

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
15th December, 2024



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

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 264, 272, 265, 274

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

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Hymns: TIS 264, 272, 265, 274

4.00pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols**

[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.



Christmas Bowl 2024
Third Sunday of
Advent

Rima*, a mother of six, has been living in Jordan for 20 years after fleeing Gaza in 2004. Three of her children are disabled, and Rima struggled with isolation and the burden of raising her family. But everything changed when she joined the Forsa project.

Rima has now started her own sewing business from home, which enables her to earn a stable source of income, while still being able to care for her children. She is also more confident thanks to the support she has received and feels a greater sense of community and belonging for her family.

Your support can help find lasting solutions for people who have been displaced by conflicts and disasters around the world.

Act for Peace through the Christmas Bowl.
Please give today. Giving envelopes are now available.
<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/>

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

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵ 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.
¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷ 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
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: A Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12.2-6)

'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 upon 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 The Letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 4, verses 4 – 7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And 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.

⁷ 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? ⁸Bear 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. ⁹Even 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.'

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers 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.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.'¹⁸ 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:

Carolyn Gibbs, Angarad O'Malley, Emma Horton, Gloria Townsend, Robyn Smith, Merv Singh, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, David Lamb Neville Clark, Charlotte Christie and Cal Priest.

Please note: This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month. Please legibly print prayer recipients' names in the prayer book. Please get their permission first. Thank you.

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.**

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WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

'Whispers of Love' Meditation group is now in recess and will resume on Monday 3rd February, 2025.

Reflection:

May you be blessed with the Spirit of Christmas; which is Love,
The gladness of Christmas; which is Hope,
And the Heart of Christmas; which is Peace.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

Everyday items are needed all year long. These items include canned goods such as tinned vegetables and fruits, pasta & sauce. Also needed are cereal, baby needs and toiletries. If you still have Christmas goods to donate, please do so immediately as they are packing their Christmas hampers now. Thank you.
Margaret Maclachlan.

MISSION NEWS

As we reflect on the third candle for joy, pray for all those whose hearts are heavy, that they may find the quiet joy of God's love and presence through the goodness of others. Remember Rima, her family and all who are brought joy by the Forsa project and Act for Peace programmes. Rima's experience with the Forsa project shows how turning to others in compassion brings joy out of despair.

Libby Harvey
MISSIONS SECRETARY

THANK YOU BOXES

New Thank You Boxes are now available. Please take one and put some money in it whenever you receive a Blessing. Until the end of August 2025, your donations will go to the Barbara May Foundation which builds Hospitals in Africa and staffs them with Doctors, Surgeons, Midwives, Nurses and other care staff. Full Thank You Boxes may be placed in the offertory and a new one taken.
Thank you for your support.

MARKET DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped set up, run and clean up for Market Day. Your help and dedication to our church community is very much appreciated. Our next Market Day will be on Saturday 11th January, 2025.
Thank you.
Ian Wolstenholme.



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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Advent 3C – Sunday 15th December 2024

Zephaniah 3.14-20; A Song of Isaiah (APBA p. 391);
Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Although prophets often have words of judgement or even condemnation, they also reassure by reminding us of God's overall purposes of love and goodness. Those who have unjustly suffered rejection or disaster will be restored. Past wrongs will be set to right, and we can again rejoice. • We pray that God's love and goodness may once again be known to those who have unjustly suffered. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

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Next Sunday – 22nd December 2024

FOURTH 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*
Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a , Psalm: Song of Mary, Hebrews 10.5-10.

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friday 20th December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Ann West

8.00am 22nd December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Colleen Cronin 2 nd – Ann West	Ronda and -

9.30am 22nd December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – TBA 2 nd – Jocelyn Mulcahy	Ronda and -

Morning Tea	Flowers
Betty Hancock Audree Dash	The Team

This Week

Monday 16th December

Whispers of Love – A Meditation with The Reverend Ann Watson will recommence on Monday 3rd February, 2025 at 10.00am.

3.00pm – Eucharist at Terrigal Manor – The Reverend Ann Watson

Tuesday 17th December

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Practice

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 24.1-6,

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Saturday 21st December

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR



2024 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15th December, 2024.

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*, our special guest, *Ian Cox*, and *The Trinity Band and Singers*.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24th December 2024

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday 25th December 2024

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Please note: Incense will be used at both Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day at the 8.00am Sung Eucharist.

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