

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018**



**7.30am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*  
*Organist – Chris Sillince***

**Hymns: TIS 276, 268, NEH 19 (second tune - *Puer nobis nascitur*), 283  
Baroque Organ Postlude: *Prelude in C Major* (J S Bach)**

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*  
*Trinity Band and Singers***

**Hymns: TIS 268, 288, 281, 302**

[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**

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

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.

**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**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

*Luke 1.45*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God,  
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,  
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.     **Amen**

### **A reading from Micah Chapter 5. verses 2 – 5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm - Song of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices  
in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: From  
this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his  
name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to  
generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the  
proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting  
up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich  
away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember  
the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews,**

**Chapter 10. verses 5 – 10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia!**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke , Chapter 1, verses 39 – 45**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **GIVING BIRTH WITH MARY**

At this busy time of year, the Church invites us to reflect again on the strange events recorded in the Gospels that tell of the birth of Jesus. In today's Gospel, we hear about Mary, who was chosen to bear the One who would grow up and save the world from all that spoils it and inhibits its flourishing. When the angel announced to her that she would be giving birth, she said, "Let it be done to me according to your word." In her "Yes" to God, Mary sets us an example of quiet yet confident trust in the promises of God. There was fear, too. To have faith doesn't mean completely understanding; it doesn't mean never doubting or questioning.

Mary, in bearing the Son of God in her womb, shows us how we can carry Christ to the world. Each of us is called to allow Jesus to be born in us and then to bear him to the world – to be his body, his hands and feet and voice. This brings Christmas right to where we are. The Church is called Christ's *body*, the means

of his working and ministering in the world. God is again *incarnate*, made flesh, in the Church. This is what makes being a Christian, a follower of Jesus, so exciting and fulfilling. We are involved in the work of God in the world!

But to do this requires God's grace; it isn't something we can do in our own strength or by our own resources. The current economic and environmental challenges we face on a global scale have surely convinced us of that. The Archbishop of Canterbury has called it a "reality check".

Yet, as the angel told Mary, "nothing will be impossible with God". In response, we pray with Mary, "Let it be with me according to your word." As we gather around the Lord's table to share the Eucharist, or Mass – Christmas is *Christ's Mass* – we receive in the bread and wine the very presence of God. Jesus is born in us again. We then go forth in the name of Jesus to incarnate, to embody, to en-flesh his life to others. What a wonderful privilege *and* responsibility.

Let us praise the Lord of heaven and earth for his gift to us, and let us share that gift with the world, in loving service and lavish generosity.

Fr Mark

**Please pray for**

Barbara Matthews, Maureen H, Joan and Norman Williams,  
Bill Howard, Joel, Paul C, Reg Gill, Pat Jessup, Jan  
Wendy and Alan Eades, Jean Easy, Lynn Cooke, Paul Naylor,  
Isabel Horsley, Ian Frasier, Jack K,  
Julie and Richard T

## **Prayer in time of drought.**

All things look to you, O Lord,  
to give them their food in due season:  
look in mercy on your people,  
and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions  
are threatened by drought.

In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.

So guide and bless your people,  
that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth  
and give you thanks with grateful hearts,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 205).

## ***Samaritans Christmas Appeal***

A big thank you to all parishioners who have kindly donated goods and money throughout 2018. Wyoming Relief Centre have advised that whilst they have enough food for the Christmas Hampers, they are still in need of money and toys. If you wish to make a donation, please place an envelope in the collection plate marked for Samaritans.

Your donations are gratefully accepted and will be used to help those in need this Christmas

*Margaret Maclachlan.*

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2018**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 12.00pm – Australia Day Lunch**



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL 2018**

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**5.00pm** Eucharist for Children and Families

**11.00pm** Midnight Mass

### **CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**7.30am** Sung Eucharist

**9.30am** Holy Eucharist

*Incense will be used at 11pm on Christmas Eve and 7.30am on Christmas Day.*

## **Mission Report 23rd December 2018**

### **ANGLICAN BOARD of MISSION : CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL**

*Working for Love, Hope & Justice.*

#### **Church to Church Program - Language & Training Centre at St Peter's Bible School**

In the Diocese of Taungoo, the Church of the Province of Myanmar is committing to the education program outlined in its strategic plan. 170 miles from Yangon, there are many young people and children from low income families desperate to access English language and computer courses, and music training for better opportunities.

Funding for this project will allow St Peter's Bible School to establish an English Language Centre, to offer such training for young people, irrespective of their religious background.

Life in Myanmar has changed rapidly in recent years and there are many demands on young people.

