

COLLECT: Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him and 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, for ever 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.

Next Week's Bible Readings: Psalm 34:1-22 Mark 4:21-29 Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Psalm 34:1-22	<p style="text-align: center;">SERMON SERIES MEMORY VERSE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew 1:21 (CSB)</p>
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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

Tuesday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering **IN RECESS**
 10am - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (contact Chris Wilson) **IN RECESS**
 4pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering **IN RECESS**
 1.30pm - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre
 2pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home) **IN RECESS**
 7.30-8.30pm - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve **IN RECESS**

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering **IN RECESS**
 12.30pm - Gentlemen's Lunch (at Bluebottles Cafe) - see David Aber
 4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent Woolgoolga **IN RECESS**

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering **IN RECESS**
 9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory) **IN RECESS**
 6pm - WiFY - Years 5-12 **IN RECESS**

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club **IN RECESS**

DAYS UNAVAILABLE: Simon—Thursday, Daniel—Wednesday, Pam—Friday

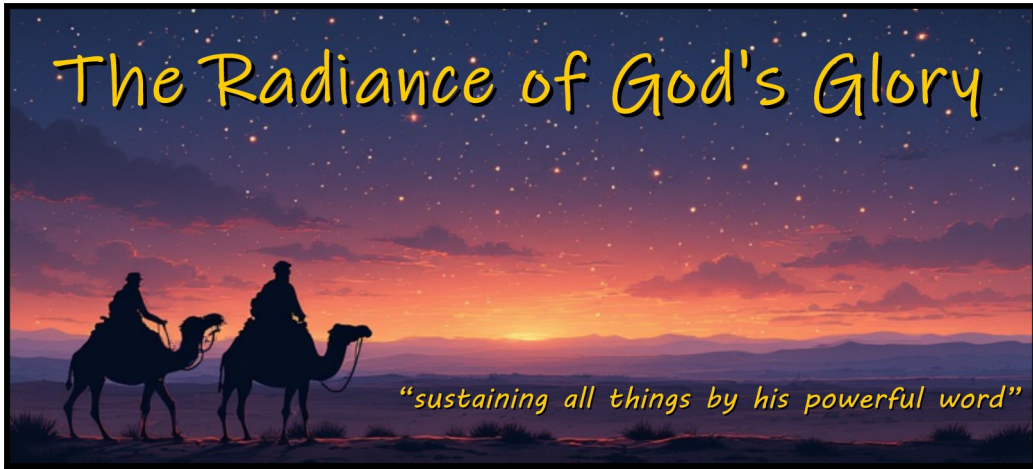


25 December 2025 AD

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.*

A Brilliant Christmas

I love sitting by a camp fire on a dark night. I think I am at my most relaxed staring into a flickering flame, chatting about anything and everything. There is something captivating about light breaking into the darkness and exposing what is around. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is God made flesh. He enters our world to not only reveal the character of God, but also to expose the darkness of our spiritual lives. If there is one thing we can prove about the Christian faith it is that humanity has been significantly darkened by sin. This has been made all too real to us in the events of the past fortnight. But Jesus' birth opens our eyes to the radiance of God's glory, and brings us the opportunity of a brighter future. It is only through the life, death and resurrection of this Jesus that the effect of sin can be transformed. So, let us celebrate the wonder of Christmas, welcoming the light of Christ that exposes darkness and leads us to a brighter future.



PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &
 Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). NEXT Combined Service 28 December Sunday@9 - 9am

NBA CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

It is our pleasure to have you attending our Christmas services in 2025. On behalf of the ministry team at NBA, we pray that this Christmas season will be a special time for you and your family as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. There is much in our world that brings grief and sadness, and the events at Bondi Beach a little over a week ago remind us that our world is broken and in need of hope. At Christmas, as we switch on the lights of our Christmas tree, we remember that Jesus - the Light of the World -brings hope and peace to a damaged world. We pray that you too will know this peace as you celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Happy Christmas



BUSH CHURCH AID (BCA):

Dave and Margie Wood have been the ministers at Coober Pedy – in outback SA – for almost 2 years. It's a hot, dry and dusty town where something like 75% of the population live underground! Dave and Margie are seeking to serve this little outback community by bringing the hope of Jesus to people who often don't feel a part of society. In their latest newsletter they speak of holding memorial services for those grieving and Christmas services for those celebrating. Please pray for Dave and Margie, who are far from their own family, and yet are seeking to encourage this unique Australian community with the help of BCA.



COMBINED SERVICE: Please be aware that on **Sunday 28 December** NBA will be holding only one 9am Combined Service as we begin another Summer in the Psalms. There will be no Holy Communion at our Combined Service, and our mission focus will be on the **Coffs Coast Schools Ministry**.

Christmas/New Year Newsletter: Please note that this newsletter is for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will cover Sunday 28th December and Sunday 4th January, so please make sure that you put it on your fridge. The following newsletter will come out on Sunday 11 January.



"The Radiance of God's Glory - Christmas"

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10 (pg 735)
Hebrews 1:1-4: (pg 1204)
John 1:1-14 (pg 1062)

Today's Sermon Text:

Hebrews 1:1-4: (pg 1204)

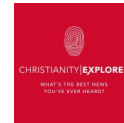
Psalms of SUMMER

Sunday 11 January:

How Long? - Psalm 35

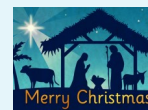
Sunday 11 January:

Wickedness and Goodness—Psalm 36



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:

A short 4-week course on the basics of Christianity will be run in the new years beginning on Tuesday evening 20 January, 5:30-6:30pm at the church. If you know of anyone, or you are interested in joining yourself, please contact Simon.



OFFICE & OP SHOP CLOSURES:

Both the Op Shop and the Parish Office will be **closed** from **12noon Wednesday 24th December** and **reopen** on **Tuesday 13th January at 9am**. No donations will be taken until **13th January**. There will be an Op Shop Orientation Day on Monday 12th January for all staff.

ALL PASTORAL MATTERS NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE
PHONE (02 66541370)

Pam will be on deck: 2-7 January 2026, during CMS Summer School.



Our Songs of Praise Christmas Day

@8* Once In Royal David's City
*While Shepherds Watched
*Away In A Manager
*Joy to the World

Sunday 28 December

@9* O Come All Ye Faithful
*Jesus, Strong and Kind
*In Christ Alone
*Be Thou My Vision

Sunday 4 January

@8* Give Me Oil in my Lamp
*God is Working his Purpose Out
*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
*He Is Exalted

Sunday 4 January

@10* Be Thou My Vision
*The Lord is My Shepherd
*My Soul Will Wait
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Happy Birthday

Jesus: TODAY 25 Dec

Adrienne Hatton: 22 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