

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21st December 2025



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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 161, 264, NEH 185, NEH 19

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

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: TIS 161, 264, NEH 185, NEH 19

[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

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

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.

Let us pray

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.

Sentence

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1.23

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 7, verses 10 – 16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;

**² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.**

³ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

**⁴ O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

**⁶ You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

**¹⁷ Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for
yourself.**

¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**¹⁹ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

A Reading from Romans Chapter 1 verses 1 – 7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew, Chapter 1, verses 18 – 25**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, 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, George, Carmen McGee, Jessica Robert, Wendy and Alan Eades and Ken, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Neil Ewer, Scott, Kate Ross (Holt), Elizabeth Lindquist, Pat A and Cal.

From Elsa Sorensen: I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed for me and supported me with cards, texts, and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. Your kindness and encouragement meant more to me than words can express. I am truly grateful for this loving church family.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS BOWL – ADVENT 4 – LOVE

In drought affected Umerkot, Pakistan, girls like Anaya once had little chance to study.

With support from the Christmas Bowl, she is now in school and dreaming of becoming a doctor, inspiring other girls in her village to learn.

In partnership with Community World Service Asia (CWSA), the Christmas Bowl is helping communities raise awareness and increase access to education - especially for girls. Displacement and poverty have left many families without schooling and healthcare, and mothers in particular are championing change.

"Hold our prayers in love and hold the women and girls seeking education and dignity in Pakistan close, dear God, to your heart". AMEN.

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary.

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

The Whispers of Love Meditation community is in recess and will resume with our first meeting in the new year on **Monday 2nd February 2026 at 10.00am.**

Blessings, Reverend Ann Watson.

GARDEN BEE

The first Garden Bee for 2026 will be on Saturday 7th February.

We look forward to seeing you there.

With gratitude, *Suzanne George – Garden Captain*

OP SHOP

Market Day will not be held in January but the

Op Shop is having a **SUPER SALE** on

Saturday 17th January starting at 8am.

A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will also be available.

Please join us — we've got amazing sale specials waiting!

Also, please visit and follow our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TerrigalOpShop/>

Blessings, The Op Shop Team

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

**Please note that the Centre will be closed from
19 December 2025 to 5 January 2026.**

**We kindly ask that donations resume on
Sunday, 4 January 2026.**

Thank you for your generous support throughout 2025—your kindness has truly made a difference to those in our community who need it most.

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.

SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Please be advised that the **10.30am Friday Eucharist will recommence on Friday 9th January.**

There will be **one service at 9am throughout January and February.** Both services will recommence on 1st March 2026.

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 10.30am – In recess until Friday 9th January 2026

SUNDAY 28th December - 8.00am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Chris Sillince 2 nd – Terry Rowe	- and Ronda	Libby Harvey

SUNDAY 28th December - 9.30am

Readers	Servers	Morning Tea
1 st – Libby Harvey 2 nd – David Harvey	- and Ronda	Betty Hancock Audree Dash

Next Sunday – 28th December 2025

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Readings: Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2.10-18

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-23

This Week

Monday 22nd December

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

10.00 – Whispers of Love – a Meditation is in recess until 2nd February

Tuesday 23rd December

Wednesday 24th December

See Below for Christmas Services

Thursday 25th December

See below for Christmas Services

Friday 26th December

Saturday 27th December



**2025 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH,
TERRIGAL**

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families and Children

9.45pm Midnight Mass (Incense will be used)

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 28th December 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8.00am – Sung Eucharist

9.30am – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.00am – Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Sunday 11th January 2026

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9.00am – Holy Eucharist

The last Friday Eucharist at 10.30am will be on 19th December 2025 and recommence on Friday 9th January 2026.

There will one service on Sundays in January and February at 9.00am. Both services will recommence in March 2026. Trinity Band and Singers will be in recess until Sunday 8th March 2026.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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