COLLECT: O God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: leave us not desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore.
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:

2 Samuel 6:12-23 1 Peter 2:4-10 John 3:22-36

Next Sunday's Sermon Reading:

John 3:22-36—The Testimony

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"If anyone builds on that foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, each one's work will become obvious, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work" 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Monday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

9-11am - Stay and Play (Playgroup)

2.00pm - Fellowship Gathering @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre IN RECESS

Tuesday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

4pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 9-10am - Prayer Gathering

1.30pm - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Anne Dorman's home) **2pm** - Women's Bible Study - fortnightly (Lilian Essex-Clark's home)

4pm - Sunday@10 Singing Practice **7.30-8.30pm** - Men's Bible Study

Thursday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

11.00am - Armchair Church @ Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre 4.30pm - 6pm - TEF - 8 Whitehaven Crescent (Hanger home)

Friday: 8.30am - Prayer Gathering

9am - Women's Bible Study - Alison Reeve's home (Rectory)

5.30pm - WiFY - Years 4-10

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club 19th May



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 Gift'

John 3 verse 16 must be just about the most well known verse in the entire Bible. And rightly so. It is a succinct explanation of the good news of Jesus, coming directly from our saviour's lips. But the wider context of this well known verse in John's gospel is rarely read or understood. In fact the irony of Jesus' words is that they are spoken to a great teacher, and very religious man, who does not understand Jesus. As clear and as simple as Jesus makes things for Nicodemus, there is a depth to them which we are at risk of skating over. Jesus makes clear here, in John 3, that the only way a person can enter the Kingdom of God is by the work of the Holy Spirit (vv5- 8). Nicodemus may know and teach a lot of good things, he may even model his knowledge and teaching, but without the work of the Holy Spirit in his life he will perish with the rest of his flesh. Friends, this is a sobering thought. Without the faith spoken of in verses 14-18 we all stand condemned. Reconsider the wonder of God's gift to us.

PARISH SERVICES: SUNDAY@8 - 8AM (Holy Communion) &

Sunday@10 - 10AM (Family Service). **NEXT Combined Service** 30th June Sunday@9 - 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Pat Smith, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Ian Fraser, Ivan Heckenberg, John Rooth, Shirley and Bill Livock, Peter and Elizabeth Wood and Andrew.

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.



GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: The EP Trust. After returning from leave earlier this week Simon was given the time to attend a 2-day Preaching Conference in Armidale organised by the Expository Preaching Trust. The EP Trust was set up in his retirement by former SMBC Principal David Cook. The Trust seeks to encourage faithful and engaging preaching of the Bible by supporting

preaching clubs and conferences in Sydney and Northern NSW. This conference was particularly valuable at bringing preachers from various denominations and church contexts together for encouragement and growth in this important ministry. Please pray for preachers all over Northern NSW, that they would be committed to the power of God's word proclaimed, and be faithful in feeding God's people everywhere from the Bible.



We are excited to host Colin Buchanan's 10, 9, 8...God is Great Nation Tour, performing in Woolgoolga at NBA on Sat 8th June at 4pm. Share this news with your friends so they can purchase tickets online: www.trybooking.com/ events/landing/121231

We will be needing a number of volunteer helpers, so speak to Simon and Alison if you are available.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council will be meeting in the Parish Hall this Tuesday 14th May at **6:30pm**. Please note that the latest confirmed parish council minutes are available on the noticeboard for you to

read, and if you would like any relevant matter to be discussed in our meetings you can chat with any one of our Parish Council members, also listed on the noticeboard.

CMS Mission Encounter—Tamworth—2 & 3 August 2024. Our CMS Mission partner will be sharing her experiences. Please see David, Leone or Emily is you are interested.



Alan Moore Friday 17 May

May God bless you on your special day. " The Gift—John: Introducing God"

This Weeks Readings:

2 Samuel 6:1-11 (pg 305) Numbers 21:1-9 (pg 155) John 3:1-21 (pg 1064)

This Sunday's Sermon Reading:

John 3:1-21

Today's Songs of Praise

@8* Crown Him With Many Crowns

- * How Deep the Father's Love
- * It is a Most Wonderful Thing
 - * Lift High the Cross @10* Behold Our God
 - * How Deep the Father's Love
 - * Christ is Mine, Forever
 - Facing a Task Unfinished

GAFCON AUSTRALASIA **CONFERENCE**

From July 1-4 inclusive, the Global Anglican Fellowship (GAFCON) Australia will be hosting an intergenerational conference in Brisbane. The details can be found by googling

Conference-GAFCON Australia and clicking on the icon, OR speak to Leone in the Parish Office.



NEW LIFE CONFERENCE 2024 7 September 2024 All women welcome. Please put the dates in your diary and speak with Alison.

REV. PAM STONE'S LEAVE:

Our Deacon, Pam, is taking a well earn rest for the next few weeks. She may still pop in to church occasionally, however she will have no rostered responsibilities until 4th June. Please pray that Pam, and Belinda, will enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating time.

EASY-ACCESS TOILET RENOVATION:

The Parish Council recently agreed to internally renovate the Easy-access brick toilet. This approval was helped along by a generous donation by one of our parishioner. So, throughout this week the toilet block will be 'out of use'. The alternate toilets in the squash court building will be open for use. Thank you for your patience.

HANGER UPDATE: Please pray for Rev. David Hanger over the next few weeks as he heads to Dorrigo 3 days a week as a locum to cover the Rector who is on Long Service Leave. Leone will still be available in the office through the week.



MEN'S BREAKFAST is

on Saturday 1st June at **8.00** am in the Parish Centre.

Gold coin donation. ALL MEN WELCOME

Come along for a great, quality cooked breakfast, fellowship, good conversations, and discussion shaped to grow our faith.

Thursday Morning Prayer

We will be commencing prayer Thursday mornings led by The Litany. We would love for you to join us at 8.30 in the Chapel.