

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Second Sunday of Advent
9th December, 2018**



**7.30am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince
Hymns: 264, 270, 497, 269.
English Organ Postlude:**

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Trinity Band and singers
Hymns: 279, 287, 526, 281**

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.



LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for the feast of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for 'peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

The first candle reminded us of our *hope* in Christ. Today we light the candle of *peace*. The prophet Isaiah called Christ the 'Prince of Peace' and foretold that through him all nations would live in peace and justice. Jesus taught his followers to be peacemakers, and that those who make peace will be called the children of God. Christ brings peace into our lives and will bring everlasting peace when he comes to reign in glory.

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the peace we have in Jesus Christ.

The second candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from their sins. Give peace in our hearts as we await your coming. Help us in this season to discern your presence among us, to hear your word, and to share your peace with others. For your love's sake. Amen.

Baptism

This morning we welcome Jaxon Jonothan Moore who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 11am. Welcome also to his parents, Kristen and Daniel, to the Godparents and families and friends too as they celebrate this new beginning.

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78-79

Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts
watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

A reading from Malachi

Chapter 3. verses 1 – 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

A reading from Philippians,

Chapter 1 verses 1 – 11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the
bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying
with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your
sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident
of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring
it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to
think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your
heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my
imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.
For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the

compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke , Chapter 3, verses 1 – 6**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SLOWING DOWN DURING ADVENT

Reading the above may likely provoke an outburst of laughter or the quip, “Are you kidding?” This time of year becomes a never-ending round of shopping and parties, preparing food, getting ready for holidays, and generally running from here to there with no time to “slow down”. The shops and streets get busier, nerves are frayed, and we go through fleeting moments when we ask ourselves if it’s all worth it. For retailers, Christmas begins some time in October and ends on Boxing Day. (I’ve even seen stores take down their decorations on Christmas Eve!) For the Church, Christmas begins *at* Christmas and continues for twelve days. Advent is the waiting season leading up to Christmas.

During Advent, we dress the altar and clergy in purple, we omit the *Gloria*, we sing hymns of anticipation and expectancy, often in a minor key – “O come O come Emmanuel”, for example- and we light candles on the wreath each Sunday to remind us of the light coming into the darkness. By contrast, the stores have Christmas trees and decorations everywhere, and the sound of carols fills the airwaves. Such a contrast - as though we live in two different worlds. Or, as Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the former

Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England, who is now the Vicar of Christ Church Brunswick in Victoria, puts it, we live in two different time zones.

First, we live in 'liturgical time' or worship time. In this time zone, we reflect on the coming of Christ as a baby at Bethlehem, waiting with Mary and Joseph for the arrival of this strange new child who would be the very presence of God on earth. And yet, Jesus is already with us; he's no stranger to us, yet we await him as a reminder that we always need saving. Then there is the other arrival, the one for which we wait that is yet to happen. This is the arrival of Jesus to judge the world, his return to establish the fullness of his kingdom. We speak of judgement and death and heaven and hell. We hear John the Baptist calling us to repentance. These are the themes that the Church emphasises during these purple weeks.

But then we leave the church to go into the world, and we find there a different time zone with a different emphasis altogether. Bishop Urwin calls this time zone 'commercial time'. Not starting on Advent Sunday, but sometime in October. The focus is not joy at the coming of Jesus, "but the coming of cash and consumers who gorge themselves and bestow on others the things of this world, in a mixture of genuine generosity, temporary goodwill, and a vain hope that this Christmas will be more memorable than the last one" (Bishop Lindsay Urwin, *Walsingham Review*, p.3 Advent 2007).

So, in the midst of this, how do we keep a holy Advent? Obviously, we have to live in these two time zones. Jesus doesn't call us to abandon the world, although there have been Christians who've railed against the commercialism of Christmas and condemned Santa Claus. We can't be snooty about the world and hurl accusations against it that only serve to isolate us in a

religious ghetto and widen the gap that already exists between the church and the world. As Christians we are always called to live as Christ's disciples *in the world*. The very meaning of the Incarnation is *Emmanuel*, **God with us**. Puritanism is not the answer!

One solution would be to tap into the spiritual hunger many in our society and world are experiencing right now. There are signs that our culture is becoming increasingly disillusioned with a materialistic approach to life. Our liturgies on Christmas Eve (and to some extent on Christmas Day) are attended overwhelmingly by visitors. These provide opportunities to make the connection between these two time zones. Starting with what people know already, then gently leading them to the babe in the manger and the significance of it all is a way to proceed.

When I used to teach SRE in schools, rather than try to "drag" the children away from thoughts of Santa to the Christ child, I started where they are - thinking about Santa! I explained to them the origin of Santa in the figure of St Nicholas, the 4th century Bishop of Myra. I then made connections with what they knew of the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, the manger and so on. I try to maintain a reflective attitude during Advent, while at the same time attend parties in the Parish and the community, recognising that it's no good trying to demand that people who live in 'commercial time' enter 'liturgical time' because they have no understanding of what it is.

