

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
ASCENSION DAY
17th May 2026



8.00am – Sung Eucharist - Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 371, 204, 388 (vv 1, 2, 7), 378

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

DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Feast of Title/Patronal Festival - Trinity Sunday 31st May.
Women's Fellowship will provide a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, and the Trinity Band and Singers will entertain with a musical programme. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sentence

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Matthew 28.19-20

Prayer of the Day

God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through suffering, into risen life,
and took him up into the glory of heaven:
clothe us with the power promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of the earth
as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 1 – 11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the

Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

1 O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.

**2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.**

3 He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.

**4 He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

5 God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

**6 O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.**

7 For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.

**8 God has become the king of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.**

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**10 For the mighty ones of the earth
are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.**

A reading from Ephesians Chapter 1 verses 15 – 23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 28 verses 16 – 20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have

commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Sharon Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Robert, David Lamb, Jean Carden, Charlotte Christie, George, Ben & family, Elsa & Peter Sorensen, Maureen Alais, Richard Gosling, Roberta Henderson, Lorraine Fisher, Jessica, Judy, George, Jessica Robert, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Scott, Neil Ewer, John Thompson, Robyn Patterson, Jo, Jill Ross, Cliff and Pam Hammond, Robert Alara, Ann, Margot Bilston, Janet, and Cal.

Prayer of the Week

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we also in our heart and mind thither ascend,
and with him continually dwell;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

Please note that 'Whispers of Love' will not meet on 18th May as the day will be a Quiet Day for Women's Fellowship and members of the parish.

Reflection:

God must love silence - so much of the world is wrapped up in it. It fills the still night. It greets the early morn - broken by the waking cry of winged risers.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

GARDEN BEE

Our next Garden Bee will be on Saturday 6th June starting at 8.30am. We welcome everyone to come along and join us in keeping our gardens looking beautiful.

With gratitude, *Suzanne George – Garden Captain*

MARKET DAY THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time and energy to help set up, run, and pack down Market Day. Your support is deeply appreciated, and events like these wouldn't be possible without you.

Our next Market Day is on Saturday 20th June from 8am to 1pm.

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.

Terry Rowe – Interim Market Day Co-Ordinator.

THANK YOU BOXES

Please take a Thank You Box and put money in it when you receive a Blessing. The money this year will go to the ABM "Jerusalem Project". The Anglican and Episcopal Church in Jerusalem raises money to support the Hospital in Gaza which sadly has been bombed and demolished but still operates in Tents with an amazing staff of Doctors and Nurses. Medical equipment and beds are desperately needed for newborn babies, their mothers, and many other patients, especially Palestinians who still reside in that area in difficult conditions. The Thank You Box money will go directly to ABM this year since the Group "Anglican Women" was disbanded due to lack of an executive to run it. Money still held by the Group has been distributed amongst the Charities that were previously supported by the Thank You Boxes.

Elsa Sorensen.

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE (WERC)

Thank you for your generous giving. Items needed now include coffee (not tea), sugar, toilet rolls, laundry powder, canned goods such as tinned fish, vegetables and fruits, cereals, pasta & sauce, and baby items. Also needed are toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and conditioner. Please do not donate anything that needs cooking.

WERC is incredibly grateful for donations but also appreciate financial donations, which is used to buy meat, bread, and margarine, and to top up their pantry when other items are running low.

You can donate money to:

The Anglican Parish of Wyoming (WERC)

BSB: 032523 Account number: 491351

Many thanks, Margot Bilston and Keith Lewis.

MISSION NEWS

Our current mission focus is on the Mission to Seafarers, culminating in Sea Sunday in July.

As is our practice we support the Mission in the Port of Newcastle.

The Mission to Seafarers was founded on London in 1856 to provide support for the spiritual and physical welfare of merchant crews worldwide. It was established by the Rev. John Ashley who saw the need to support crews on dangerous voyages. It now operates in over 200 ports worldwide.

In Australia it began 34 years earlier by the Sydney Bethel Union Society (a precursor) in 1822.

It serves as an Anglican Charity

In Newcastle, the Diocese provides a chaplain. Care is offered to seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs.

The drop in centre is open every day to provide them with emotional, practical and spiritual support.

We can support in a practical way by providing beanies, socks, toiletries, bibles and other items of comfort.

Kits are available for you to take.

Libby Harvey - MISSIONS SECRETARY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2026

National Volunteer Week 2026 runs from Monday 18th May to Sunday 24th May 2026 and celebrates the theme "*Your Year to Volunteer.*" As Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering, it recognises the millions of people who generously give their time to support communities across the country. It also highlights 2026 as the United Nations International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development.

As a church family, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our wonderful volunteers for the time, care, and effort they give throughout the year. Whether serving quietly behind the scenes or in more visible roles, your dedication helps our church community thrive and is deeply appreciated.

We are also currently seeking additional volunteers to assist in a variety of important areas within our church community.

We are currently in need of people to assist with:

- Church set-up on Sunday mornings
- Sidespersons
- Greeters
- Market Day Co-Ordinator
- Operating slides and assisting with video recording
- Op Shop volunteers – Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday
- Market Day volunteers

We are also in need of a **WHS Officer**.

Please note that a Criminal History Check, Safe Ministry Training, and a Volunteer Agreement are required for all volunteer roles.

If you feel called to serve in any of these areas, or would simply like more information, please speak with Fr Mark, one of the Church Wardens, or contact the church office. Any time you are able to give would be greatly appreciated and would be a blessing to our church community.

Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Administration

QUIET DAY

On **Monday 18th May** we are having a
Quiet Day from 10am to 2pm.

The day is being arranged by Reverend Ann Watson and anyone from our congregation is welcome.

There will be a **Healing Eucharist in the chapel at 12 noon** and various centres for quietness and meditation throughout the day.

Tea and coffee will be available but it is BYO for food.
We look forward to seeing you there.



Next Sunday – 24th May 2026

DAY OF PENTECOST

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 22nd May - 10.30am

Reader
Catherine Taylor

SUNDAY 24th May - 8.00am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Chris Sillince 2 nd – Neil Ewer	Neil	Libby Harvey

SUNDAY 24th May - 9.30am

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

This Week

Monday 18th May

NO Whispers of Love – a Meditation today

10.00am – 2.00pm – Quiet Day

3.30pm – Eucharist at Tarragal Glen – Reverend Ann Watson

Tuesday 19th May

Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d. 988)

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

10.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Fr Mark Watson*

Readings: Acts 25.13-21, Psalm 103.15-22

Gospel: John 21.15-19

11.00am – Eucharist at Woodport – Reverend Ann Watson

Saturday 23rd May

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