

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
24th December, 2023



9.00am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns – TIS 268, 161, 536, 281

[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 DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD. King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.

We have lit the candles that remind us of the *hope, peace and love* Christ came to bring. Today we light the candle of *joy*. The angel Gabriel told Mary a special child would be born to her. She sang a song that began, "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his coming into the world brings joy. Jesus healed and gave hope, peace and joy to others. From hope, peace and love grows joy.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

The fourth candle is lit.

Let us pray.

Thank you God, for the joy you give us. As we await the fulfillment of your promise, keep our joy alive. Help us today and every day, to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Showing Love to the most vulnerable

Sisters Srinidhi* and Mahira* are Sri Lankan refugees who have been living in refugee camps in India for decades and aren't able to access medical care outside the camps. OfERR, a refugee-run organisation supported by Act for Peace, has been providing crucial support in the camps for over 40 years. Through the Christmas Bowl you can help send health workers into the camps and provide medical care to those who need it. **Please give today.**



*Names changed for safety reasons



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Sentence

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1.32-33

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 2 Samuel Chapter 7, verses 1 – 11 and 16

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² 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.' ³ Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' ⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD : Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?' ⁸ 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; ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

Psalms 89.1-4, 19-27

1 Lord, I will sing for ever 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."

**A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans
Chapter 16, verses 25 – 27**

25 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 ²⁶but 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— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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 26 – 38**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then 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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly expectation
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our Judge;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 7th January, 2024 from 6pm.

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the new notice board. Thank you.



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Advent 4 B – Sunday 24 December 2023

- 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; *either* Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 *or* Song of Mary; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

Today we hear how Mary prepared for the coming of the Lord and her 'yes' to God. She is a vital part of our salvation and she wonders how she can be a part of it. Her questions become ours when we consider how we give birth to the Incarnation. Only with the Holy Spirit and willingness to be part of God's saving work among us is the impossible made possible.

- God, I say yes to you: may your salvific presence be born in me.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth
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Next Sunday – 31st December, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.00am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Chris Sillince

Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Psalm 148,

Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

This Week

Monday 25th December

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

See below for Christmas services.

Tuesday 26th December

STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR

Wednesday 27th December

JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Thursday 28th December

HOLY INNOCENTS

Friday 29th December

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

10.30am – Eucharist – Fr Mark Watson

1 John 2.3-11, Psalm 96.1-6,

Gospel: Luke 2.22-35

Saturday 30th December

Josephine Butler, social reformer (d. 1905)

Rosters for next week

Friday 29th December – 10.30am

Reader
Ann West

Sunday 31st December - 9.00am

Readers	Intercessions	Servers
1 st – Richard Harvey 2 nd – Sue James	-	-

Sunday 31st December

Flowers	9.00am Morning Tea
Libby Harvey	June Timms
	Jen Wolstenholme



2023 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 17th 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!

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CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24th December 2023

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

*Please note: Incense will be used at Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25th December 2023

9.00am Holy Eucharist

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