

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7th December 2025



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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 264, 270, 265, NEH 7

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

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: TIS 264, 270, 265, NEH 7

[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

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

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.

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 11, verses 1 – 10

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-21

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² **That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ **May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

⁶ **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ **Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.**

¹⁹ Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.

²⁰ **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.**

²¹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen, Amen.

A Reading from Romans Chapter 15 verses 4 – 13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1 – 12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke

when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Pam Flegg, Merv Singh, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Robert, David Lamb, Jean Carden, Charlotte Christie, George, Ben & family, Elsa & Peter Sorensen, Maureen Alais, Richard Gosling, Roberta Henderson, Lorraine Fisher, Robyn Morgan, Jessica, Judy, Jill Ross, George, Carmen McGee, Jessica Robert, Wendy and Alan Eades and Ken, Audree Dash, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Neil Ewer, Scott, and Kate Ross (Holt) and Cal.

From Elsa Sorensen: I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed for me and supported me with cards, texts, and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. Your kindness and encouragement meant more to me than words can express. I am truly grateful for this loving church family.

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Prayer of the Week

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Terrigal Parish is known for the beautiful flowers at all times
but especially at Christmas.

If you are able to help with gifts of Christmas bush,
agapanthus, other red flowers please let the office know or
Libby Harvey or Rev. Ann.

They will not be needed until Tuesday 23rd December.

With thanks, The Flower Team.

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

The Whispers of Love Meditation community will be in recess
following **the last meeting on 8th December 2025.**

We will resume with our first meeting in the new year on
Monday 2nd February 2026.

Reflection:

Come, Holy Spirit,
open my heart to the quiet joy of your presence.
Dwell within me,
that I may know true joy,
joy that the world cannot give,
But only you can awaken. Amen.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann Watson.

MARKET DAY

The next and final Market Day for the year will be on **Saturday 13th December**. Please note this is the second week of December. We look forward to seeing you there. *Please also note there will be no Market Day in January 2026.* Donations of home-made cakes, slices, jams, or chutneys are very welcome—please label ingredients and collect a Holy Trinity Church sticker to put on them when you drop them off. Thank you.

Ian Wolstenholme – Market Day Co-Ordinator.

GARDEN BEE

Thank you to everyone who helped out yesterday to keep our gardens looking beautiful. Your help is very much appreciated.

**The first Garden Bee for 2026 will be on
Saturday 7th February.**

We look forward to seeing you then.

With gratitude, *Suzanne George – Garden Captain*

OP SHOP

The Christmas season is here! Come and see our lovely stock.

Please visit and follow our Facebook page at:

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

Blessings, The Op Shop Team

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET – AT OUR MARKET DAYS

13th December

Handmade crafts and craft kits – Great for stocking fillers.

Small Christmas cakes and homemade shortbread.

Well priced for that little extra you need at Christmas.

Our Craft Stall is to raise funds for our Mission work.



WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

**Please note that the Centre will be closed from
19 December 2025 to 5 January 2026.**

**We kindly ask that donations resume on
Sunday, 4 January 2026.**

Thank you for your generous support throughout 2025—your kindness has truly made a difference to those in our community who need it most.

VOLUNTEER DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at
Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen'
tonight, Sunday 7th December 2025 from 6pm for the
Volunteer Thank You Christmas Dinner.

If you would like to attend, please add your name, and your partner's name, if attending, to the sign-up sheet on the small notice board in the foyer immediately after today's service.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BOWL – ADVENT 2 – PEACE

Hope and peace in exile: supporting Syrian and Palestinian refugees building new lives through empowerment and community resilience.

In Jordan, Hassan was unsure of his future after displacement left him without opportunities. Through the Christmas Bowl, he joined the Forsa Youth Project and trained in hotel management, giving him skills, confidence and employment.

The Forsa Youth Project, run by the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, empowers Palestinian and Syrian refugees to rebuild their lives through vocational training and financial literacy.

Families who fled their homes are finding hope and self-reliance through this locally led initiative. Hassan now works in catering and customer service, a transformation he describes as life-changing.

"Come, people of hope, to the God who gathers the scattered and heals the broken."

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary.

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 12th December – 10.30am

Readers
Margaret Blanch

SUNDAY 14th December - 8.00am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Colleen Cronin 2 nd – Ann West	- and Ronda	Reverend Ann

SUNDAY 14th December - 9.30am

Readers	Servers	Morning Tea
1 st – Keith Lewis 2 nd – Terry Rowe	- and Ronda	Anna Holt Catherine Taylor

This Week

Monday 8th December

THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)

10.00am – Whispers of Love - A Meditation – *Reverend Ann Watson*

Tuesday 9th December

4.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist - *Fr Mark Watson*

Readings: Isaiah 48.17-19, Psalm 1

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

Saturday 13th December

Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)

Next Sunday – 14th December 2025

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm - Song of Mary, James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11



**2025 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 14th December

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

Join us for an afternoon of seasonal music with our organists, Chris Sillince and Sharon Sandstrom, and The Trinity Band and Singers. Thoughtful readings will be shared throughout the program, creating a meaningful start to the Christmas season. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families and Children

9.45pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

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