

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Second Sunday of Advent
5th December, 2021**



**8.00am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
*Organist – Chris Sillince***

Hymns: 264, 270, NEH 19 vv 1-3, 5-8, 273

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

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: 264, 270, NEH 19 vv 1-3, 5-8, 273

[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.

Fr. Roy writes: The prime news of the week in which I am writing this is the new variant of the COVID-19 virus and its transmission in our society throughout the world. Most of the work is left to the medical scientists and researchers to find out more about the new variant of the COVID-19 virus that has been so devastating throughout the world. In the meantime, we are being directed to be vaccinated and if you have received two jabs make provision for the booster jab six months after the second jab. There is no media activity to put God, who loves us so dearly, into the picture with intercessory prayer for healing. My hope is that congregations of Christians throughout the world will pray throughout this Advent season for healing of those who have contracted the virus in its ongoing variants and for the eradication of the virus. God knows the needs of the world and his people and needs our voice to be heard in our acknowledgement of God's place. Our voice needs to be heard not only by God, but also by the world's people that this is God's world, and we are God's people.

I have suggested "all out" intercessory prayer during Advent and afterwards for healing from the current pandemic. Advent, of course, is about coming. For Christians it is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into this part of God's universe. For many it seems that it is a preparation for the coming of Santa and for many others it is preparation for the first coming of Jesus our Redeemer and King with his birth in the manger in Bethlehem. We must not lose sight, however, of our preparation for the second coming of Jesus, Redeemer, and King for the judgement of the peoples of this world. As I read the Psalms in our daily worship, I find regular reference to what God has done in the past and is doing in the present and into the future. This leads me to think of God's love through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King, for the people of this world. Do not be afraid to continue your prayer for the five people for whom you have been praying for some time and tell people of your experience of God through

Jesus in your life and invite them to worship with you to learn of our Lord and the part he plays in people's lives.

May the Lord make us ready for his coming in glory. **AMEN.**

Keep well, keep safe, keep social distancing, and wear a mask and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and pray for and may your days and nights be holy, good, and peaceful. **AMEN.**

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.

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 – 14

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.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?'

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

Please pray for:

Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford,
Irene Neville and Margaret Hassall.

**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

Lost and Found

A hearing aid was found on Sunday 28th November. If it is yours
please contact the Office.



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- Malachi 3.1-14; For the Psalm *Song of Zechariah*;
Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

Luke's gospel quotes the prophet Isaiah about the preparation required for a royal visit—the road cleared, smoothed and straightened, valleys filled, and hills flattened. A dramatic picture indeed! In a similar way the people's moral and spiritual state needed drastic action in their deep need to repent, in readiness for the coming of the Messiah, Christ Jesus. As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, may we look closely at our own hearts and lives.

- We thank you Lord Jesus that in your coming you provided all that we need for cleansing, forgiveness and restoration. May our hearts overflow with joy!
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Samaritans – Christmas Items needed

Other than the normal items Samaritans have asked for Christmas items. They need: tin hams, long life custard, tin fruit, fruit salad, puddings and Christmas biscuits.

Margaret Maclachlan.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God,
who sent your messenger John the Baptist
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation;
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE' Monday 10.00am

Reflection

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
God is the ground, the substance,
the teaching, the teacher,
the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labours.

[Julian of Norwich](#)

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

PARISH THANK YOU BOWLO DINNER

Our last Parish Bowlo night for 2021 will be held tonight. We will be joined by volunteers from our Op Shop and Market Day.

Sign up sheet is now available.

Please be with us for the evening as we thank them for their tireless efforts.

Christmas Bowl

As we did last year, the Parish Council has decided to support the Christmas Bowl Appeal. At the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish will be donating the takings from the Opp Shop for the period 30th November – 4th December 2021 to this important appeal.

Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing Peace to children in Gaza



The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **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

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ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
Account Number: 00040934

Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

AGM REPORTS

As 2021 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

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021

Sunday 5th December - 6.00pm – Dinner at the Bowlo

Monday 13th Dec – 12.30pm Women's Fellowship Lunch – bring and share at the Church

Next Sunday – 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20, Song of Isaiah, Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel Luke 3.7-18

This Week

Monday 6th December

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

10.00am - Whispers of Love

Tuesday 7th December

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

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 8th December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th December

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

Readings –31

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 11th December

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