

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8th December, 2019**



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

Hymns: TIS 271 (Tune: Franconia 448), 270, 497, 274

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

Hymns: TIS 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

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

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.

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 11. Verses 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the

weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21

Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
**That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
**May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
**May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
**Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.**

Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.
**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.**

Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, Amen.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Chapter 15. Verses 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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
Matthew Chapter 3. Verses 1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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, Maureen H., Jean Easey, Margaret Willard, Kyara Newport, Robyn & Rick Di Cristoforo, Joel, Jean Hilton, Norman Williams, Aaron Lane, Lucy Cardile, Kieran McCarthy and Paul McCarthy.

We prayerfully remember Keith Watson and Bev Allen.

Flowers

The flowers today mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Bev Allen – a gift from the family.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation –

Reflection

Overshadowing God, you guide all that you have created through your Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit into my life and direct my works

that they may prepare for the coming in glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann

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.



Sunday 15th December 2019

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



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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Mission Report – 8th December 2019

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.

With a combined enrolment of nearly 400 students, the colleges deliver courses in Christian ministry, theology, suicide prevention, addictions management, community development, media and discipleship, and translating.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College lecturer, Eddie Turpin is a past graduate of Wontulp-Bi-Buya. In 2008, desiring to share the knowledge he had learned through Wontulp, he created a domestic violence prevention program in Kowanyama with young men who were on probation within the criminal justice system. Eddie says, "when you start something with the knowledge that you learn from Wontulp and the courses, it opens doors for you, and with your creativity you can do great things in your community".

Your support will help these ecumenical training colleges deliver quality educational programs appropriate to the contexts and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all around Australia.


Second Sunday of Advent



Shami Boyali/Act for Peace

Bringing peace to Sri Lankan refugees returning home

When ethnic violence swept across Sri Lanka, the poorest and most vulnerable families fled to India. With the war now over, many of them wish to return to their homeland to live in peace and freedom, and to help rebuild their nation. Your gifts can help provide skills training and financial assistance, and can support welcome groups that help families to make the return home. **Please give today.**



Christmas Bowl

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

Christmas Bowl - 70th Anniversary

The Christmas Bowl is the longest-running ecumenical appeal in Australia. Started in 1949 by Reverend Frank Byatt of Victoria to help refugees from World War II, it is our way of forging a loving connection between Christian communities here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

The prophet Isaiah told people who had lost their homeland and who had been through enormous suffering that they could live in peace again. His message resonates this Christmas Bowl, as we support Sri Lankan refugees to return home and build peaceful new lives after years of bloody civil war.

After years of living in a refugee camp, Vijayakanth and his family returned to Sri Lanka with few belongings. They had to live in an unsafe area, in a run-down rental home that flooded in the rainy season.

But thanks to your compassion, they were supported through their difficulties by Act for Peace's partners, like OfERR (Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation). OfERR is helping returnees like Vijayakanth's family to find new livelihoods and start their lives over in a country that has been shattered by war.

"I am so thankful to OfERR. They have ensured my family's safety and security, particularly my children's. This has paved a new dawn for our children."

The Christmas Bowl assists through:

Advocacy

We're committed to amplifying the voices of the most vulnerable, empowering them to claim their own rights and hold their own governments to account. We also mobilise passionate Australians, like you, to demand change. When we come together to speak with one voice, it sends a clear message that people in power can't ignore.

Working with partners

We believe local people are best placed to respond to and solve problems in their own communities. By partnering with local organisations, we aim to build on and strengthen local knowledge, people and resources, to help find solutions to complex problems and create solutions that work.

and member churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia, the State and Territory Ecumenical Councils and all the volunteers who contribute to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Humanitarian assistance

We respond fast to emergencies around the world – local or global, large or small – to reach people with life-saving assistance when they are at their most vulnerable. We also work with local people on how to identify risks and prepare for the next disaster, which saves lives when an emergency hits.

Sustainable development

Lasting change takes time. We're committed to long-term development projects that help communities to tackle their own problems – whether that's through livelihoods and vocational training, health and hygiene programs, or psychosocial and educational support.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

Prayer of the week

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming
sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the righteous,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE UPHEAVAL OF ADVENT

During Advent and Christmas, we work hard to sentimentalise the season, to make it cute and comfortable. By contrast, in church we hear words from prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist and Mary whose words are anything but sentimental or sweet. Rather than cute sentimentality, in Advent we hear revolutionary speech. Mary in her hymn the *Magnificat*, speaks of the rich being sent away empty and the mighty being thrown down from their thrones and the lowly

being lifted up. This is revolutionary language, very different from *"I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"*!