Being a church in mission requires us to straddle the two time zones in order to make connections with people where they are; at the same time not giving in to the frenetic and frantic activity that marks so much of the season. If we don't have anything better to offer, we will end up trying so hard to be 'relevant' that

we lose any true relevance in the long term. This is not easy, yet it is essential if we are to be faithful to Our Lord's mandate to proclaim the gospel to the world. How will you live in the two time zones this Advent?

Fr Mark

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Maureen H, Joan and Norman Williams,
Bill Howard, Joel, Paul C, Reg Gill, Pat Jessup, Jan
Wendy and Alan Eades, Jean Easy, Lynn Cooke, Paul Naylor,
Kyara, Isabel Horsley, Ian Frasier, Ann Soundy, Jack K,
Julie and Richard T

**We prayerfully remember Ron Flegg, Michael Wee,
Beth Cross, Gordon Robilliard, Beverley Allen, Keith Watson**

*Companion of the Sorrowing,
bind your love strongly, fiercely,
to the memories of our loved one that are stored within us.
May they never wear out when death grows distant.
We want to forever honour and cherish the goodness
of our loved one's life.*

Joyce Rupp

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE'

Monday 10.00am (Monday December the 10th will be the last *Whispers of Love* for 2018. We will begin again on Monday 4th February 2019)

Reflection

Prayer is not a competition, not an experience of winning or of accumulating good feelings and great insights. Prayer is about an open mind and heart, being willing and ready to grow and change.

Prayer in time of drought.

All things look to you, O Lord,
to give them their food in due season:
look in mercy on your people,
and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions
are threatened by drought.

In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.

So guide and bless your people,
that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth
and give you thanks with grateful hearts,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 205).

Christmas Reading Roster

A sign-up sheet is available from today for people to nominate themselves to read during the Christmas Services. Readers will be needed for:

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

7.30am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist



Sunday 16th December 2018

Please join us next Sunday for Messy Church Christmas and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

Samaritans Christmas Food Appeal

Samaritans are requesting assistance with donation of Christmas food items for the Wyoming Relief Centre. Your donations are gratefully accepted and will be used to help those in need this Christmas

Margaret Maclachlan.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

We keep our Working with Children WWCC details updated in the Church office.

If anyone has received emails from Diocesan Office in Newcastle reminding them to renew, we would appreciate if you could advise Terry or Kyara of new details, so we can enter them.

AGM REPORTS

As 2018 draws to an end we will be starting to prepare for our AGM. Normally held end of February early March each year.

Therefore, it is timely to remind those who prepare an annual report to please have these ready for the office for the beginning of January.

Thanking you in advance

MARKET DAY – 15th DECEMBER

This is the last Market Day for 2018. We are thankful to all who have helped last month with Market Day. Once again, we will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday and especially with packing away and clearing up on Saturday. Your help is always appreciated. If you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up, we would love to see you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2018

Sunday 12th December - 2.00pm – Samaritans Advent Service

Sunday 16th Dec – 3.30pm – Messy Church

Sunday 27th January – 12.00pm – Australia Day Lunch

Rosters for 16th December 2018

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Charlotte and Eva Martin	Ulla Finlay	Carmen McGee Coralie Taylor	Rhonda Kiss Jan Bolte

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Pat Jessup	Terry Rowe Julie Rowe	Laurie Meakins Irene Neville	Coralie Taylor
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Julie Rowe Terry Rowe	Terry Rowe Tricia Gray		Robyn Smith

Next Sunday – 16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

7.30am – Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Chris Sillince

9.30am – Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Libby Harvey

3.30pm – Messy Church

Readings: Zephaniah 3. 14-20, Psalm – Song of Isaiah, Philippians 4. 4-7

Gospel Luke 3. 7-18

This Week

Monday 10th December

10.00am - Whispers of Love

Tuesday 11th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer {*Rev Ann*}

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

7.30pm – Parish Council

Wednesday 12th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer {*Fr Mark*}

10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist (*Fr Roy*)

5.30pm - Sacred Reading

Thursday 13th December

Lucy, martyr and virgin (d.304)

8.00am – Morning Prayer {*Fr Mark*}

Friday 14th December

John of the cross, mystic and teacher (d.1591)

8.00am – Morning Prayer {*Fr Mark*}

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Mark*] and morning tea

Readings – Isaiah 29. 17-24, Psalm 27. 11-14, Matthew 9. 27-31

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 15th December

8.00am – 100pm – Market Day

The Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.

We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...

to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Tues to Friday - 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Friday at 10.30am - Eucharist

1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist

3rd Thursday at 10.30am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]

4th Friday – 10.30am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

'Whispers of Love' - a meditation (*Monday at 10.00am*); **Women's Fellowship** (*2nd Monday at 1.00pm*); **Parish Council** (*2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm*); **Trinity Band** (*Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm*) (*Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays*); **Sacred Reading** (*Wednesday at 5.30pm*); **Pastoral Care** (*2nd Thursday at 10.00am*); **Bible Study** (*Friday at 11.45am*); **Messy Church Planning Meeting** (*1st Saturday at 10.00am*) ; **Gardening** (*2nd Saturday from 8.00am*); **Market Day** (*3rd Saturday from 8.00am*)

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**The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**