

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22nd December, 2024



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

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 264, 283, NEH 19, TIS 265

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 276, 268, 536, 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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

We have lit the candles of *hope, peace and joy*. Today we light the candle of *love*. The angel Gabriel told Mary a special child would be born to her. The birth of Jesus gave joy to his mother and his coming into the world also brings joy. But it was because God loved the world that he gave the gift of his Son. Through the love of Mary and Joseph, Jesus was nurtured and cared for. Jesus taught and healed because he loved. He gave his life in love.

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love of God shown in Christ.

The Fourth candle is lit

Lord God, you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son. With Joseph, she loved Jesus and cared for him until he was revealed to the world.

Give us the same love to help us witness to your Son and so spread the Good News of your love. Make us ready to welcome him. Amen.



Christmas Bowl 2024
Fourth Sunday of
Advent

In 2006, as violence escalated in Sri Lanka, Jesu was forced to flee his homeland with his wife and four children. They sought refuge in India, where they lived in a refugee camp for thirteen years. To support his family and ensure his children's education, Jesu took on demanding construction jobs. Unfortunately, the physical strain of his work led to a debilitating stroke, requiring extensive medical treatment.

The Organisation for Elangai Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), which has worked alongside Act for Peace for over 35 years, played a crucial role in helping his family transition back to life in Sri Lanka.

Your support can help refugees like Jesu and his family return home, rebuild their lives and have a safe place to belong.

Act for Peace through the Christmas Bowl.

Please give today. Giving envelopes are now available.

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/>

Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1.45

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful words.
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 Micah Chapter 5, verses 2 – 5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,

we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Mary (Magnificat, Luke 1.47–55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

A Reading from The Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10, verses 5 – 10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-
offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he

added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord:
May his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 1, verses 39 – 45**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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.

RIP John Sorensen, Elsa's brother-in-law. Thank you everyone for your prayers over the last two years.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord,
raise up your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us,
that, whereas through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer on Christmas Eve during the day

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly expectation
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our Judge;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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.

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. Thank
you. Margaret Maclachlan.

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

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

MISSION NEWS

In this Advent season we have been lighting candles with the hope of seeing the Lord and preparing for Christmas. This week we light the candle of love. Our hearts are filled with expectation that God will show great love for us.

Jesu and his family in Sri Lanka, after living in a temporary hut, now lives in a permanent home built as a result of your giving to the Christmas Bowl as an expression of Christian love. Keep being generous. Libby Harvey- MISSIONS SECRETARY

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 5th January, 2025 from 6pm. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board. Thank you.

SUNDAY EUCHARISTS IN JANUARY 2025

From December 29th and throughout January 2025, there will only be one Eucharist on Sundays at 9am.



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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Advent 4C – Sunday 22nd December 2024

Micah 5.2-5a; The Song of Zechariah (APBA p. 31);
Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.29-45 [46-55]

Michah speaks of the paradox of Bethlehem, one of the least being the birthplace of a great one who will rule over Israel. Those who knew only the insignificance of Bethlehem but who had forgotten this prophecy would criticise Jesus for his origins. The paradox remains for us, that out of smallness can come greatness.

- We pray that our senses are open to see God's greatness even in the small and seemingly insignificant.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

5.00pm Christmas Eve 24th December- Eucharist for Families

Readers	Servers
1 st – Kyara Newport	Ronda

11.00pm Christmas Eve 24th December – Midnight Mass

Readers	Servers
1 st – Libby Harvey 2 nd – The Rev'd Dr Richard Harvey	Neil

8.00am Christmas Day 25th December – Sung Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Margot Bilston 2 nd – Margot Bilston	Neil

9.30am Christmas Day 25th December – Holy Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Rev'd Ann Watson 2 nd – Rev'd Watson	Neil

ROSTERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Friday 27th December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Jill Ross

9.00am Sunday 29th December Holy Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Jen Wolstenholme 2 nd – Ian Wolstenholme	Neil

Morning Tea	Flowers
June Timms Jen Wolstenholme	Libby Harvey

Please note our Op Shop is
closed from Tuesday 24th December
and will re-open on Thursday 2nd January, 2025.

Next Sunday – 29th December 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.00am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Chris Sillince

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 , Psalm 148, Colossians 3.12-17

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

This Week

Monday 23rd December

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

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Thursday 26th December

Boxing Day

STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR

Friday 27th December

JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Proverbs 8.22-31, Psalm 97, 1 John 1.1-5

Gospel: John 20.2-8

Saturday 28th December

HOLY INNOCENTS



**2024 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

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 Midnight Mass.

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