

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Third Sunday of Advent
12th December, 2021**



**8.00am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince
Hymns: 275, 274, 497, NEH 19**

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Trinity Band and Singers
Hymns: 268, 287, 511, 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 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 Philipians,

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

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.

MARKET DAY – Thanks

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



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– Sunday 12 December 2021

- Zephaniah 3.14-20; For the Psalm *A Song of Isaiah*;
Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

John the Baptist used harsh words of criticism and warning and it seemed to have caught the attention of those he was addressing. “Even tax collectors came to be baptised and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’” They knew that their corruption had been exposed and they were now at a point of decision making, to keep being corrupt or ‘repent’, i.e., change direction. I wonder what there is in our lives that needs to change direction?

- Give thanks for the unconditional love and forgiveness of God who does not hold our past sins against us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Text: The Reverend Canon Matthew Jones
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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

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ , your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE'

As from Monday 13 December '*Whispers of Love*' meditation group will be in recess until Monday 7 February 2022. A warm welcome to join our meditation group in 2022.

Reflection:

All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.

Julian of Norwich

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

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.

Third Sunday of Advent



Richard Wainwright / Act for Peace

Finding Joy in times of COVID-19

Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **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



Christmas Bowl

Offertories via Direct Debit

Offering via direct debit. Direct debit details of account:
ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
Account Number: 00040934

Terry Rowe, Treasurer.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24th December 2021

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25th December 2021

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

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

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

Next Sunday – 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am – Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
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9.30am – Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

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

Gospel Luke 1. 39-45

This Week

Monday 13th December

Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)

10.00am - Whispers of Love

Tuesday 14th December

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

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 15th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Mark*] and morning tea
Readings –Genesis 49. 2, 8-10, Psalm 72. 1-7, Matthew 1.1-17

Saturday 18th December

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