

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
18th December, 2022



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 161, TIS 271, NEH 185, TIS 283

9.30am – **Holy Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Hymns: TIS 161, TIS 271, NEH 185, TIS 283

[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

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

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.

The fourth candle is lit.

Let us pray

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

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 7, verses 10 – 16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;

**2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.**

3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts:

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

**6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

**17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for
yourself.**

18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans Chapter 1, verses 1 – 7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew, Chapter 1, verses 18 – 25.**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

John, Michael Hort, Lynette Brennan, Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Colleen Wells, Harvey Boardman, Neil Ewer, Carmen McGee, Keith Corden, Emma Horton, Merv Singh, Val King, Melissa Moore, John Sorenson and P. Thomas.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord,
raise up your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us,
that, whereas through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Waiting to return home



Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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Account Number: 00040934 Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian Fellowship. We have concluded meetings for this year and will resume in February 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended this year. We hope to see you in the new year. Merry Christmas.

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION

Meditation "Whispers of Love" will hold its last meeting on 19 December 2022 and will be in recess until the 6th February, 2023 (the first Monday in February) at 10am.

Reflection:

Through the silent hours of Christmas Eve, while half the world is in darkness, the whole host of heaven, the entire communion of saints, pauses once again to remember the first coming of Christ. Let us then, rising to greet the dawn, ring out our own song of joy, open the gift again of wonder and hope, and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come. Christ will come again! Amen. Hallelujah!

May you have a blessed and holy Christmas with your loved ones.
Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

We are having a working Bee on Saturday 28th January, 2023 at 8:30am and would love to see you there.

Thank you to all who helped in our gardens in 2022. We look forward to more happy gardening in 2023.

Best wishes, Jackie Davidson.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AND SACRED READING

The Wednesday Eucharist at 5.00pm will be in recess from 21st December, 2022 and will resume on Wednesday, 1st February, 2023 at 5.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to join in this act of worship and Sacred Reading in February 2023.

Blessings, Father Roy.

OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a new Facebook page which can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/TerrigalAnglican>

MORNING TEA - SUNDAY MORNINGS

To help out our Morning Tea volunteers, contributions of cakes, slices, biscuits or other morning tea for our regular Sunday morning teas after the services would be most welcome and appreciated in 2023. Thank you.

SAFE MINISTRY

We have access to some tools and resources for parents, caregivers and children so that children know who to talk to if they are worried or are feeling unsafe. This includes a folder in the foyer in the Safe Ministry bookcase where you can access some activities to do with your children to help them learn about safety. The link to these resources is here if you would like to access them at home:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/Institute-of-Child-Protection-Studies/kids-central-toolkit/tools-and-resources>

We also encourage everyone to read some information on what child abuse and neglect is, the signs of abuse, and how to respond when a child or adult tells you about abuse. This link can be found here:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/Protecting-kids/reporting-child-at-risk/harm-and-neglect>

Also in our Safe Ministry bookcase is a folder containing a copy of "Child's Voice – Our children have a right to be heard." This is a resource to support Aboriginal children. The link to this resource can be found here:

https://www.vacca.org/content/Document/Childs_Voice_Booklet.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Cal in the office on 4365 1115 or at admin@terrigalanglican.org.au
Thank you.



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The Fourth Sunday in Advent – Sunday 18 December 2022

- Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

- Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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This Week

Monday 19th December

10.00am – Whispers of Love – A Meditation [Rev'd Ann Watson]

3.00pm – Eucharist at Terrigal Manor [Rev'd Ann Watson]

Tuesday 20th December

7.00pm – NO Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

(In recess until the end of February)

Wednesday 21st December

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

5.00pm – Eucharist

5.30pm – Sacred Reading

Thursday 22nd December

Friday 23rd December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; 4.2-3

Psalm: 25.3-9

Gospel: Luke 1.57-66

11.00am – Morning Tea

11.00am – Eucharist at Woodport [Rev'd Ann Watson]

Rosters for next week 23rd 24th and 25th December –

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD - CHRISTMAS

Friday 23rd December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Jill Ross

5.00pm 24th December - Christmas Eve Service for Families

Readers	Servers
1 st – Margaret MacLachlan 2 nd – Ronda Kiss	Margaret and Ronda

11.00pm 24th Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass

Readers	Servers
1 st – Terry Rowe 2 nd – Neil Ewer	Neil and Peter Brunker

8.00am 25th December - Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Neil Ewer 2 nd – TBA	Neil and Peter Brunker

9.30am 25th December – Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Sue James 2 nd – TBA	Neil and TBA



**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 18th December, 2022.

**4.00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by
Afternoon Tea.****

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organists *Chris Sillince* and *Sharon Sandstrom* and *The Trinity Band and Singers*.

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December 2022

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December 2022

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Incense will be used at Midnight Mass and at the 8am Sung Eucharist on Christmas Day.

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