Project Coordinator, the Rev Aung Khaing Nyunt said, "Young people and children who are from low income families but eager to learn English language and computer do not have many opportunities but those who live in different parishes within Taungoo Diocese will be able to come to this project."

"English language becomes an essential language for young people not only for their further education but also for job opportunity. Therefore, this project will be very useful for their future dreams," he said

Help young people in Myanmar to realise their future dreams through this project (non-tax-deductible).

## HOW TO DONATE

**Via the Parish** - Place your envelope into the offertory plate. Parish donations are able to be included as part of our Parish Diocesan Mission Target.

**Online:** You can make an online donation to the 2018 Advent and Christmas Appeal here or by clicking on the DONATE NOW button.

**Mail:** you can enclose a cheque/money order (made out to the Anglican Board of Mission - Australia. Please include the campaign name 2017 Advent and Christmas Appeal/project with your donation) and send it to:

Anglican Board of Mission – Australia  
Locked Bag Q4005

Coralie Taylor -Mission Secretary.

### Rosters for 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### 5.00pm Family Eucharist

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
	Margaret MacLachlan	Daisy-Mena Proud	Margaret MacLachlan Neil Ewer

#### 11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
	Terry Rowe	Libby Harvey Terry Rowe	Coralie Taylor Margaret MacLachlan Neil Ewer

## Rosters for 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Christmas Day

### 7.30am

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
	Margaret MacLachlan	Carmen McGee Margaret MacLachlan	Jan Bolte Margaret MacLachlan Neil Ewer

### 9.30am

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
	Laurie Meakins	Maureen Hazlewood Laurie Meakins	Coralie Taylor

## Rosters for 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### 7.30am

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
Charlotte and Eva Martin	Bev Broadley		Rhonda Kiss Jan Bolte

### 9.30am

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
	Terry Rowe	Anna Holt John Holt	Coralie Taylor
<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Counting Roster</b>		<b>Flowers</b>
Margaret and Duncan Piper	Audree Dash Terry Rowe		Margaret MacLachlan

**Next Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**7.30am – Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson***

***Organist – Chris Sillince***

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

***Organist – Chris Sillince***

**Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26, Psalm – 148, Colossians 3. 12-17**

**Gospel Luke 2. 41-52**

## This Week

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**5.00pm – Family Eucharist**

**11.00pm – Midnight Eucharist**

Mediation – Whispers of Love – *in recess until Feb 2019*

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

**7.30am – Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am – Holy Eucharist**

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

**8.00am – Morning Prayer** *in recess until 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019*

**5.00pm – Holy Eucharist** (*Fr Roy*) *in recess until 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019*

**5.30pm – Sacred Reading** (*Fr Roy*) *in recess until 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019*

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

**John Apostle and Evangelist**

**8.00am – Morning Prayer** *in recess until 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019*

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Holy Innocents**

**8.00am – Morning Prayer** {*Fr Mark*}

**10.30am – Holy Eucharist** [*Fr Mark*] and morning tea

Readings – Jeremiah 31. 15-20, Psalm 124, 1 John 1.5-2.2

Matthew 2. 13-18

**10.30am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care**

**11.45am – Bible Study**

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

*Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1170)*

**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 – Holy Eucharist**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month - Messy Church**

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

**Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity**

**Tues to Friday - 8.00am - Morning Prayer**

**Friday at 10.30am - Eucharist**

**1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist**

**2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist**

**Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist**

**3rd Thursday at 10.30am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]**

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 10.30am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care**

**VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES**

**'Whispers of Love'** - a meditation (*Monday at 10.00am*); **Women's Fellowship** (*2nd Monday 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*); **Pastoral Care** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10.00am*); **Bible Study** (*Friday at 11.45am*); **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)**

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**The Reverend Dr Richard Harvey – 0422 109 262**

**The Reverend Bruce McAteer - 0417 229 296**

### **Parish Executive**

**Neil Ewer (0412 640 477) – Rector’s Warden**

**Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People’s Warden**

**Kyara Newport (0400 994 779) - People’s Warden**

**Parish Secretary - Kyara Newport (0400 994 779)**

**Parish Treasurer - Terry Rowe (4365 0430)**

### **Parish Ministries**

**Parish Organist - Chris Sillince - 0422 225 849**

**Sacristan and Mission Secretary - Coralie Taylor**

**Messy Church Convenor - Rhonda Kiss – 4363 5001**

**Pastoral Care - contact - 4365 1115**

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**Safety Officer - Mike Keaney**

**Copyright Compliance Officer – Terry Rowe**

**Parish Bookshop – Kyara Newport**

**Market Day Co-ordinator – George Jessup - 4368 2237**

### **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**