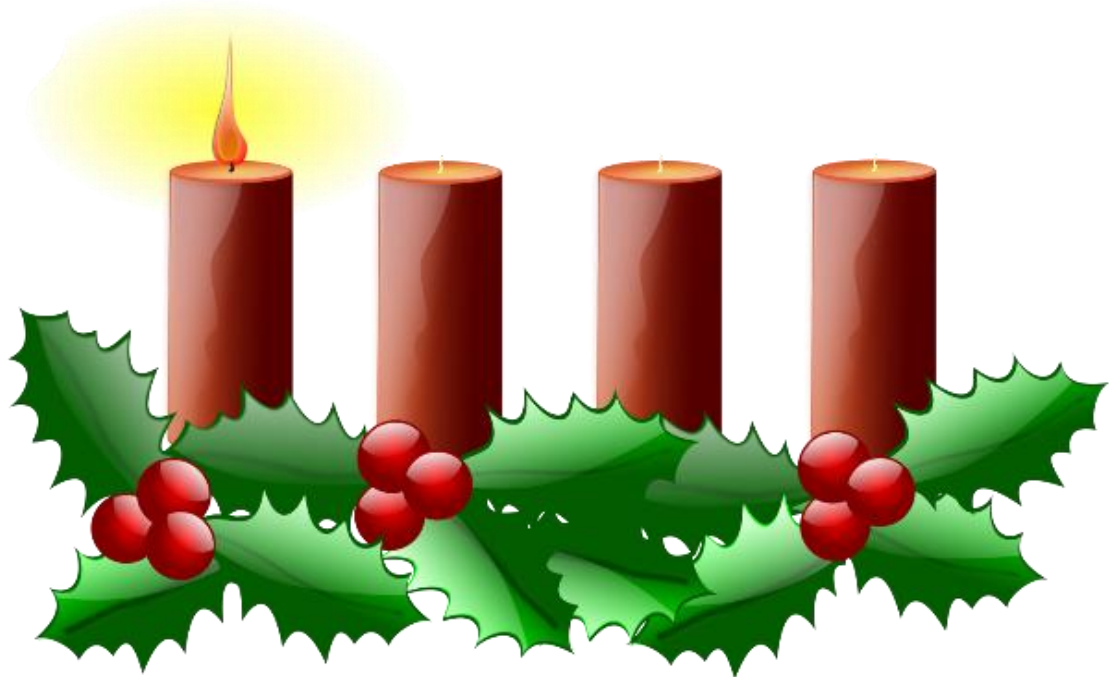


Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Andrew, Apostle and Martyr
30th November 2025



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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 273, 272, 497, 274

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

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: TIS 273, 272, 497, 274

[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 FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Not do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

Today we light the candle of hope to recall the hope we have in Christ. We await the fullness of God's reign in Christ and seek to live as citizens of that kingdom now. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The first candle is lit.

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, the Son of David. Help us prepare to celebrate his birth, to make ready our hearts and to place our hope in you.

Help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others.

Through Christ the Hope of the world. Amen.

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

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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 Romans Chapter 13 verses 9 – 14

⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ 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; ¹² 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; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ 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.

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ 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, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ 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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Pam Flegg, Merv Singh, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Robert, David Lamb, Jean Carden, Charlotte Christie, George, Ben & family, Elsa & Peter Sorensen, Maureen Alais, Richard Gosling, Roberta Henderson, Lorraine Fisher, Robyn Morgan, Jessica, Judy, Jill Ross, George, Carmen McGee, Jessica Robert, Wendy and Alan Eades and Ken, Audree Dash, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Neil Ewer, Scott, and Kate Ross (Holt).

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,
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.**

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

Our 'Whispers of Love' meditation meets **each Monday at 10.00am**. All are welcome.

Reflection:

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to hear your quiet voice calling us to stillness and the courage to enter silence and adore you.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann Watson.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Terrigal Parish is known for the beautiful flowers at all times but especially at Christmas.

