

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
1st December, 2019



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

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 273, 272, 275, 265

English Organ Postlude: *Rondeau* (from Abdelazar) by Henry Purcell

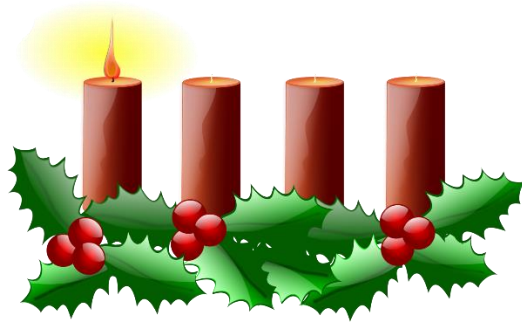
9.30am – Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Hymns: TIS 273, 272, 275, 265

[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 FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

Today we light the candle of hope to recall the hope we have in Christ. We await the fullness of God's reign in Christ and seek to live as citizens of that kingdom now. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The first candle is lit.

[Let us pray]

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, the Son of David. Help us prepare to celebrate his birth, to make ready our hearts and to place our hope in you.

Help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others.

Through Christ the Hope of the world. Amen.

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 2. Verses 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me:

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**And now our feet are standing:
within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

Jerusalem which is built as a city:
where the pilgrims gather in unity.

**There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
as he commanded Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

There are set thrones of judgement:
the thrones of the house of David.

**O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may those who love you prosper.**

Peace be within your walls:
and prosperity in your palaces.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions:
I will pray that peace be with you.**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek for your good.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Chapter 13. Verses 9-14

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on

the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 24. 36-44

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Fr Jonathon Ewer, Emma Horton, Isabel Horsley, Ashlyn Blackmore, Ken Hope, Paul C, Jean Easey, Margaret Willard, Kyara Newport and Maureen H.

The liturgy expresses the Church's life which includes the different seasons of the year. Advent is time of hope, and watching and waiting, of prayerful reflection and of joyful anticipation. As in Lent we omit the singing or saying of the *Gloria in excelsis*. The liturgical colour is violet as in Lent. At the beginning of the liturgy we light a candle on the Advent wreath which represent the eternal nature of God. The gradual increase in light on the wreath reflects the gradual approach of the coming of Christ, the Light of the world, the incarnate saviour and the King of the Universe. The colours of the candles are violet, the colour of Advent, except for the third Sunday which is halfway through the season. On that Sunday, the candle is pink and reminds us of the approaching joy of Christmas. The white candle in the centre represents the infant Christ. The hymns and collects are reflective and express anticipation and hope. We also use the "Prayer of Humble Access" or Prayer of Approach as it's called in our current Prayer Book. It is a fitting prayer for a worthy reception of Holy Communion.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation –

Reflection

"And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it."

— **Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love**

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann

Samaritans Christmas Donations

Christmas is almost here and it's time to start collecting
Christmas fare donations for the Samaritans.

We appreciate all donations including:

Tins of fruit, Christmas cakes and puddings, tins of ham, mince tarts etc. Thanking you in advance for your kind donations.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club - December

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' tonight from 6pm. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board. Please note, this is also the volunteers dinner. We would love to see you there.

Market Day - 14th December

Please note that Market Day in December will be held on Saturday 14th which is the second Saturday and not the third. As always, help on the day is always greatly appreciated. There will be a market day in January. Thank you.

Budget

At the last Parish Council meeting there was discussion regarding the current position of offertory being around 8% below the 2019 budget estimate.

The 8% shortfall is not a huge amount, and in money terms represents about \$3 per person per week. Having said this, we also realize that many people are on a fixed income.

Whilst not wishing to worry or cause alarm, as our overall financial position is very strong, it was agreed that we should share this information rather than leave it until the next AGM (not due until March 2020).

Moving forward, the Parish Council also agreed that we should keep parishioners apprised of our finances and so plan to include a regular budget/actual report in the weekly Pew Bulletin.

Terry Rowe

Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

Monday 2nd December at 12.30pm

At Breakers Club, Wamberal.

We look forward to gathering with our members for lunch.



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Mission Report – 1st December 2019

70 years of the Christmas Bowl

As a Christian, Rev Frank Byatt believed he had a responsibility to share the joy of his Christmas with our brothers and sisters in urgent need. That's why on Christmas Day in 1949, he put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a generous gift in it to 'share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands.' Today, tens of thousands of us now follow Frank's example; sharing God's love with our brothers and sisters in urgent need around the world, through our gifts to the Christmas Bowl. Over the past 70 years, we have seen that real change is possible and we will continue to respond as the church across Australia and commit to loving our neighbours around the world.

First Sunday of Advent



Harvesting hope in Zimbabwe

Hope is scarce for mothers like Nyevero, who couldn't feed her family after losing her crops to merciless drought. Your gifts help women like Nyevero to farm through the toughest seasons, lifting their families out of poverty and giving them hope for the future. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

ABM Advent & Christmas Appeal 2019:
TO EDUCATE IS TO EMPOWER

**There are two advent appeal programs and the
Christmas Gift Appeal.**



ADVENT APPEAL Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinya College (tax-deductible) Wontulp Bi-Buya College in Cairns and Nungalinya College in Darwin empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders with the faith, vision and skills to build up their people, their churches and their communities.



