



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity**

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

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *said* - [AW/Fr.R]{Trinity Band & Singers}**

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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH TODAY ARE IN MEMORY OF  
BEVERLEY ALLEN**

**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.**

**A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah  
Chapter 3, verse 14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

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## **For the Psalm : Song of Isaiah**

'Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength, and my song:  
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say :  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.

Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

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## **A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians Chapter 4, verses 4 to 7;**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Luke,  
Chapter 3, verses 7–18.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, *'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'*

And the crowds asked him, *'What then should we do?'* In reply he said to them, *'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'* Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, *'Teacher, what should we do?'* He said to them, *'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'* Soldiers also asked him, *'And we, what should we do?'* He said to them, *'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, *'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'*

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Please pray for**

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

## **'WHISPERS OF LOVE' MEDITATION GROUP**

**Mondays at 10am**

**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME**

### **A Reflection**

God rest us.

Rest that part of us which is tired.

Awaken that part of us which is asleep.

God awaken us and awake within us.

*The prayer Tree Leunig*

*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*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am** - 'Whispers of Love'  
Women's Fellowship Meeting Luncheon

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.00pm** - Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**10.45am**—Eucharist at The Nursing Home(Aurrum)*AW*

**5.30pm** – Sacred Reading [*Fr.R*]

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am** – Eucharist at The Pod [*AW*]

**11.00am** – Samaritans Link Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**10.30am** - Holy Eucharist [*AW*] and morning tea

**Readings** – Jeremiah 23. 5-8; Ps 72.15-19; Matthew 1: 18-24

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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00am** – Parish Christmas Cleaning Bee

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Messy Christmas**

**3.30 - 5.30 pm**

**All Welcome!**



Please join us for this different service  
and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

**Next Sunday – 20th December, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

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

**Eucharistic Readings:**

Micah 5. 2-5a; Ps.Song of Mary; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

**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.

**VALE BETH CROSS**

Beth and Lionel Cross came to the Central Coast in the 80's, when services at St Georges were only held monthly. These services were taken mostly by retired Bishops and clergy. Beth joined with the Parishioners to lobby for more regular services to be held. Stories can be told of the lovely lunches Beth would hold at her home both for the St George Parishioners and the Matcham Tea Club. Beth was Rector's Warden at Matcham and a member of the Terrigal Parish Council for many years, always working hard organising musical nights, Christmas Carols open air movies on the grounds of St Georges. Beth also loved her Sunday School people taking great joy in teaching them and passing on her own love of the Christian faith. Beth will be missed by all of us.

**PARISH CLEANING BEE – SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 9.00AM**  
**URGENT HELP NEEDED**

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. We also need to remove cobwebs so our alarm does not go off. Your help would be greatly appreciated to make our church sparkle for our visitors . All Welcome

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - TERRIGAL**

**92 Serpentine Road Terrigal**

**Join us for**

**SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2015**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm**

**5.00pm - Christmas Carols *followed by sausage sizzle***

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**3.30 - 5.30pm - Messy Church Christmas**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

**5.00pm - Family Service with Eucharist**

**11.30pm - Sung Eucharist**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**

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

**9.30am - Christmas Eucharist**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

**Normal Sunday Services**

**7.30am - Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am - Eucharist**



**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 5.00PM**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**Followed by a sausage sizzle**

**Bring your friends**

**PLUM PUDDINGS**

**If you have ordered a pudding they re available for collection**

## **ADVENT A TIME TO LEARN HOW TO WAIT**

### **From the Locum**

Thank you for your prayers so faithfully offered to our Loving Lord as we awaited a new Rector for our parish. It has been a time of waiting but now we have the quiet assurance that a new era in our church life begins as Fr Mark Watson comes to join us in the New Year. Please pray for Fr Mark as he prepares for the transition from Christ Church Cathedral to Holy Trinity.

**The Induction of Fr Mark will take place on Monday 15 February, 2016.**

May I share this reflection with you:.

