

## PSALM 85.1-2, 8-13

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- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.**
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- <sup>11</sup> **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.**

### Advent Contemplation

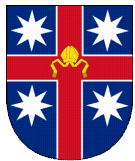
Ballina Parish recording meditations—please see below link.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjLTkU5dPNg&feature=youtu.be>

### **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 13th December 2020—Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28; John 1.6-8, 19-28.



## 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**6th December 2020**

*W E L C O M E*



**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*

**Collect:** 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.**

### **Readings for Today:**

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

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

## Reflection

Scholars believe that Mark was the first Gospel written and as such he created the term Gospel meaning a written account concerning Jesus. The other Evangelists begin their narratives at various beginnings. Matthew and Luke with the birth of Christ, and John with the ultimate beginning even before the beginning mentioned in Genesis.

However, in Mark, Jesus the Messiah bursts onto the scene to be baptised and begin his mission. In fact, *immediately* is a favourite word of Mark's and indicates the urgency that the mission be begun and fulfilled.

- Give us grace to repent and hear the Good News afresh.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,  
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn  
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## 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.'



## "THE STAR" A MOVIE ON NETFLIX ...

Those of you with grandchildren (great grandchildren?) visiting over Christmas will love this animated movie about the Nativity. Children and adults alike will be enchanted while children learn about Jesus' birth in this delightful film.

## Christmas Service Times

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

Christmas Eve	Thursday 24th December	6:00pm
Christmas Eve	Thursday 24th December	10:00pm
Christmas Day	Friday 25th December	9:00am

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

**Birthdays:** 9th: Dulcie Brookes.

**Give thanks for the life of:** Gavin Talbot



## Prayer List

**The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:**

Maria Gandeay, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, 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.

Give thanks for the continuing recovery of Abbey Nash.

*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*

## Service Time Change

Worship times will change as of next week. Due to some easing of restrictions, **from next Sunday, 13th December, we will resume the 9.00am service only on Sunday mornings.** Many thanks to all who have been doing additional tasks during the more onerous restrictions. We will still have some restrictions into the future. God Bless Dway

## COVID-19 Update

We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Worship times will change from next Sunday, 13th December, we will resume the 9.00am service only on Sunday mornings.

With the 2sq metre rule from 13th December we will be able to have 160 people in Church.

Singing will still be restricted.

Face masks are still recommended.

It is recommended you download the COVID Safe App if you feel comfortable doing so.

Cleaning will still be required after each time the Church is used.

Recording of attendance will still be required. Due to this we will still be encouraging people to book in before the services, but if you have not booked in you can come and register on the day. Please call the office on 07 5536 1060 on the Thursday or Friday prior between 9am and 12 noon to register.

There will be more details provided when our new COVID-19 Safety Plan comes into place next week. Please feel free to call me if you have any queries. God Bless Dway.

## M.U. CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

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

## DECEMBER SERVICE ROSTER

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ROSTER FROM THE TABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRY.

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone who has offered to buy a gift for the children of prisoners. Also, thank you to those who have donated postage. Gifts will be delivered and/or mailed early this week.

## CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

During Advent, envelopes will be distributed, please place your envelope in the offertory box. Thank you for your generous support.

## 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](https://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 Gandeay on 07 5599 7269 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.