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- 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.

Advent Contemplation

Ballina Parish recording meditations—please see below link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjLTkU5dPNg&feature=youtu.be

A Prayer at this Time

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, at this time of fear, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, the virus contained and a cure found. Strengthen those who care for the sick, calm the anxious, and protect the most vulnerable in the power of the Spirit and in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Diocesan Prayer

God in whom we live, and move and have our being, we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the Good News. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed in all creation. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Readings for 6th December 2020—Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40.1-11: Psalm 85.1-2. 8-13: 2 Peter 3.8-15a: Mark 1.1-8.



St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Tweed Heads

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Jesus Christ. Our Mission: Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, Making disciples and Growing faith communities.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th November 2020

WELCOME



Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2.3a

Collect

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37.

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9am & 11am. COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. <u>BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</u>, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9am & 12 NOON TO BOOK.

Reflection

It seems that the Roman Emperor Vespasian needed a striking victory to establish his rule, and so what had begun as the quelling of a revolt in Palestine, became an utter destruction.

If you are taken to the base of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem today, you will see huge stones from the second temple, some as large as houses, tossed from the top of the Mount. It would have taken enormous effort, even as it would today, to accomplish this.

Advent calls us again to consider the coming of Christ and Mark chapter 13 plunges us into his vision of the future. It reminds us that most of what we regard as permanent in our own lives is in fact temporary. Ultimately what we can rely on is Christ. *Come Lord Jesus!*

- We pray that we may live each day in the light of his coming.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020



My Christian Story

Have you written yours yet?

What is *your* story about how you became a Christian?
Grey flyers can be emailed or sent to you on request. There are ideas for you to think about and inside a place for you to write 'your story.'

Advent 2020

Today is Advent Sunday and we begin Year B in our 3 year cycle of Bible Readings.
In Year B the focus is on Mark's Gospel.
So start reading up on Mark's Gospel as we prepare to begin the new Church Year.

Christmas Service Times

The following Christmas Service Times have been set to allow people to have options amongst the Covid-19 restrictions:-

Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Christmas Day Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Christmas 24th December 6:00pm 10:00pm 10:00pm

If you are able to help out at any of the services we will have sheets out to put names on in the coming weeks.

Personal Notes

Years Mind: 1st Dec: Barry Shields.



<u>Prayer List</u> The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:

Maria Gandey, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Abbey Nash, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Andrew, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, David Leigh, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Liz Tanke, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Ruth Conlan, Brian Scrase, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Sid and Evelyn Eccleston, Robyn Hobson, Susan & Bob Gale, Tony de Kievit, George Greenway.

Our Church is committed to protecting your privacy. People on this list have requested prayer.

Please contact the Parish Office for any changes to the Prayer List

COVID-19 Update

We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Worship times are Sunday at 9am and 11am. Bookings are required each week, so please call the office on 07 5536 1060 on the Thursday or Friday prior between 9am and 12 noon to reserve your place. There are a number of differences with our COVID-19 Safety Plan in place, but I believe it is a joy to be worshipping together in person again. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call me on 07 5536 1060.

God Bless Dway

Face Masks

The NSW Government put out a statement on 2nd August encouraging people to wear face masks, and one of the places named was in Worship Services. I encourage you to wear a mask where you are able. God Bless Dway.

COVID Safe App

If you feel you are able to, please download the app onto your phone.

It will help with contact tracing if the need arises.

M.U. CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Meet for coffee at Tweed Heads Bowls Club. Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at 10.30am. See you there!



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE APPEAL

Names of children are now available. Yvonne Turner will be speaking to you about this at the end of this service. Some gifts will need to be posted. Postage donations would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

National Anglican Family Violence Project

"Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective. The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part.

Go to **surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience** to find out more".

Supporting our Parish Ministry

A Big Thank You to All those who have continued to financially support our Parish either by the normal means or now electronically. It is appreciated.

If you would like to contribute electronically to the mission and ministry of our Parish, you can use the following account.

Direct Debiting to our St Cuthbert's Parish Account with the AFGD

Name: Tweed Heads Anglican Parish

BSB: 705077 Account No.: 00040111

Please call Rev. Dway on 07 5536 1060 or the Treasurer John Gandey on 07 5599 7269 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.