

# Anglican Parish of Terrigal Church of the Holy Trinity



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**18th December, 2011**

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Fr. Brian will preside and preach at the 7.30am Sung Eucharist.

Trinity Teens will present Building Up To Christmas  
and Fr. Brian will preside at the 9.30am Eucharist.

"Our Sunday School programme will be taking a break commencing 18th December, 2011 until 29th January, 2012. Children's packs with activities are available from the Welcome Table."

Please join us for coffee / tea and a chat after the service

**Hymn Numbers 7.30am: 283 290 503 273**

**Hymn Numbers 9.30am: 173 289 302 [312 v 1 & 5]  
[304 v 1] 519 592**

**Order of Service: Prayer Book, page 119**

**Rector: (The Reverend Canon) Brian Gibbs**

**Associate Priests: Rev'd Roy Hazlewood, Rev'd Warren Croft  
and Rev'd Ann Watson**

## Hymn of the Week – 290

The words of this hymn derive ultimately from Prudentius's *Cathemerinon*, a daily hymn book for private use which he completed in the early years of the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The 9<sup>th</sup> poem is one on the miracles of Christ, and is described as *hymnus omnis horae*: at every hour we should remember the everlasting Son begotten of the Father's love.

*Corde Natus (Divinum Mysterium)* is the set tune for this hymn and is found in many manuscripts from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries and is possibly of Byzantine origin. Though one of the most beautiful of the plainsong tunes, its dance-like character allies it more with the French Church Melodies. Our version of the melody appeared in the 1904 edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern*.

### A Reading from the Book of 2 Samuel Chapter 7, verses 1-11, 16

<sup>7</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27

- 1 Lord, I will sing forever of your loving-kindnesses:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness  
that it is built for ever:  
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.**
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:  
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:  
and build up your throne for all generations.'**
- 19 You spoke once in a vision:  
and said to your faithful one,
- 20 'I have set a youth above a warrior:  
I have exalted a young man out of the people.**
- 21 'I have found my servant David:  
and anointed him with my holy oil.
- 22 'My hand shall uphold him:  
and my arm shall strengthen him.**
- 23 'No enemy shall deceive him:  
nor shall the wicked hurt him.
- 24 'I will crush his adversaries before him:  
and strike down those that hate him.**
- 25 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:  
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.
- 26 'I will set the hand of his dominion  
upon the Western Sea:  
and his right hand shall stretch  
to the streams of Mesopotamia.**
- 27 'He will call to me "You are my Father:  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

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

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## **A Reading from Romans Chapter 16, verses 25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

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The Lord be with you / **and also with you**

## **The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St Luke Chapter 1, verses 26-38**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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## *The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle*

Our Ref: CRM Terrigal

22 November 2011

**COPY FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION**

Mr Trevor Williams  
Parish of Terrigal  
PO Box 167  
TERRIGAL NSW 2260

Dear Trevor

At an extraordinary meeting of the Property Approvals Board on Thursday 17 November your further application for the installation of a pipe organ at Holy Trinity, Terrigal, was carefully considered by the members of the Board.

I am grateful that the parish has done a considerable amount of work and preparation in terms of such application. It is obvious that you have worked hard to bring about the best outcome in terms of minimising the impact of such installation on the liturgical space of the church, and in providing a sympathetic and contemporary installation appropriate to such a new and vital space.

The Board spent a considerable amount of time considering your application and resolved as follows:

**"That the Property Approvals Board thanks the parish for its information on this matter but notes that the location of the console has been omitted from the drawings.**

**The Property Approvals Board is concerned that the console may intrude too much into the worship space. The Property Approvals Board is also concerned on the impact of the location of the console on the use of space within the church in the future. The Property Approvals Board notes that there are numerous organs (perhaps the majority) where the console is incorporated into the organ casing. The Property Approvals Board asks that the parish consider locating the console within the footprint of the proposed organ casing. The Property Approvals Board further notes that if necessary future service access could be obtained by the provision of an access door through the adjoining store room wall.**

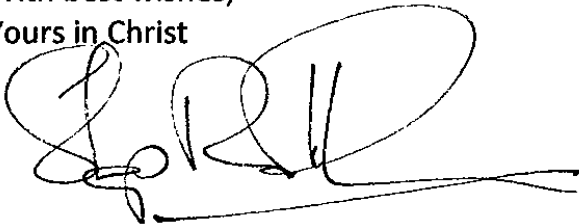
**The Property Approvals Board asks for the parish to resubmit this proposal once these matters are addressed."**

As will be apparent to you from the resolution of the Board, we are seeking to affirm the parish in its work to date. The primary concern of the members of the Board is that the flexibility designed into the liturgical space of the church is not unduly impacted upon or limited by the installation of this instrument. The members of the Board were also concerned that the console not impact unduly upon the liturgical space of the Baptistry, nor present any unnecessary visual interruption to the worship area when entering from the corridor adjacent to the Founders' Chapel.

