

COLLECT: Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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.**

Bible Readings: 5 January

1 Chronicles 13:1-8
Psalm 30
Luke 24:13-20, 30-34

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Psalm 30



FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

*"Today in the city of David a Saviour
was born for you, who is the
Messiah, the Lord.*

Luke 2:11 (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, **IN RECESS**

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



NORTHERN BEACHES
'A Place of HOPE' **ANGLICANS**
25 & 29 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.*



*"...when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared,
HE SAVED US..."*

Celebrating Christmas

I imagine that there will be many this year who will be scaling back their Christmas celebrations. Housing affordability and the cost of living have increased beyond the means of many. And aside from financial troubles, many have experienced significant loss and tragedy over the past year. But when we are forced to strip back the tinsel of Christmas we find that there is a simple, yet profound message that speaks into all our trials. At Christmas we remember that God has not left us to our own devices, but rather has reached out from heaven to bring hope and light to our dark world. At Christmas we meet Jesus, who is the saviour of the world. So let us enjoy our scaled back celebrations and be prepared to welcome him.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Please continue to pray for both the Maddox family, and the Wyborn family as they grieve the recent deaths of Ron and Mark.

*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.*



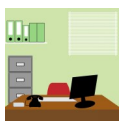
NBA CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

On behalf of the staff at Northern Beaches Anglicans we pray that you will all have a wonderfully safe and special Christmas season this year. Simon and Alison, David and Leone, and Pam, along with our families, also pray that 2025 will be a year where God is glorified in the life of our community, and where many people return to following the Lord Jesus. At Christmas we remember that God has reached out from heaven to offer us something we could never buy, earn, or achieve. The gift of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection, has a greater impact on our lives than we could ever image. So, this Christmas we pray that you will humbly receive God's precious gift of Jesus.



COMPASSION Australia

For quite a number of years 'Northern Beaches Anglicans' has had the privilege of sponsoring a number of children in the Philippines through Compassion Australia. Currently we have 9 sponsor children, and we have seen a further 8 children fully graduate the program. Some of our children are very young, including Tyron, Krishelle and Khate, while others are starting university education like Dodong (whose birthday is Jan 1) and Samuel. In Samuel's most recent letter to our church family he expressed his gratitude to us for our support and care of him, not only in providing opportunities through tertiary education, but also giving him the blessing of learning about God. In his letter he wanted to share with us a bible verse from Isaiah 55:6, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while he is near." Please pray for all our Compassion children, and us, that we all may seek the Lord this Christmas.



OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Parish Office will be unattended from Friday 20 December to Monday 13 January. For all pastoral matters please ring through the office number on 6654-1370, which will be diverted to the ministry team. Simon will be at CMS Summer School 5-10 January.



OP SHOP CLOSURE:

The Op Shop will be closed to customers and donations from **Saturday 21 December to the 13 January 2025.** The Op Shop Volunteers will be having a morning tea on Monday 23 December.

**Christmas Day -
From Heaven to Earth**

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 62:6-12 (pg 745)
Titus 3:4-8a (pg 1201)
Luke 2:8-20 (pg 1027)

This Sunday's Sermon Text:

Titus 3:4-8a (pg 1201)

Glory to God Alone!

Bible Readings: 29 December

Luke 17:11-19 (pg 1050)
Psalm 29:1-11 (pg 551)

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

Psalm 29:1-11 (pg 551)

COLLECT 29 December: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your beloved Son to the gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your glorious God-head; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Jesus: TODAY 25 Dec

Dodong: 1 Jan

Helen Robertson: 1 Jan

Diane Meredith: 1 Jan

Lisa-Maree Grono: 3 Jan

Marj Simmons: 4 Jan

May God bless you all on your special day

Today's Songs of Praise



@8 * O Come All Ye Faithful
*While Shepherds Watched
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
*You to the World

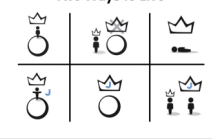
@9: 29 December

*To God be the Glory
*Jesus, Your Mercy
*The Voice of the Lord
*Be Thou My Vision

PARISH MISSION 2025:

As a parish family we always seek to be spreading the Good News about Jesus. In the first week of April 2025 (6th-13th) a team from Sydney Missionary and Bible College will be joining us in sharing the Good News of Jesus at a number of planned events. And so we invite you all to firstly pray for the mission week, that God would grow His kingdom in and through his people, and secondly to participate in the various events of the mission week. We look forward to seeing God at work among us in 2025.

Two Ways to Live



TWO WAYS TO LIVE:

A short 6-week course on the Christian faith will run in the new year beginning Monday evening

20th January 2025,

5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Simon on 0450-255-055.



COMBINED SERVICE:

Please note that **next 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.