoral matters

SIMON'S COMMISSIONING

Simon's Commissioning as **Priest-in-Charge** will take place on **Wednesday January 18 at 6pm**.

FIRST AID QUALIFICATIONS

Parish Council is keen to identify any parishioners who have up to date first aid qualifications. If you do, could you please let one of the Wardens know as we seek to improve our Work, Health & Safety practices.



PARISH MISSION: As a parish family we **always seek to be on about the mission of spreading the Good News about Jesus**. From time to time that mission is refreshed by more focused activity, **more focused prayer** and **gospel enthusiasm** from **beyond the immediate family**. Refreshment is on its way through a mission team from **Sydney Missionary and Bible College (March 25 – April 2, 2023)**. Please put the dates in your forward planner. More importantly **please put this Mission on your prayer list NOW** and begin to cover every aspect of the mission in prayer. The **key to fruit** will not be the quality organisation or moving presentations but the **work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people**.