I would be grateful if you will seek further advice regarding the issues raised by the Board and let me know the outcome of those discussions as soon as is practicable. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to clarify any of the matters raised.

Be assured of my prayerful support for you and your parish in our work together for the sake of the Kingdom.

With best wishes,  
Yours in Christ



**The Venerable Stephen Pullin**  
**Archdeacon of Newcastle**  
**Chair, Property Approvals Board**

cc: The Reverend Canon Brian Gibbs, Rector

**Note from the Rector**

This letter has been received from the Property Approvals Board and was tabled at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday evening. The Council will consider options at its next meeting, scheduled for January, 2012. The next P.A.B. meeting is scheduled for 31st January next year. *BG*

**Christmas Carols and Telling the Christmas Story**  
**in the grounds of Holy Trinity - Christmas Eve from 6.00pm**

**Weather permitting we will be setting up the Holy Trinity Band adjacent to the eastern wall of the church building and then placing chairs facing the band. It would be appreciated if parishioners could help with setting up, from about 3.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The afternoon Eucharist will begin at 5.00pm in the Founders Chapel. Following the Eucharist we will join those gathering for the Carols and Story Time in the grounds of the Holy Trinity. *BG***

# CHRISTMAS 2011

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**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent (violet)**

At the **9.30am Family Service** our Trinity Teens Youth Group will be presenting ...'**Building Up To Christmas**'... a reflection upon the Christmas Story.

The Terrigal Chamber of Commerce '**Twilight Christmas Carols on the Beach**' commences **at 6.00pm**. The Terrigal Ministers Association will be involved.

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**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December from **5.00pm****

Carols, '**Building Up to Christmas**' Presentation, games and sausage sizzle with Trinity Teens at St George's, corner of Oak and Coachwood Roads, Matcham. All invited!

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

**5.00pm** – Holy Communion in Holy Trinity

**6.00pm** - Carols in the Grounds of Holy Trinity

incorporating singing, sharing the Christmas Story and prayers

**11.30pm** – Vigil Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

**7.30am** – Holy Eucharist

**9.30am** – Holy Eucharist

**Services throughout January 2012 will follow the usual weekly pattern**

**As the Feast of Christmas approaches** and, hopefully, many from the wider community choose to join us for some part of our advertised Christmas programme, **I wish to encourage all parishioners to circulate our Christmas programme widely**; to extend personal invitations; and to be comfortable to be part of extending parish hospitality and welcome to visitors over the Christmas period. Whereas for much of the year the wider community focus is elsewhere, nevertheless with the coming of the Christmas season many are still open to hearing, sharing and celebrating God's Christmas story.

**Accordingly I wish to encourage us all to grasp such an outreach opportunity with intentionality, that we might be part of a compelling witness to God's Gospel and our legitimate place as an Anglican parish in Christian mission and ministry in our region.**

## Proclaiming God's Gospel at Christmas Time

At least for the time being, and in general, our Australian community welcomes the season of Christmas. Many families would still like their children to hear and know the Christmas story in the same manner that children's baptisms are still sort.

**Traditionally Anglican parishes are likely to experience greater participation in worship at Christmas and Easter** – although this may be flagging, without encouragement. Openness and potential exists, however I believe that each and every one of us needs to be proactive and energetic in advertising our Christmas activities and inviting people personally.

Experience suggests that we need to be wise, creative and even bold in what we offer. I suspect that that translates into some variation in how we gather and what we do at Christmas. Absolutely we must celebrate Christmas in the time-honoured and profound traditions of Holy Communion. However we must also endeavour to embrace and communicate with those who do not know, or understand or seek-out Holy Communion but who do look to the church for a Christmas conversation and comfort.

**To follow is a brief summary of what will be happening in the parish over Christmas. This information is provided in the event that it may be helpful as you talk to others and plan your own responses for the Christmas period.**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 5.00pm at St George's Matcham – 'Building Up To Christmas**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00pm at Holy Trinity, Terrigal – Holy Communion**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00pm - Christmas Carols, Telling the Christmas Story, and Prayer in the grounds of Holy Trinity.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm – Solemn Eucharist at Holy Trinity**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30am – Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am – Said Eucharist at Holy Trinity**

**This year the parish's Christmas Services include four opportunities for Holy Communion.**

The first takes place from **5.00pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**. Hopefully those attending might then like to join the Carols Service which will follow in the grounds of Holy Trinity from 6.00pm on Christmas Eve.

The second Holy Communion Service happens from **11.30pm on Christmas Eve**. There is something very special about gathering at such an hour in anticipation of one of the two great feasts in the Christian calendar. It may not be convenient and it is almost certainly not part of our normal routines to be gathering at such an hour – but this is a unique moment and stunning feast that we embrace! In the spirit of Advent the 'Vigil Mass' anticipates. We literally "stay awake," surrendering our normal patterns and comforts to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, Emmanuel, with carolling, candles blazing, incense in the air and the sublime sacrament of Holy Communion – participating in the gift of God in Christ.

