

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**



**8.00am** – **Sung Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*  
*Organist – Cliff Bingham*  
**Hymns:** TIS 271, 270, 526, 265

**9.30am** – **Holy Eucharist**– *Presiding and Preaching*  
**– Fr Mark Watson**  
*Trinity Band and Singers*  
**Hymns:** TIS 276, 272, 526, 279

[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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

The first candle reminded us of our *hope* in Christ. Today we light the candle of peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ the 'Prince of Peace' and foretold that through him all nations would live in peace and justice. Jesus taught his followers to be peacemakers, and that those who make peace will be called the children of God. Christ brings peace into our lives and will bring everlasting peace when he comes to reign in glory.

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the peace we have in Jesus Christ.

*The second candle is lit.*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from their sins. Give peace in our hearts as we await your coming. Help us in this season to discern your presence among us, to hear your word, and to share your peace with others. For your love's sake. Amen.**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

### Bringing Peace to refugees in Ethiopia



Martha Tadese/Act for Peace

Sara\* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. In Addis Ababa refugees are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care, or basics like food. Through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission, you can help provide refugees with medical and psychological care, as well as livelihoods training, giving people like Sara the chance to build secure futures for their families. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons

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



Christmas Bowl

## **Sentence**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

## **Prayer of the Day**

Merciful God,  
you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 40, verse 1 – 11**

- 1** Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.
- 2** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD 's hand  
double for all her sins.
- 3** A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD ,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4** Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- 5** Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'
- 6** A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
7 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
8 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
9 Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13**

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
2 **You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.**  
8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.  
9 **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**  
10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
11 **Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.

<sup>13</sup> **For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.**

**A reading from The Second Letter of Peter  
Chapter 3, verses 8 – 15a**

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 1, verses 1 – 8**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

- <sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;
- <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight" ',
- <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
- <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
- <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
- <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

John Sorensen, Angarad O'Malley, Emma Horton, Gloria & Albert Townsend, Lynette Brennan, Margaret Lewis, Pam Flegg, Jackie Davidson, Bruce Clarke, Tania Howlett and Carolyn Gibbs.

*Please note if you would like someone to stay on the list, please place their name in the prayer book again each month. Please make sure to print their name legibly. Thank you.*

## **Prayer of the Week**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming  
sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the righteous,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORIES VIA DIRECT DEBIT**

Offering via direct debit. Direct debit details of account:  
ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077  
Account Number: 00040934.  
Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

### **FLOWERS THIS WEEK**

The flowers this week are donated by Keith Allen  
in memory of his late wife, Bev Allen.

### **'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION**

'Whispers of Love' Meditation Group meets each Monday at  
10am at Holy Trinity Church.

**Reflection:** Maranatha come Lord Jesus and bless our  
yearnings for you this Advent, keep us on the path that leads to  
you. Fill us with courage to do what is best for the healing of  
our own hearts and the hearts of the world. Accept our  
gratitude for the many times when you have sought us the  
stillness and silence of meditation. Amen.

**Please note:** Whispers of Love meditation will conclude for this  
year on 11th December 10am and resume on Monday 5th  
February 2024 at 10am in Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

*Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.*

## **THANK YOU BOXES**

Please take a Thank You box and put a coin in it when one receives a blessing. In 2023-2024 we are supporting the Newcastle Diocesan Domestic Abuse Project.

Thank you.

## **SAMARITANS**

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of donations for the Samaritans. Items needed now include tinned vegetables and fruits, pasta & sauce and cereal . Thank you.

Margaret Maclachlan.



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### **Advent 2 B – Sunday 10 December 2023**

• *Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a;*  
*Mark 1.1-8*

John the Baptist is an important figure in Advent for he prepares the way for the coming of our Lord. He appears odd and acts differently to most, calling people to repentance and making paths straight. Yet, people are drawn to him, they confess their sins, and he is busy baptising them in the river Jordan. There is still more to come and he promises the Holy Spirit. • God, I confess my sins and in my repentance straighten my path to holiness and truth. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

*Text:* Fr Matthew Smedley,  
Diocese of Perth

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**Next Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**9.30am** – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding – Fr Bruce McAteer*  
*Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*  
*Organist – Chris Sillince*

**Readings:** Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11, Song of Mary,  
1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

**Gospel:** Mark 1.1-8

**This Week**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am** – Whispers of Love – A Meditation – Rev Ann Watson  
Please note Whispers of Love will be in recess after today until 5<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2024

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.00pm** – Trinity Band Rehearsal

**7.00pm** – Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

*Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)*

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

*John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)*

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

**10.30am** – Eucharist – Fr Mark Watson  
Isaiah 48.17-19, Psalm 1,  
Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

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

## **Rosters for next week**

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am**

<b>Reader</b>
Robyn Smith

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 8.00am**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Servers</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – Robyn Crowley 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Chris Crowley	Neil	Neil

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Servers</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – Evelyn White 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Buckland	Neil	Neil

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>Flowers</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Tea</b>
Ann Watson	Evelyn White
	Volunteer Needed



**2023 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT  
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

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

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organist *Chris Sillince* and *Trinity Band and Singers*, who will be accompanied by *Sharon Sandstrom* on piano. Ian Cox will be making a guest appearance. He will be bringing one or more of his large collection of trumpets to add some colour to the liturgy!

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

**9.00am**    Holy Eucharist

**CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**5.00pm**    Eucharist for Families

**11.00pm**    Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**9.00am**    Holy Eucharist

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