Australian Aid

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya (tax-deductible) ABM's partner in Kenya, Anglican Development Services, Eastern, is bringing real hope for a better future to thousands of subsistence farming families who struggle to put food on the table in the semi-arid Ukamba region of Kenya.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



St John's Theological Seminary, Zambia What will you be thinking about as you celebrate Christ's birth in your church this Christmas? ABM invites you to spare a thought for the Anglican Church in Zambia and its need for well-trained clergy to minister to congregations all over Zambia, many of them in remote rural areas. There will be more information on these Appeals in the coming weeks.

SONGS FROM A STRANGE LAND:AN AUSTRALIAN ADVENT CALENDAR

Scripture readings, quotes, photographs, poems, cartoons and songs take you from Advent to Epiphany with a particular emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christianity, the Australian landscape and Creation theology. Author, Celia Kemp writes: *This Advent, consider a pilgrimage to where you already are. Set aside time each day from December 1 through to January 6; the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Find a quiet place close by with some sort of nature component (a pot plant, a tree, a park bench, a beach, a back yard). If you can, place yourself where the sky meets the land. Take a Bible, a journal, a pen and this book. Read. Watch. Listen. Stay awake. And see what happens.* The book can be downloaded as a free app. **Download link for iPhone and iPad:** <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/songs-from-a-strange-land/id1442050436> **Download link for Android devices:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abm.strangeland> **Please see Mission notice board.**

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and
put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us
in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?

We live in a culture that is continually on the run, on the go all the time. That increases in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Yet paradoxically, right at this busiest time of the year, the Church offers us the gift of Advent, inviting us to slow down, to pause, to watch and to wait.

Have you ever longed for something for what seemed like an eternity? Many of the characters in the Bible had to wait, sometimes for very long periods of time, before receiving that for which they longed. Abraham was promised he'd be the father of many nations. For years he had to wait. The older he became, the less likely the fulfilment of the promise became. Yet he continued to wait and to trust. Finally, the promise was fulfilled. After the Exodus, Israel had to wander in the wilderness for forty years before they were ready to enter the Promised Land.

Many times in our spiritual life we're not ready to receive what God longs to give us. We must go through a long period of training to be ready to receive what God wants to give us. St Augustine suggests that God wants the heart of the person praying to be a big enough heart to receive the gift. The heart dilates, gets bigger and more receptive to what God wants. The opposite to that is being set on what we want. That leads to a shrunken heart.

We gain great satisfaction from seeing tasks completed, from accomplishing things. We hate having to wait. We want everything now. Advent is an opportunity to allow God to train us in order to receive that for which we long.

The French spiritual writer, mystic and political activist, Simone Weil said that the core of the Christian life is waiting, watching, expecting. We cannot save ourselves, but we can look with

eager attention to the one who can. In this sense, we are permanently an Advent people.

How is God calling you to wait? Events that may seem inconvenient and irritating and time-wasting could be opportunities, God's ways of getting our attention, of getting us to slow down, and to be means of enlarging our heart to receive the gift he offers.

Fr Mark



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Pew Reflections
The First Sunday of Advent
– Sunday 1 December 2019

- Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Keep awake ... you must be ready: as we begin the Western Church Year we are exhorted to take things seriously by being alert and vigilant. How can we prepare ourselves? By finding ways to be closer to Jesus: in prayer, in reading the Scriptures, in serving others.

- Give thanks that we have time to prepare ourselves this Advent: before Jesus is present as a baby at Christmas, before Jesus is present in bread and wine, before Jesus is present as Judge of the world.
- Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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Rosters for next week

8th December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Terry Rowe	Toni Stanley	Jocelyn Mulcahy Coralie Taylor	Margaret Neil

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Lesley Gosling	June Timms	Terry Rowe Joan Maxwell	Jan Coralie
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Anna Holt Judy Thompson	John Holt Betty Hancock		Robyn Smith

Next Sunday 8th December 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

7.30am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – TBC

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

Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10, Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21 Romans 15. 4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

This Week Please note: No morning prayer this Monday or Tuesday.

Monday 2nd December

Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)

10.00am – Whispers of Love – a meditation [Rev Ann]

3.00pm – Tarragal Manor & Tarragal Glen Eucharist [Rev Ann]

Tuesday 3rd December

Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)

7.00pm - Trinity Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 4th December

Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d. 1637)

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist [Fr Roy]

5.30pm - Sacred Reading [Fr Roy]

Thursday 5th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

Friday 6th December

Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

10.30am – Holy Eucharist and morning tea [Fr Mark]

Readings – Isaiah 29. 17-24, Psalm 27. 9-17, Matthew 9.27-31

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 7th December

Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)

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 Monday at 3.00pm Monday Tarragal Manor & Tarragal Glen Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist

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

4th Friday – 11.00am – 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 Service - 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 (as arranged) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

Parish contact - (02) 4365 1115 or mobile 0427 135 771

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

Parish Website – www.terrigalanglican.org.au

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Kyara Newport (0400 994 779) - People’s Warden

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Market Day Co-ordinator – Ian Wolstenholme

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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**