COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from everything that may hurt us, that we may be ready in body and soul cheerfully to accomplish whatever you want us to do; 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:

Isaiah 61:1-7 2 John 1-6 John 5:1-15

Next Sunday's Sermon Text:

John 5:1-15

FEEDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

"Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (HCSB)

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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 Řehearsal

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—see Simon Reeve **7.30-8.30pm** - Men's Bible Study - see Simon Reeve

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

2nd Sunday: 2pm - Jesus Club, Sunday 20th October

DAYS OFF Simon—Thursday Pam—Friday



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.



New Faith - John 4:43-54

Toward the end of John's account of Jesus' life we read the purpose statement for this gospel. In John 20:24-29 he relays the moment when one of Jesus' disciples, a man named Thomas, goes from doubting Jesus rose from the dead to believing in the resurrection and that Jesus is the Christ. Thomas had refused to believe until he saw Jesus for himself. Jesus concludes their interaction by saying, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed". In today's reading we meet a royal official who takes Jesus at his word and believes in his power without seeing immediately the results of Jesus' promise. It's not until later the royal official's faith is affirmed. In the same way as readers of John's account we are encourage to believe in Jesus although we do not see.

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

Thank you to Lynnair and Faye Livock we will be having **MORNING TEA after the 8am service!**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lynda-Mary Wood, Mark Wyborn, Marj Simmons, Bob Hoskins, Joan Cowling, Jack Petersen, Ian Fitzgerald, Paul Brittliff and Gwen Wills.

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GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: Coffs Harbour Christian Community School (CHCCS): Today, a team of year 10 & 11 students from Coffs Harbour Christian Community School (CHCCS) will be leaving for Bali, in Indonesia, to share the message of God's grace with a sister school in Melaya. This will involve help with building projects, as well as

teaching English to the students at the Melaya School. The CHCCS Students will be running an evening program over 4 nights that will help the Indonesian students know more about Jesus through songs, Bible teaching and games. Please pray for Zoe Reeve, and her peers, as they participate in the 2-week mission trip.

St. Johns' Coffs Harbour:

celebrating their 125 anniversary of Anglican worship in Coffs Harbour **NEXT Sunday 20 October at 9.00am**

bless you both on your special day.



The Toy & Bake Sale: will be on NEXT Saturday 19 October 9.00-12.00

If you are able to bake or have produce that can be sold on the stall, please bring to the Op Shop or Parish Office by Friday 18 October or deliver to the stall by 9am on the day. Also, lemons and passionfruit are welcome for cooking.



"NEW FAITH" **Today's Readings:**

Jeremiah 12:1-6 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 4:43-54

This Sunday's Sermon Text: John 4:43-54

Today's Songs of Praise

@8 * To God Be The Glory *Amazing Grace *There Is A Redeemer



@10 *See Him Coming *Christ Our Wisdom *By Faith *We Belong To The Day

*How Great Thou Art

PARISH COUNCIL ROUNDUP: The Parish Council met last Tuesday night. Here are some of the items discussed and decided:

- ~ The Parish will hold a special morning tea after the 8am service, and a sausage sizzle after the 10am service for Bishop Murray's pastoral visit on 10 November.
- ~At the Bishop's request, the parish will return to offering the common cup at the 8am Communion Service by the end of October.
- The ministry staff will hold a planning day for 2025, including the SMBC mission, on 9 October.
- The solar energy system has been installed at the rectory and is fully operational.
- "The Deacon's ministry continues to bear good fruit.
- ~The financial statements for September were reviewed and adopted.
- ~The Diocesan budget and parish pledge amounts for 2025 were reviewed.
- The Fire Audit was reviewed and Parish Council agreed to adopt most of the recommendations from the report.
- ~Investigations into the service and repair of the parish organ continues.
- ~The purchase of more OpShop display racks was approved.
- ~Approval given to the OpShop Committee to look into redesigning the front counter of the shop, and to arrange quotes to repair old church building facade.
- Planning continues on the easy-access toilet footpath.

PRAYING FOR HSC STUDENTS: NSW Higher School Certificate Students will be sitting their final exams commencing 15th October. Please pray for those student we know who are preparing for these exams. Especially pray for Ryan Dean, Emily Bell, Ashley Egan, Makayla Quinn, Ev Pratley and Ella Reeve.



Rob McLeav TODAY 13 October Lillian Essex-Clark Don Robertson

15 October

Belinda Stone 16 October **Merilyn Flick** 19 October

Congratulations and may God bless each of you on your special day.



BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT: The Bishop of our Diocese, Murray Harvey, will be having his annual pastoral visit on Sunday November. It would be nice to show Bishop Murray the growth and strength of our parish at both our 8am and 10am Services.

Please come along and meet our Bishop, and pray that our faithfulness to God's Word might be seen in the fruit of our parish life together.

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Due to the school holidays our regular children and youth activities will be in recess until school resumes. WiFY (our youth group) will resume on Friday 18th October, our junior and senior KidsChurch program will resume October, and Stay & Play (our play group) will resume on Monday 21st October. Please praise God for these important ministries in the life of NBA, and pray for the leaders to have a good refreshing rest in these holidays.