If you are able to help with gifts of Christmas bush, agapanthus, other red flowers please let the office know or Libby Harvey or Rev. Ann.

They will not be needed until Tuesday 23rd December.

With thanks.

The Flower Team

MARKET DAY

The next and final Market Day for the year will be on **Saturday 13th December**. Please note this is the second week of December. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please also note there will be no Market Day in January 2026.

Donations of home-made cakes, slices, jams, or chutneys are very welcome—please label ingredients and collect a Holy Trinity Church sticker to put on them when you drop them off. Thank you.

Ian Wolstenholme – Market Day Co-Ordinator.

GARDEN BEE

Our next Garden Bee will be on **Saturday, 6th December**, starting at **8:30a.m.** Everyone is welcome to join in! The first Garden Bee for 2026 will be on Saturday 7th February.

With gratitude, *Suzanne George – Garden Captain*

OP SHOP

The Christmas season is here! Come and see our lovely stock.
Please visit and follow our Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/TerrigalOpShop/>

Blessings, The Op Shop Team

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

Essential items needed:

Canned meals, tinned fruit/veg, pasta & sauce, cereal, long-life milk, and snack bars. Also needed: toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap), sanitary pads, nappies, and baby wipes. Christmas donations welcome — especially small puddings, festive biscuits, fruit mince pies and long-life custard.

Please note the centre will be closed from 19th December 2025 to 5th January, 2026 so **please get your donations in by the 4th December** so we can get it to them in time. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET – AT OUR MARKET DAYS

13th December

Handmade crafts and craft kits – Great for stocking fillers.

Small Christmas cakes and homemade shortbread.

Well priced for that little extra you need at Christmas.

Our Craft Stall is to raise funds for our Mission work.



VOLUNTEER DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at
Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen'
Sunday 7th December 2025 from 6pm for the
Volunteer Thank You Christmas Dinner

If you would like to attend, please add your name, and your partner's name, if attending, to the sign-up sheet on the small notice board in the foyer. Thank you.

MISSION NEWS – ADVENT 1 - HOPE

"The Christmas Bowl has become an enduring ecumenical tradition, raising significant funds for humanitarian aid, transforming lives, and reminding us that generosity can ripple through generations."

Rev. Sandy Boyce

This week we focus on Ethiopia. After fleeing Eritrea, Arsema struggled to survive as a refugee in Ethiopia. Through the Christmas Bowl and their partner the Ethiopian Orthodox Church-Development and Interchurch Commission she joined the Tesfa programme where she received support and training so she could build a better life for her daughter.

Life as an urban refugee can be overwhelming, with few opportunities to earn an income.

Through the Tesfa programme refugees like Arsema receive mentoring, financial support and vocational training to create sustainable livelihoods. Arsema is now studying make-up artistry and provide for her daughter with new skills and hope for the future.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR GIVING. There are envelopes provided.

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary.

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 5th December – 10.30am

Readers
Ann West

SUNDAY 7th December - 8.00am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Margot Bilston 2 nd – Margot Bilston	Ronda and -	Bev Clark

SUNDAY 7th December - 9.30am

Readers	Servers	Morning Tea
1 st – Malcolm Sandstrom 2 nd – Jocelyn Mulcahy	Ronda and -	Jocelyn Mulcahy Evelyn White

Next Sunday – 7th December 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding & 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

This Week

Monday 1st December

10.00am – Whispers of Love - A Meditation – *Reverend Ann Watson*

Tuesday 2nd December

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

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 3rd December

Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)

Thursday 4th December

Friday 5th December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist - *Fr Mark Watson*

Readings: Isaiah 29.17-24, Psalm 27.9-17

Gospel: Matthew 9.27-31

Saturday 6th December

Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)

8.30am – Garden Bee



2025 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 14th December

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

Join us for an afternoon of seasonal music with our organists, Chris Sillince and Sharon Sandstrom, and The Trinity Band and Singers. Thoughtful readings will be shared throughout the program, creating a meaningful start to the Christmas season. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families and Children

9.45pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

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