Isaiah prophesied after the return of Israel from Babylonian exile. The defeat of Israel was a huge disaster. The nation was shattered, because not only was this a political defeat but God's place on earth, the Temple, was destroyed. How could the Creator and Lord of all the earth be defeated? When Israel returned, Isaiah saw it as proof that God is mightier than the king of Babylon after all. Yet after their return, they were conquered again, first by the Greeks then by the Romans. The cry goes up to God "How long O Lord?"

Then about five-hundred years after the exile, John the Baptist came crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord." The decisive victory is about to happen. "The kingdom of God is at hand." It turns out that in Jesus, the Lamb of God, God is decisively, and victoriously coming as King, coming to rule the world, to supplant the kings of the world, to replace the kingdoms of this world with the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospels show us the many ways God's kingdom is here. We receive a glimpse of what the world looks like when God, in Jesus, is King. He eats and drinks with everyone, not just the chosen ones, the insiders, the respectable, but the unacceptable, the sick, the weak, the poor, the sinners. God is gathering in new tribes. His kingdom is open to all.

Also, he forgives sins. He conquers the power that has us in its grip. Peace and nonviolence predominate when Jesus is King. By contrast, the kingdoms of this world are marked by violence and hatred and oppression. So they come after this new King. They lynch him by nailing him to a cross. But God raised him from the dead. He is the King because he has defeated the greatest enemy of all - death. When we say, "Jesus is Lord" we must not spiritualise it. His hearers would have understood it to mean Jesus was the new David, the king who is to rule the world.

Paul preached to the Roman world and said Jesus, not Caesar, is Lord. The New Testament readings for Advent at daily Morning

Prayer are from Mark's Gospel. He wrote about 70AD. The first words of his Gospel are: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The revolutionary nature of these words may be lost on us. Mark's hearers would have understood those words to be revolutionary and provocative. The words translated "good news" are *evangelion* in Greek. When the Roman Emperor won a victory, his heralds carried the good news or *evangelion* throughout the streets. Mark is saying of Jesus, "here is the one who brings victory."

Finally, for Mark to call Jesus the Son of God was also very provocative. The emperor was considered the son of God. Julius Caesar claimed to be *divus*, a god, then his adopted son Augustus was called the son of god. Mark said No, Jesus is the son of God, supplanting the Roman Emperor. He is the one to whom final allegiance is due.

Advent is not a cosy, sentimental time. It's a reminder that in our world which falls constantly into hatred, violence, oppression and domination, the crucified Lord calls us to repent, to change and live under his Lordship. Then we live as citizens of this new kingdom of peace and nonviolence.

Fr Mark



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Pew Reflections
The Second Sunday of Advent
– Sunday 8 December 2019

- Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21;
Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery

of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

- Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Rosters for next week

15th December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Terry Rowe	Ulla Finlay	Bev Broadley Kath Connor- Brown	Neil

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
	Julie Rowe Terry Rowe	Stuart Braga Joslyn Mulcahy	Maureen Coralie
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Anna Holt Judy Thompson	Terry Rowe Trica Gray		Kyara Newport

Next Sunday 15th December 2019 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Readings: Isaiah 35. 1-10, Psalm 146, James 5. 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11. 2-11

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

Monday 9th December

10.00am – Whispers of Love – a meditation [*Rev Ann*]
1.00pm – Women’s Fellowship

Tuesday 10th December

7.00pm - Trinity Band Rehearsal
7.30pm – Parish Council

Wednesday 11th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [*Fr Mark*]
10.00am – Eucharist at Tarragal House [*Fr Mark*]
5.00pm - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Roy*]
5.30pm - Sacred Reading [*Fr Roy*]

Thursday 12th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [*Fr Mark*]
10.00am – Pastoral Care Meeting

Friday 13th December

Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)

8.00am – Morning Prayer [*Fr Mark*]
10.30am – Holy Eucharist and morning tea [*Fr Mark*]
Readings – Isaiah 48.17-19, Psalm 1, Matthew 11.16-19
11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 14th December

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

8.00am – Market Day
8.00am – Gardening

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 [Aurum]

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)

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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**