



## 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**13th December 2020**

*W E L C O M E*



### PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing.**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced.**
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 **Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

#### 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.**

#### **An Advent Blessing**

Christ the Son of God, born of  
Mary, fill you with his grace to trust  
his promises and obey his will; and  
the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. **Amen.**

**Sentence:** Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

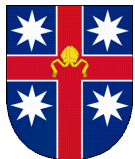
Isaiah 61.1-2

**Collect:** Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Readings for Today:**

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

#### 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 20th December 2020—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38.

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

### Reflection

In this week's Gospel we have part of John's stunning Prologue. We also have John's introduction of John the Baptist. The one who sets the scene for the coming Messiah. John's appearance is prophesied. In fact, he is the last of the Old Testament style of prophets, coming out of the wilderness and preaching judgement and repentance. John makes it very clear that he is not the Messiah and points to the one to come. Jesus will turn up soon enough.

From the very beginning of the narrative in John's Gospel there is a tension with the Jewish leaders who want to know "who are you?" - first John and then Jesus himself. The rest of the Gospel is taken up with answering this question.

- We give thanks to God for John the evangelist and his Gospel of profound wisdom and witness.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.



### 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.'

### 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
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Christmas Day	Friday 25th December	9:00am

If you are able to help out at any of the services, there are sheets on the church table to register your name/s. Thank you.

### Personal Notes

**Birthdays:** 18th: Neville Daniels; 19th: Matthew Wilson.

**Give thanks for the life of:** Sid Eccleston and George Greenway.



### Prayer List

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

John French, Daphne Hawtin, Maria Gandey, 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, Robyn Hobson, Susan & Bob Gale, Tony de Kievit.

*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 from today. Due to some easing of restrictions, **from today 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 today, 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. A copy is also on the notice board.

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE APPEAL

All gifts have now been distributed and a letter of thanks received from Angel Tree. All gifts have been gratefully received, thank you again to everyone who contributed.

### 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 Gandey on 07 5599 7269 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.