

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
27th November, 2022



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 273, 272, 497, 269

9.30am – **Holy Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 276, 272, 526, 279

[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:

My hope is that you can sit quietly to read my offering to you today and to seriously look at some questions and give an honest answer for yourself and to do something to fulfil the answer for yourself.

First, think of an event in your life that brought you great joy at the time and you remind yourself of that event when you are feeling a "bit down". Secondly, think of an event in your life when it brought sorrow or a sense of failure. Most of us have experiences like this and that we can work through them to have the advantage when they happen to us on another occasion.

I have noticed during the past few weeks that shopping trolleys are filled with large boxes, grocery items topped by a twelve pack of toilet paper. There must be an influx of visitors and family members for birthday celebrations. That cannot be true. There must be one day or a collection of days that are important in the lives of many people. This time zone starts with Advent Sunday, today, and culminates on Christmas Day.

During Advent we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus, expecting that the Second Coming will bring to completion the Kingdom of God on this world.

As we wait, however, we know that Jesus is with us in so many ways now: in the sacraments, in our bible reading, in our prayers, in our worship and in the lives of the saints and other people whom we know.

And so we wait for the fulfilment of God's promises.

Not only are we to wait, but today's Gospel tells us "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come."

In other words, it is not going to happen the way you planned it or at a time convenient to you.

Keep awake, be alert and pray.

On this Sunday and in several weeks, we wait with an air of expectation for the Second Coming of Jesus. I do not “kid” myself, however, that this is the way most of the people feel. I am sure that most of the people think along the lines of fervent preparations for the coming of Christmas and whatever that means to the individual.

The only thought of Advent is in an Advent Calendar that consists of a kind of sweet for each day and finishing with the coming of Santa and all the gifts that Santa may bring.

In other words, it is a pleasant way of counting down the days to the coming of Santa.

It is easy for us and many others in the world to be caught up in this fervent rush towards holidays, or the arrival of loved ones, or family dinners, or work parties, or having such and such purchase installed by Christmas.

As we may stress over such things, Advent calls us to greater things than the yearly arrival of Christmas.

Advent calls us to look at the world around us as it is wracked with violence, greed, corruption, sickness, suffering and hunger and so the list goes on.

Today’s readings remind us that our ancestors called out for a Messiah, a Saviour and here we are calling out for the return of the Messiah, the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, we wait, we hope, we keep working, keep watching and keep awake.

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

1 I was glad when they said to me:
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 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, Chapter 24, verses 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:

John, Michael Hort, Lynette Brennan, Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Colleen Wells, Harvey Boardman, Neil Ewer, Carmen McGee, Keith Corden, Merv Singh and Val King.

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.**

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ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
Account Number: 00040934 Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS BOWL

The Christmas Bowl is an ecumenical appeal bringing together the 18 member churches of the National Council of Churches. The impacts of the climate crisis, rising inflation and the ongoing war in Ukraine are all contributing to growing food scarcity for many communities already uprooted by conflict and disaster around the world. The global food crisis is now pushing millions to the brink of famine with families in urgent need of food, care and lifesaving support.

In 1949, as refugees were starving in war-ravaged Europe, the Reverend Frank Byatt, a Methodist minister, looked at his heavily-laden Christmas dinner table. The contrast he saw between our abundance in Australia and the needs of others around the world could not have been starker.

Frank then placed an empty bowl of remembrance on the table and asked his guests to reflect on their good fortune and to remember their brothers and sisters around the world who were suffering.

This Advent you have the opportunity to give to the Christmas bowl appeal via the envelopes provided or using the QR code on the poster above the bowl.

Libby Harvey
MISSION SECRETARY



First Sunday of Advent

Hope for families forced to flee their country

Eugene and her family were forced to make the heartbreaking decision to flee their country Ukraine when the fighting escalated. They are just one of the millions of families who have been forced to flee their home in recent months. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help local partners, like HIA, respond immediately to emergencies, giving families like Eugene's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

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

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

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION

We meet each Monday at Holy Trinity Terrigal at 10.00am.

Reflection: For we are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it. No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them. It is only with the help of his grace that we are able to persevere in spiritual contemplation with endless wonder at his high, surpassing, immeasurable love which our Lord in his goodness has for us.

Julian of Norwich.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

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. Prior to commencement, Op Shop volunteers need to complete a Police Check and the Safer Ministry Course, along with some other requirements regarding safety of vulnerable people and children. If you are interested in joining our team, please see one of our managers, Carolyn Shields or Julie Laird, in the Op Shop or call them on 4365 1280.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to set up new rosters for people to help with:

- *Church set up on a Sunday morning
- *Greeters
- *Sidespersons
- *Operating the slides and assisting in video recording.

If you would like to help out and volunteer in any of these roles, please let Fr Mark, another priest, church warden or myself know. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Assistant.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 4th December, 2022 from 6pm. This will be the Volunteers Dinner. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

COLIN BUCHANAN'S BIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 8th Dec at 5pm,
EV Church, 331 Terrigal Drive, Erina.

If you would like to attend Colin's concert, you can purchase tickets here: <https://colinbuchanan.com.au/blogs/shows>

Thank you.

MARKET DAY

The next market day will be 10th December will be on Saturday 10th. Once again, we will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday 9th and especially when packing away and clearing up on Saturday. If you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up, we would love to see you. Your help is always appreciated.

If you would like to contribute home-made slices, cakes or jams for our mini stall, please label your donation clearly with all of the ingredients and drop your donation off to the tea area early on the morning of Saturday 10th December. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Ian Wolstenholme.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian Fellowship. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 12th December. We hope to see you there.



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The First Sunday of Advent – Sunday 27 November 2022

- 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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Next Sunday – 4th December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

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9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21, Romans 15.4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 18th December, 2022.

4.00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by
Afternoon Tea.**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organists *Chris Sillince* and *Sharon Sandstrom* and *The Trinity Band and Singers*.

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December 2022

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December 2022

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Rosters for next week 2nd and 4th December –

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friday 2nd December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Ann West

Sunday 4th December

Flowers
Margaret MacLachlan

8.00am 4th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Margot Bilston 2 nd – Ken Bilston	TBA

9.30am 4th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers	9.30am Morning Tea
1 st – Mark Timms 2 nd – Judith Thompson	TBA	Terry Rowe Julie Rowe

This Week

Monday 28th November

10.00am – Whispers of Love – A Meditation [Rev'd Ann Watson]

Tuesday 29th November

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Practice

Wednesday 30th November

ANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

5.00pm – Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

5.30pm – Sacred Reading

Thursday 1st December

Friday 2nd December

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

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Isaiah 29.17-24, Psalm 27.9-17,

Gospel: Matthew 9.27-31

11.00am – Morning Tea

Saturday 3rd December

Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)

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