Carlo Carretto, the renowned spiritual writer, spent many years living alone as a hermit in the Sahara desert. He wrote a number of books from that place of solitude, including one entitled, Letters from the Desert. In that book, he has a message for those of us who live busy lives in the world. "What is God trying to say to us in our busy lives?" He suggests this: "Be patient! Learn to wait - for each other, for love, for happiness, for God!" Learn to wait! [Many of our problems flow from the reality that] we often don't wait properly for things.

Grace and peace

## **FREEWILL GIVING**

**PLEASE CONSIDER WEEKLY GIVING BY AUTOMATIC CREDIT PAYMENT**

**OUR BANK DETAILS ARE: ANGLICAN PARISH OF TERRIGAL  
BSB 032-545 ... Parish Westpac Account Number 16-9152**

**For further details please speak to Treasurer Terry Rowe or another Warden.**

**WEEKLY GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT REALLY HELPS  
PARISH BUDGETING AND TO SECURE OUR FINANCIAL VIABILITY.**

## **MARKET DAY THANK YOU**

To all who gave their time to help with this Market Day, thank you. Also some good news – we are not having a market day in January, so mark February 21<sup>st</sup> in your diaries for our first one for 2016

## **MISSION REPORT - 13th December 2015**

### **ABM - AUSTRALIA: HOPE FOR LIFE**

Hope For Life will be a specialised early intervention service designed to assist teen mothers and their support circle to develop a healthy family environment.

A gap in specialised service providers for teenage parents with an unborn child in Moree of been of great concern.

Anglicare in the region has discovered that teenage mothers would welcome support and guidance during this challenging, anxious and unknown period of their lives.

A significant number of Aboriginal teenagers will become clients of Hope for Life and ABM believes this innovative project needs to be supported in its initial three-year pilot to offer further care to Indigenous young women.

The Hope for Life program is one of the two Mission projects (the other program being Youth Engagement in Northern Australia Remote Communities - initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth) the Parish Council elected to support this year through our ongoing regular Missional contributions.

Please support the vital work which is being undertaken in this NSW community.

### **THE CHRISTMAS BOWL - ACT FOR PEACE**

This years theme:

#### **GIVE A REFUGEE CLEAN WATER AND HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS**

*Since 1949, the Christmas bowl appeal has brought compassionate Christians together to help bring hope and safety to the world's most vulnerable communities.*

The Reverend Frank Byatt of Victoria placed an empty bowl on the dinner table and he humbly asked his family and friends who were present to give what they considered the cost of the meal had been. He urged his guests to reflect on their own good fortunes in being able to share a Christmas meal together in comfort and safety, and he invited them to do something selfless, to share God's blessings of love and friendship in the form of a gift to bring relief and hope to the people who had fled the horrors of World War II and were suffering as refugees.

This invitation to Australian Christians, to stand by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever.

This year the Christmas Bowl is helping families who have fled terrible fighting in Southern Sudan, where in 2015, more than 200,000 people have crossed the border. Many people are desperately trying to keep children healthy while living in squalid, overcrowded refugee camps.

#### **CLEAN WATER**

**something that we take so much for granted can mean life or death for these refugees.**

The Christmas Bowl appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

Next week: ABM Evangelism and Christian Education program.

Christmas Bowl.

*Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.*

**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**

**6.00pm - 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday in the month – ‘Saturday at 6’**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10.30am - 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1.00pm); Parish Council (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm); Trinity Band (Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm) (Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays); Sacred Reading (Wednesday at 5.30pm); Bible Study (currently in recess); Pastoral Care (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10.00am); Bible Study (Friday at 11.30am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10.00am) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 8.00am)**

*Parish contact - (02) 4365 1115 or mobile 0427 135 771*

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

**Parish Website – [www.terrigalanglican.org.au](http://www.terrigalanglican.org.au)**

## **Parish Directory**

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

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

### **Parish Opportunity Shop**

**Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans** - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm  
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm