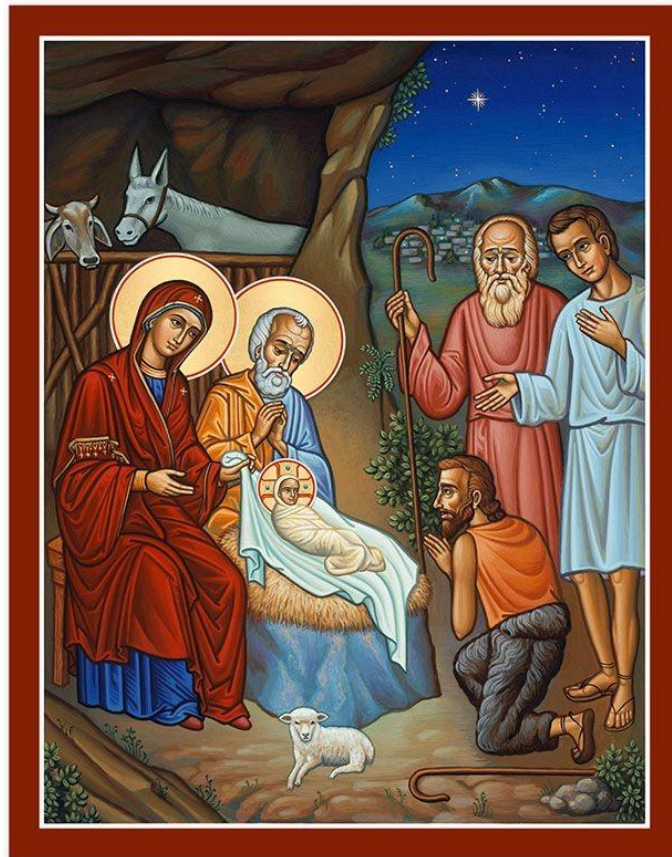


Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
28th December 2025



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

***Organist* – Chris Sillince**

Hymns: TIS 309, 319, 390, 303

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

***Organist* – Sharon Sandstrom**

Hymns: TIS 309, 319, 390, 303

[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.

Sentence

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.18

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of human nature:
in your mercy,
bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ,
who came to share our human life,
and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 63, verses 7 – 9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,"

and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.

**6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

**14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the
Lord.

A Reading from Hebrews

Chapter 2 verses 10 – 18

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,* ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 2, verses 13 – 23

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, 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, George, Carmen McGee, Jessica Robert, Wendy and Alan Eades and Ken, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Neil Ewer, Scott, Kate Ross (Holt), Elizabeth Lindquist and Pat A.

Please note: This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month. Please legibly print prayer recipients' names in the prayer book. Please get their permission first. Thank you.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word:
may this light, kindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

The Whispers of Love Meditation community is in recess and will resume with our first meeting in the new year on **Monday 2nd February 2026 at 10.00am.**
Blessings, Reverend Ann Watson.

CHRISTMAS BOWL – CHRISTMAS DAY – **PEACE AMID CONFLICT**

In Gaza, Abed's children collect water from tanks, sometimes forced to drink it when no clean supply is available. After losing his son and both of his homes, Abed and 70 relatives now shelter in a damaged house at risk of collapse.

Conflict has destroyed homes and vital infrastructure, leaving families without water, sanitation or safety. Abed's family are among many struggling to survive amid devastation and loss. Through the Christmas Bowl, local partners are providing urgent aid - including clean water, hygiene kits and emergency cash support - to help families endure this crisis and know they are not forgotten.

Let your prayers become action, your gifts through the Christmas Bowl a sign of peace and commitment towards all who suffer.

And may God, whose love spills over, Christ born into a loved and broken world, and the Spirit who moves through every act of compassion, bless you this Christmas Day and always.

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary.

GARDEN BEE

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

With gratitude, *Suzanne George – Garden Captain*

OP SHOP SUPER SALE

Market Day will not be held in January but the

Op Shop is having a **SUPER SALE** on

Saturday 17th January starting at 8am.

A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will also be available.

Please join us — we've got amazing sale specials waiting!

Also, please visit and follow our Facebook page at:

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

Blessings, The Op Shop Team

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

Please note that the Centre will be closed over the Christmas period and will re-open on 5th 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.

SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Please be advised that the **10.30am Friday Eucharist will recommence on Friday 9th January.**

There will be **one service at 9am throughout January and February.** Both 8am and 9.30am services will recommence on 1st March 2026. The band will recommence on Sunday 8th March 2026.

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 10.30am – In recess until Friday 9th January 2026

SUNDAY 4th January - 9.00am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Malcolm Sandstrom 2 nd – Jocelyn Mulcahy	-	Rev'd Ann Watson

Morning Tea

Jocelyn Mulcahy
Evelyn White

Next Sunday – 4th January 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.00am – Holy Eucharist with Baptism – *Presiding & Preaching –*
Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

Readings: Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.12-20, Ephesians 1.3-14

Gospel: John 1.10-18

This Week

Monday 29th December

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

10.00 – Whispers of Love – a Meditation is in recess until 2nd February

Tuesday 30th December

Josephine Butler, social reformer (d. 1905)

Wednesday 31st December

John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d. 1384)

Thursday 1st January

THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

Friday 2nd January

Basil of Caesarea (d. 379) and Gregory of Nazianzus (d. 389) bishops and teachers
Eliza Hassal, pioneer of CMS (Australia) and missionary training (d. 1917)

Saturday 3rd January



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

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families and Children

9.45pm Midnight Mass (Incense will be used)

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 28th December 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8.00am – Sung Eucharist

9.30am – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.00am – Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Sunday 11th January 2026

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9.00am – Holy Eucharist

The last Friday Eucharist at 10.30am will be on 19th December 2025 and recommence on Friday 9th January 2026.

There will one service on Sundays in January and February at 9.00am. Both services will recommence in March 2026. Trinity Band and Singers will be in recess until Sunday 8th March 2026.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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