

# Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022



8.00am - Sung Eucharist Presiding & Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist - Ian Sell
Hymns: TIS 90, 413, 521, 560 (i)

9.30am - Holy Eucharist Presiding & Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist - Sharon Sandstrom
Hymns: TIS 90, 413, 521, 560 (i)

[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.

# HOW HAS RELIGION CREATED MEANING AND PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE?

There are many arguments against religious belief and practice around today. Several years ago, a High School student asked me for some input to a questionnaire he was doing for one of his subjects. You may find the following helpful.

1. How has Religion created meaning and purpose in your life? Explain.

Meaning and purpose in life come from the belief that I am part of something greater than me. This belief expands my view of the world and its people beyond my aspirations, goals and desires, placing us within a broader understanding of reality that is not limited to the material world. We are created for God and God's purpose. For me as a Christian that purpose issues from and is centred on love: love of God for his creation, our love for God in return and love for our fellow human beings.

2. What impact can Religion have upon a person's individual life?

Depending on which religion a person follows or adheres to, religion can have either deleterious effects or beneficial effects on a person's life. For example, if my view of God is of a wrathful, vengeful being, I am more likely to behave in a similar way and hence to cause harm to my fellow human beings. Conversely, if my view of God is of a loving, forgiving, and generous being and my words, thoughts and deeds are motivated by love which is the basic character of God, then the effect on my fellow human beings will be positive and beneficial. These influences can also be compounded by an individual's understanding of his or her religion, their upbringing, their education, their life experiences, their family of origin and many other factors.

3. How do religious leaders play a part in developing an adherent's religious belief and practice? Describe.

Most religions have officials set apart for functions of leadership, teaching, celebrating or enacting rituals and ceremonies and guiding in the beliefs and behaviours that the particular religion enjoins. These go by different names such as priests, rabbis, mullahs, imams, shamans, ministers, clerics, and other names. Some religions give more power and authority to their leaders, others less. These leaders are generally seen as representatives of their religion. In the Christian faith a priest or pastor is set apart or 'ordained' to be an icon (or image) of Christ by word and example. The religious development and understanding of adherents is ideally enhanced by the words and behaviours of their ministers but it can be severely damaged if their ministers fail to live up to their calling.

4. If you were born in another country, would your experiences influence your religious beliefs. Discuss.

This is hypothetical of course, but I would quite possibly belong to another religion if I were born in another country. For example, it is more than likely I would be a Muslim if I were born in say, Indonesia. If the question is asking how being born in another country would influence my Christian faith, I would have to answer, yes. I was born in a country where there's religious freedom. Had I been born in a country where there are severe restrictions on Christian belief and practice, I think the practice of my Christian faith would be quite different. In specific terms I cannot say how.

5. Describe how your religious beliefs, have influenced your thought processes/decision making, on important issues in your life?

My Christian faith has provided me with a framework for thinking, speaking and living in a way characterised by love which has

informed by thought processes and my decision making. I have tried to make decisions that are consistent with selfless and sacrificial love.

6. How does your sacred text help to solve problems you may be facing in your daily life?

A disciplined practice of daily prayer and Bible reading for many years has helped me become familiar with the biblical narrative and especially the centrality of Jesus, his teachings, life, death and resurrection. This practice draws me closer to him. I do not see the Bible as a book that has an answer to every problem. There are problems and questions we face today that were unknown in biblical times. The important thing is not being right but being loved. The Bible can be used as a harmful weapon which is a wrong use of it. The Bible must be read in context. The Holy Spirit guides us as we read prayerfully, not just as individuals but in the community of the Church. I have come to a different understanding of several issues like the ordination of women, the place of homosexuals, etc., through deep reflection and depending on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

7. Throughout history, religious communities have been the centre of social and spiritual gatherings for adherents. Explain your understanding of this concept, in contemporary society.

Religious gatherings are important in the monotheistic religions such as Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Eastern religions like Buddhism and Hinduism have temples but do not require worship with others but worship as individuals and in families. In Hinduism this is called *Puja*. For Christians, Jesus began forming a community by calling disciples. The Christian faith is not a private religious search. Being in community is important for many reasons, primarily because love is impossible in isolation. In addition to congregations of worshippers, Christian monastic communities have been formed as some people down the

centuries have felt called to a life of deeper and more focused prayer and discipline. In a society like ours which is becoming more consumerist and individualistic, the importance of community has become more vital.

Fr Mark Watson

## **Sentence**

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah30.6

# **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# Reading from Genesis Chapter 18, verses 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the

herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right: who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour: but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown.

# A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians Chapter 1, verses 15-29

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created

through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance.

#### Alleluia!

# The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 10, verses 38-42.

# **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

## Please pray for:

Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Ron Langley, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Lynette Brennan, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Wendy Eades, Carmen McGee, Bob Morgan, the Priest family.

## **Memorial Service - Rev John Southerden**

A memorial service in Thanksgiving for His Life and Ministry will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday 23 July 2022 at 11:30am. The service will be live streamed. Please visit Pettigrew Funerals website on the day.

