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### **Church Street farewells its namesake**

**Parishioners of St Mark's Anglican Church, Terrigal are preparing to farewell their Church's historic location and move to a brand new location on Serpentine Road, Terrigal.**

The new Church will be called Holy Trinity and is currently being built by local builder, North Construction & Building Pty Ltd. The move is the result of the sale of the St Mark's property on the Corner of Church Street and Kurrawyba Street in Terrigal to a developer. Long standing locals may remember that Church Street was named in recognition of the churches originally located at either end of the street.

The Archdeacon of the Central Coast, Arthur Copeman, has commented, " The parish community at Terrigal for several years now has been planning this venture which will provide a new house of prayer and base for Christian mission closer to the centre of the geographical parish. While it is an Anglican enterprise, it is hoped that Christians of other traditions and all people of good will find a welcome at Holy Trinity."

The design of the new Holy Trinity Church reflects local history and caters to contemporary needs, with sentimental items from St Mark's such as stained glass windows, doors and the altar, being incorporated in the "Founder's Chapel" of the new Church. The views from the worship space take in protected natural surrounds, giving a peaceful and surreal atmosphere.

St Mark's has an interesting history. The current brick Church building was constructed in 1966, although the Church began with its first service held in a tent in January 1914. It progressed to a timber building which was located on the now Westpac Bank site, and then was re-located across the road to the current St Mark's site. It was then moved once again to the rear of the site to allow for the construction of the brick building. The historic timber building currently houses "Boutique 4 U" this outlet will be re-accommodated at the new Holy Trinity site. Money raised through the Boutique 4U shop helps fund Church missionary and charity work.

A grand opening is being planned for Holy Trinity when the building is consecrated. All who have attended St Mark's Terrigal, St George's Matcham, St Paul's Wamberal and St David's Avoca (the Churches which formed the Parish of Terrigal) will be invited to attend, and a warm welcome will be extended to anyone who wishes to be part of this significant event. When St Mark's Terrigal is deconsecrated the parishioners will worship at St George's Matcham until Holy Trinity has received the final touches.