

Psalm 89.1-4, 89.19-27

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
20th December 2020

W E L C O M E



- ¹ Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses: my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- ² **I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever: you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.**
- ³ The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- ⁴ **'I will establish your line for ever: and build up your throne for all generations.'**
- ¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision: and said to your faithful one,
- ²⁰ **'I have set a youth above a warrior: I have exalted a young man out of the people.**
- ²¹ I have found my servant David: and anointed him with my holy oil.
- ²² **'My hand shall uphold him: and my arm shall strengthen him.**
- ²³ No enemy shall deceive him: nor shall the wicked hurt him.
- ²⁴ **'I will crush his adversaries before him: and strike down those that hate him.**
- ²⁵ My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him: and through my name his head shall be lifted high.
- ²⁶ **'I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea: and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia.**
- ²⁷ He will call to me "You are my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

Advent Contemplation

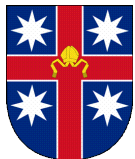
Ballina Parish recording meditations—please see below link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjLTkU5dPNg&feature=youtu.be>

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.**



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 27th December 2020—First Sunday After Christmas

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40.

Sentence: This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.
Luke 1.32-33

Collect: Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Today:

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

The Annunciation: Mary is at the very bottom of the social scale - female in a society which values males, young in a society that values age and poor in a society that sees wealth as a blessing from God. However as is often the case in salvation history is it the lowly who are chosen. The youngest sons - Jacob and David, the foreigner, - Ruth, the shepherd - Amos. In fact the Old Testament people of God are to remember their lowly beginnings. ("I wandering Aramean was my father").

Gabriel tells Mary that she has found favour with God. In spite of all the serious consequences for her, Mary's response is unequivocal. Yes.

- May we too say an unequivocal yes to actively follow the Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of all who are preparing churches throughout the country for Christmas around this time.

v 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.'

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

Anniversaries: 23rd: Grahame & Barbara Marr.

Give thanks for the life of: Jeanette Turner and Robert Burns.



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 time will continue with one 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 time will continue with one 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.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

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

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.