## **Prayer of the Week**

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **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.

## **'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION**

We meet on a Monday at 10.00am at Holy Trinity, Terrigal.

**Reflection:** Dame Judith of Norwich, in the fourteenth century in England, described prayer as a way of complete simplicity., demanding not less than everything. This is what we have to understand that the invitation that God gives to each of us is to enter into the fulness of His life, which means that He gives us everything but, in order to enter the fulness, in order to receive, that we ourselves have to be equally generous. Everything is given both by God and by ourselves. Silence and Stillness in every season.

John Main.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

# **THANK YOU BOXES AND POUCHES**

These are available to everyone, so please take one and place a coin in it whenever you receive a blessing. Money collected by the Anglican Women will go toward Numeracy and Literacy Programs in New Guinea late in 2022. Thank you.

#### **SAMARITANS**

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of donations for the Samaritans. Items are urgently needed now and include soups, tinned vegetables, spaghetti & sauce, and items for the coming winter. Thank you.

# **VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ROSTER CO-ORDINATION**

We need a volunteer to co-ordinate the monthly rosters for Greeters and Sidespersons. This will be an ongoing role where you will organise people for a monthly roster which will be sent to the office for printing. Please see Fr Mark or call Cal in the office on Tuesday or Thursday on 4365 1115 or email her at <a href="mailto:admin@terrigalanglican.org.au">admin@terrigalanglican.org.au</a> if you are interested in volunteering for this role. Thank you.

## **OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for more volunteers for our Op Shop on Thursday and Friday. Can you spare a few hours? We would be most grateful. Op Shop volunteers need to complete a Police Check and the Safer Ministry Course, along with some other requirements prior to commencement. If you are interested in joining our lovely team, please see one of our managers, Carolyn Shields or Julie Laird, in the Op Shop or call them on 4365 1280 for more details.

#### **BEING TOGETHER**

# **Expectations of Behaviour in our Church Community**

Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us. As Christians we know our life together is strengthened when our behaviour is consistent with our faith. However, our experience of being together can be difficult, particularly when there are differences. So, it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.

**Being a community:** • We will value the wellbeing and safety of others, especially children and other vulnerable people. • We will encourage each other to participate in the life of the church. • We will consider the impact of our behaviour on others.

**Relating to each other:** • We will protect the safety of all, especially children and other vulnerable people. • We will treat each other with respect and dignity, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church. • We will act with integrity and honesty in our interactions with each other.

**Communicating with each other:** • We will communicate respectfully with others, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates. • We will speak with integrity and honesty, and refrain from speculation and gossip.

**Acknowledging difference:** • We will respect those who are different from us and not isolate or ridicule them. • We will listen to and seek to understand the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views. Responding to conflict: • We will accept responsibility for our part in a conflict. • We will be willing to play our part in resolving a conflict.



# Ordinary Sunday 16C [Pentecost 6] - Sunday 17 July 2022

- Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-29; Luke 10.38-42
   Today we read of Jesus visiting his friends, Martha and Mary.
   Martha is the ever-practical and ever-busy sister. She makes
   a good representative for us, with all the busyness that
   characterises our lives. Jesus tells her to follow her sister's
   example that is, to be more focused on the moment and
   not to neglect things that are more contemplative and less
   active.
- Jesus Christ, you are the focus of our prayer. Help us to rid our lives of unnecessary hustle and bustle so that we have time for contemplation, time just to experience the moments you give us, and the experience of being with you in prayer.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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# Next Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.00am - Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist - Cliff Bingham

<u>9.30am</u> – Holy Eucharist – Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Genesis 18.20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2.6-15

**Gospel:** Luke 11.1-13

# Rosters for next week 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10.30am Eucharist

Reader	
Margretta Haage	

# Sunday 24th July

Flowers	
Rev Ann Watson	

#### 8.00am Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 <sup>st</sup> – Robyn Crowley	Ronda & -
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Chris Crowley	

#### 9.30am Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 <sup>st</sup> – Sally Keaney	Ronda & -
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mike Keaney	

9.30am Morning Tea	
Betty Hancock, Audree Dash	

# This Week

# **Monday 18th July**

**10.00am** – Whispers of Love – a meditation [Revd. Ann Watson] **3.00pm** - Tarragal Manor Eucharist

# Tuesday 19th July

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 20th July

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Funeral - 10.00am – Vale Stephen Holton

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### **MARY MAGDALENE**

**10.30am** – Holy Eucharist [Rev Ann Watson]

Readings: Song of Songs 3.1-4a, Psalm 63, 2 Corinthians 5.14-21.

Gospel: John 20.1-18.

11.00am Woodport Aged Care Eucharist

11.00am - Morning Tea

# Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## 11.30am Memorial Service - Fr John Southerden

The service will be live streamed. Please visit Pettigrew Funerals website on the day.

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# **HOLY TRINITY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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