## **Proclaiming God's Gospel at Christmas Time - *continued***

Our **Christmas Day services** are both Eucharistic in the same pattern as our normal parish Sunday services. That is, **the 7.30am Service** will include the sung mass setting. The **9.30am Service** will be said and will be more suited for families. Both Christmas Day Services will contain well known Christmas Carols. Both the 'midnight' Service and the 9.30am Christmas Day Service will focus upon the Lukan Christmas story. The 7.30am Service will feature the Johannine prologue – 'In the beginning was the Word....

If our Eucharistic Services are more traditional, the activities planned for Friday 23rd December at Matcham and on Saturday evening from 6.00pm at Holy Trinity are innovative and not Eucharistic. These activities immediately before Christmas day are really intended to embrace families and those who seek a Christmas connection but not necessarily Eucharist. If we are endeavouring to embrace and connect with folk who are not familiar with Holy Communion then our normal, traditional services can be for many very unfamiliar and even for some, excluding. Rather, our intention is to be most inclusive and to create an opportunity to tell the great Christmas story informed by the singing of well-known Carols, the welcoming hospitality of the parish and the gift of prayer.

**On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at St George's Matcham from 5.00pm** the Trinity Teens Youth group will be hosting an afternoon of fun, Carol singing and Gospel proclamation. The plan is to begin the afternoon with games. As families arrive children will be encouraged to join the Trinity Teens at play. Meanwhile the sausage sizzle will be on the go, inviting all present to share in the hospitality of the occasion. Then all who have gathered will be asked to spread their picnic rugs and to prepare for the singing of popular Christmas carols and then for the Trinity Teens' presentation...**Building Up To Christmas. All attending will be encouraged to join us in worship over Christmas.**

**Building Up To Christmas is a dramatic variation of telling the Christmas story.** All of the characters of the story will be present, gathered around the Christ-child. But then comes a twist ... and those watching will be invited to consider what is happening. This turn in the presentation may be, for some, very confronting. But, as challenging as may be the unfolding events, so more powerfully will be the affirmation of the great Christian Christmas story which we seek to honour and celebrate. Our 9.30am Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – a family service – will be the premier performance of the Trinity Teens Christmas presentation... Building Up To Christmas!

**On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, from 6.00pm**, in the grounds of Holy Trinity, we will gather to sing well-known Christmas Carols, to tell the Christmas Story and to pray. The telling of the story will be interactive and set amidst the singing of the selected Carols. **All attending will be encouraged to join us in worship over Christmas.**

**Please keep this time of preparation for our Christmas programme in your daily prayers. Further, we need more helpers for our Building Up To Christmas presentation and for the Christmas Eve Carols at Holy Trinity. And we need everybody to spread the word clearly and enthusiastically and to invite family and friends to come along ...**

# **CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

**In the spirit of the Christmas season**

**the Reverend Canon Brian Gibbs and Mrs Margaret Gibbs**

**warmly invite all parishioners to drop in to the Rectory**

**at 56 Bronzewing Drive, Erina**

**any time between 4.00pm and 8.00pm**

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

**for a chat, nibbles and a welcoming drink.**

**Everyone welcome.**

## **Samaritans**

To enable us to add a little extra to our food parcels during December, we need tinned ham, Christmas cakes & pudding, custard, lollies, tinned fruit and long life cream.

Thank you for your generous support over the past year and we look forward to your continued support in 2012.

## What's on this week

**Sunday 18th December, 2011 – Saturday 24th December 2011**

Sunday	Sung Eucharist	7.30am
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	9.30am
Sunday	Twilight Christmas Carols on the Beach	6.00pm
Tuesday	Craft & Coffee at Holy Trinity	1pm-3pm
Wednesday	Nursing Home visit, Tarragal House	10.00am
Thursday	Nursing Home visit, Maxine Louise	10.00am
Friday	Holy Eucharist	10.30am
Friday	Bible Study	11.30am
Friday	Trinity Teens Christmas presentation at Matcham from	5.00pm
Saturday	Holy Communion in Holy Trinity	5.00pm
Saturday	Carols in the grounds of Holy Trinity	6.00pm
Saturday	Vigil Eucharist at Holy Trinity	11.30pm

### Dates for Diaries

Holy Eucharist, 7.30am .....	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2011
Holy Eucharist, 9.30am .....	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2011
Nursing Home visit, Matthew John, 10.30am .....	28 <sup>th</sup> December, 2011

## Services Next Sunday 25th December 2011

7:30am Sung Eucharist;  
9:30am - Holy Eucharist

### Readings for Friday – 23.12.11

Malachi 3.1-4 and 4.2-3; Psalm 25.4-10; Luke 1.46-56

### The Birth Of Our Lord: Christmas Day - 25.12.11

#### Readings for the 7.30am Sung Eucharist

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm – 97;*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Titus 3.4-8a; Gospel – Luke 2.1-20*

#### Readings for the 9.30am Said Eucharist

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm – 98;*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 1.1-12; Gospel – John 1.1-14*

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Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm