



Second Sunday of Advent

6th December, 2015

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Holy Eucharist - *sung* - [RH/AW]{CS}

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *said* - [Fr.R/AW]{S.Sandstrom}

[Symbols Key - [/] denotes celebrant / preacher; { } denotes musician(s)]

Our Parish Identity

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

Our Parish Vision

**We desire to shine as one in Christ
that God's will be done.**

Reading from the Book of Malachi

Chapter 3, verses 1-14.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, *'How shall we return?'*

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, *'How are we robbing you?'* In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

You have spoken harsh words against me, says the LORD. Yet you say, *'How have we spoken against you?'* You have said, *'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the LORD of hosts?'*

Hear the word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen**

**A Reading from Letter to the Philippians
Chapter 1, verses 1-11;**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the
bishops and deacons:

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

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying
with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your
sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident
of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring
it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to
think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your
heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my
imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.
For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the
compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love
may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to
help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ
you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of
righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and
praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke,
Chapter 3, verses 1-6.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

*Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’*

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Fr. Stephen Pullin, Lionel & Beth, Natalie, Anne and Maureen Hazlewood,
Joel, Merv & Joan Singh, Libby Harvey, Ilara, Rachel,
Martin & Jewel Collett & Family

**We prayerfully Remember
Beverley Allen & Gordon Robilliard**

**PARISH QUIET DAY INCLUDING MEDITATION AT 10.00AM
MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2015.**

A warm welcome is extended to attend this Advent Quiet Day

The theme is 'Waiting with the Lord'

The day starts at 9.30 am as we gather for refreshments and introduction to the day. The Quiet Day concludes with a Eucharist at 2.00 pm.

You will need to bring your lunch, bible, notebook and pen.

Tea, coffee and fruit juice will be available all day

Advent is a time when we learn how to wait for the Lord who comes in love.

"Waiting with the Lord invites us to look at Elizabeth and Zechariah, Simeon and Anna and the Mother of Jesus, Mary, all of whom exemplify this kind of waiting." We wait with a sense of promise because "we have already seen the footsteps of God." We have tasted His goodness and want more (or want to want more).

*In His name
Fr Roy and Reverend Ann*

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays at 10am

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

Meditation

What are the signs that herald the coming of the Lord into our lives.

God of heaven and earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars herald your constant presence with your people and the coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Remove our fear and enable us to welcome him with great joy. He lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

Prayerfully, Revd. Ann

SAMARITANS

Samaritans Emergency Relief at Wyoming hands out additional food in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

To enable us to do this we need your help in adding the following items to our pantry: Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, tinned ham, tinned fruit, long life custard, lollies. Terrigal Parish's continuing support is appreciated.

Thank you, Anna Holt

NAME BADGES

Do you need to replace your name badge or order a new one? We will be placing an order in the next few weeks. Please speak to Kyara Newport, Bev Broadley or ring the office

Thank you, Bev Broadley

ADVENT

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

FROM 6TH DECEMBER

Reverend Ann on behalf of The Women's Fellowship.

ADVENT STUDY

A warm welcome is extended to join with the Friday Bible Study Group for an Advent Study on the following Fridays - 11 December & 18 December. The study is Exploring Advent with Luke - 4 Questions for Spiritual Growth. Do come along, a great way to prepare for the coming of the Lord

In his Name, Reverend Ann

PARISH CLEANING BEE – SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 9.00AM

Could you spare an hour or so on this morning to help prepare our church for the Christmas season. Lots of dusting and wiping down, windows and a general spruce up. Your help would be greatly appreciated to make our church sparkle for our visitors.

All welcome.

MISSION REPORT

ABM 2015 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This years ABM projects for Advent and Christmas are focused on

Gender & Governance Initiative - Zambia

Hope for Life - Australia

Christmas Appeal - Kenya & the Philippines.

Gender & Governance Initiative - Zambia

During 2015, almost 8000 people living in remote western part of Zambia have been supported by community members that formed a gender action group - **GAG**.

Through the support of ABM, the group help teenage girls to continue their education instead of marrying.

The group also counsel both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.

The GAG is also making community members aware of where they can go for help in the case of domestic violence and what their legal rights are.

Further funding is desperately needed so that more groups of motivators can be trained to work within their own communities.

The trading will help change attitudes and behaviours relating to gender based violence and the empowerment of women.

Please support the Gender & Governance program run by the Anglican Church in Zambia.

Next Week: Hope for Life - Australia.

CHRISTMAS ECARD.

This year ABM provides a free Christmas eCard which you can send to all of your family, friends and contacts. Visit the ABM website, click on the link to the eCard page where you can preview the card which may be personalised as you wish.

ABM also has weekly readings, reflections and prayers for you to use as part of your preparation for the Advent and Christmas season.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary

MARKET DAY – 12th DECEMBER

We are thankful to all who have helped last month with Market Day. Once again we will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday and especially with packing away and clearing up on Saturday. Your help is always appreciated and we need everyone who is able to assist us, so if you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up we would love to see you.

Don't forget to make your cakes. Our visitors wait for them and are always looking for home made cakes.

Monday 7th December

9.30am – Parish Quiet Day

Tuesday 8th December

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9th December

9.30am to 12.15pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]

10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/Concert [AW]

5.30pm – Sacred Reading [Fr.R]

Thursday 10th December

10.00am – Pastoral Care Meeting

Friday 11th December

9.15am - 12.00pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [AW] and morning tea

Readings – Isaiah 48.17-19; Ps: 1; Matthew 11: 16-19

11.45am - Bible Study [AW] - *The Gospel of St John*

1.00pm – Market Day Preparations

Saturday 12th December

8.00am – Garden Working Bee

8.00am -1.00pm – Market Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2015

Monday 14th December – 12.30pm – Women’s Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December -10.45am–Eucharist at The Nursing Home(Aurrum)AW

Thursday 17th December - 10.00am – Eucharist at The Pod [AW]

Thursday 17th December – 11.00am – Samaritans Link Day

Saturday 19th December – 9.00am – Parish Cleaning Bee

Sunday 20th December – 3.30-5.30pm – Messy Church Christmas

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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7.30am - Holy Communion [sung][AW/RH] {CS}
9.30am – Holy Communion [said][AW/Fr.R] {Trinity Band & Singers}

Eucharistic Readings:

Zephaniah 3.14-20; For the Ps. Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4-7; Luke 3.7-18

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - TERRIGAL
92 Serpentine Road Terrigal

Join us for
SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2015

Saturday 19th December at 5.00pm

5.00pm - *Christmas Carols followed by sausage sizzle*

Sunday 20th December

3.30 - 5.30pm - *Messy Church Christmas*

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve

5.00pm - **Family Service with Eucharist**

11.30pm - **Sung Eucharist**

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

7.30am - **Christmas Eucharist - sung setting**

9.30am - **Christmas Eucharist**

Sunday 27th December

Normal Sunday Services

7.30am - **Sung Eucharist**

9.30am - **Eucharist**

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 6.00PM

Parish Dinner at the Bowlo - all welcome!!!

The Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.
We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...
to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Said Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - Evensong –In recess

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Friday at 10.30am - Eucharist

1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/concert

3rd Wednesday at 10.45am - The Nursing Home Eucharist

[Aurrum]

3rd Thursday at 10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

‘Whispers of Love’ - a meditation (Monday at 10.00am); Women’s Fellowship (2nd Monday at 1.00pm); Coffee and Craft (3rd Tuesday at 1.00pm); Parish Council (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm); Trinity Band (Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm) (Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays); Sacred Reading (Wednesday at 5.30pm); Bible Study (currently in recess); Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); Bible Study (Friday at 11.30am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (1st Saturday at 10.00am) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

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Holy Trinity Opportunity Shop ... contact (02) 4365 1280

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(The Reverend) **Richard Harvey** – 0422 109 262

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Keith Watson (4365 1065) - Rector's Warden

Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People's Warden

Kyara Newport (4384 3997) - People's Warden

Parish Secretary - Julie-Anne O'Regan (0400 446 823)

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Parish Ministries

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Parish Bookshop - **Julie-Anne O'Regan**

Parish Opportunity Shop

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The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm