

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal  
Third Sunday of Advent  
16<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**



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

**Hymns: TIS 270, 282 (tune: Woodlands 411), 288, 274.**

English Organ Postlude: Trumpet Tune & Interlude (Stanley Vann).

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson**

**Organist – Libby Harvey**

**Hymns: TIS 270, 282 (tune: Woodlands 411), 288, 274.**

**3.30pm – Messy Church**

[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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

We have lit the candles of *hope* and *peace*. Today we light the candle of *joy*. In today's Epistle St Paul exhorts the Philippians to "rejoice always". The Latin for "rejoice" is *Gaudete*, so the Third Sunday in Advent has been called Gaudete Sunday. We rejoice not because things are always going well, but because the Lord has come, the Lord is coming, and the Lord will come. Knowing that the Lord is near eliminates worry and fear.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

*The Third candle is lit*

**Thank you, God, for the joy you give us. As we await the fulfillment of your promise, keep our joy alive. Help us today and every day, to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sentence**

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

*Zephaniah 3. 16-17*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into the world  
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings even to what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,  
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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 Zephaniah Chapter 3. verses 14 - 20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm - Song of Isaiah**

'Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**'For the Lord God is my strength, and my song:  
and has become my salvation.'**

With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say :**

**'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;**

'Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.**

Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**A reading from Philippians,**

**Chapter 4. verses 4 – 7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke , Chapter 3, verses 7 – 18**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to

clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **LEARNING TWO NEW WORDS THIS ADVENT**

One of the reasons we come to church is to learn a new language. The Church socialises us into a new way of being, living and speaking. Our Sunday liturgies contain lots of repetition. Week after week we repeat certain words, prayers and actions. Year after year we celebrate the same festivals. Repetition forms and shapes who we are and how we live and speak. As the Holy Spirit works within us, new patterns of living, thinking and speaking emerge. We are called to be renewed in holiness at Advent. That involves learning a new language that transforms us.

Two words we frequently hear in Advent are **hope** and **vigilance**. **Hope** is one of the three great virtues of the Christian life (the other two being faith and love). But hope in Christian terms is not a vague desire for something that may or may not happen, as in "I hope the bus is on time." It is more solid than that. It has its basis in the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The opposite of hope is despair. We live in a world of despair, in which many of the events and problems we face seem beyond

our control. Christians struggle with feelings of despair the same as anyone. Our experience of worship is an important way of being encouraged in hope. It reminds us we are not alone; it is not all up to us. Despair destroys hope in us.

Benedictine nun and author Joan Chittister says an absence of hope usually comes from a forgetfulness of who our hope is in, namely God. She says we always stand at the crossroads between hope and despair. Despair cements us in the present, because we are unable to see a hopeful tomorrow. It keeps us in a state of spiritual death. "When I say that I am in despair, I am really saying that I have given up on God. Despair says that I am God and if I cannot do anything about this situation, then nothing or nobody can.

"Despair is the affliction of the small minded who have not so much lost their faith as they have lost their memory. Hope says remember where you have been before and know that God is waiting for you someplace else now, to go on again to something new" (Joan Chittister, OSB, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*).

The other word is **vigilance**. Jesus says, "Be alert at all times" (Luke 21:36). In Advent we pray, "keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom". Advent reminds us to be awake, alert, and vigilant. It is a time to be more attentive in prayer, daily seeking the signs of God's comings among us. It is time to prayerfully and reflectively read the scriptures, following some disciplined pattern of reading.

Day and night the light over the aumbry where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved is shining, reminding us that God never sleeps. We too must remain alert and vigilant, living in a state of preparedness for the coming of the Lord. Jesus says the enemies



of vigilance are drunkenness, self-indulgence, anxiety and worry. They keep us focused on ourselves. They make us insensitive to God's incursions into our lives. They make us listless and sluggish. The surrounding culture socialises us into a way of being and living shaped by individualism and consumerism. While many rush about in a state of worry and despair, we are called to be people of hope and vigilance. Allow your vocabulary to be expanded by these two words this Advent; allow them to characterise your living, and so witness to the transforming power of the presence of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Fr Mark



**Today 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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

**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,  
Isabel Horsley, Ian Frasier, Ann Soundy, Jack K,  
Julie and Richard T

## **Fr Stuart Benson**

Fr Stuart Benson, a previous rector of the Parish of Terrigal, was ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church Cathedral on St Thomas' Day, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1968, meaning that he is about to mark fifty years as a priest.

The occasion will be remembered at the Eucharist at Gloucester on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Sadly, following a stroke two years ago, Stuart is too unwell to robe and take part in the service, but it is sure to be a meaningful occasion for him anyway.

Terrigal which included Avoca in those days, was Stuart's first parish, so has always had a special place in his heart.

Please keep Fr Stuart in your prayers.

### **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).

## ***Samaritans Christmas Appeal***

A big thank you to all parishioners who have kindly donated goods and money throughout 2018. Wyoming Relief Centre have advised that whilst they have enough food for the Christmas Hampers, they are still in need of money and toys. If you wish to make a donation, please place an envelope in the collection plate marked for Samaritans.

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 – Thanks**

Thank you to all who have been able to help make the Market Day a great success throughout 2018.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2018

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00pm Family Eucharist

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11.00pm – Midnight Eucharist

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day – 7.30am Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day – 9.30am, Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 12.00pm – Australia Day Lunch

### Rosters for 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### 7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Charlotte and Eva Martin	Adrienne Baldwin Margaret Maclachlan	Charlotte Martin Bev Broadley	Rhonda Kiss Coralie Taylor

#### 9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Carolyn Shields	Irene Neville	Jennifer Wolstenholme Ian Wolstenholme	Coralie Taylor
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Margaret and Duncan Piper	Audree Dash June Timms		Kyara Newport

### Next Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

**9.30am – Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson**  
**Trinity Band and Singers**

**Readings: Micah 5. 2-5a, Psalm – Song of Mary, Hebrews 10. 5-10**

**Gospel Luke 1. 39-45**

## This Week

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Mediation – Whispers of Love – in recess until Feb 2019

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am** – Morning Prayer *{Rev Ann}*

**7.00pm** - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am** – Morning Prayer *{Fr Mark}*

**5.00pm** - Holy Eucharist *(Fr Roy)*

**5.30pm** - Sacred Reading

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am** – Morning Prayer *{Fr Mark}*

**10.30am** – Eucharist at The Pod [Aurum]

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

#### **Thomas Apostle and Martyr**

**8.00am** – Morning Prayer *{Fr Mark}*

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

Readings – Habakkuk 2. 1-4, Psalm 117, John 20. 24-29

**11.45am** – Bible Study

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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]**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm*); **Trinity Band** (*Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm*) (*Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*); **Sacred Reading** (*Wednesday at 5.30pm*); **Pastoral Care** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10.00am*); **Bible Study** (*Friday at 11.45am*); **Messy Church Planning Meeting** (*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10.00am*) ; **Gardening** (*2nd Saturday from 8.00am*); **Market Day** (*3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 8.00am*)

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**Holy Trinity Opportunity Shop ... contact (02) 4365 1280**

**Parish Website – [www.terrigalanglican.org.au](http://www.terrigalanglican.org.au)**

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**Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People’s Warden**

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### **Parish Opportunity Shop**

**Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280**

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