

Song of Zechariah.

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Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.



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
5TH DECEMBER 2021**

W E L C O M E



Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.78-79

Collect: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Readings for Today:

Malachi 3: 1-14; Psalm Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1: 1-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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Weekly Service:

Sunday 9am COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

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 the vaccines be
effectively distributed. 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.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger
John the Baptist to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed his warning and
forsake our sins, that we may greet with
joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.
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 12th December 2021 — Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-8

Reflection

Luke's gospel quotes the prophet Isaiah about the preparation required for a royal visit—the road cleared, smoothed and straightened, valleys filled, and hills flattened. A dramatic picture indeed! In a similar way the people's moral and spiritual state needed drastic action in their deep need to repent, in readiness for the coming of the Messiah, Christ Jesus. As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, may we look closely at our own hearts and lives.

- We thank you Lord Jesus that in your coming you provided all that we need for cleansing, forgiveness and restoration. May our hearts overflow with joy!
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

*Text: Meryl Broadley
Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans
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Singing Group

Singing Group has Resumed. We have a practice on Thursday 9th December at 4.30pm. You must be fully vaccinated to attend. Any queries please see Tricia Townend

Craft / Friendship Group

Hand Made Christmas Cards are available at the back of the church \$2.00 each. The group is on hold until the end of the year. Any queries please see Margaret Blaney.

SCRABBLE GROUP.

A get together at South Tweed Sports Club has been organised on Friday 21ST January, at 11.30am for a luncheon to plan the New Year. Many thanks Barbara Marr

Angel Tree

Thank you, to all the people who have taken up a gift for the children. If you would still wish to give a donation for the carers please place what you can in an envelope. This can be given to Trisha or Yvonne following the service.

Lectionaries for 2022

Are available at the back of the church. \$15.00each

Personal Notes

Birthdays: 9th Dulcie Brookes
Years Mind: 8th Sid Eccleston



Prayer List

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

Neil Callaghan, Alan Hampson, Louise Talbot, Kevin Turner, Bryan Osborne, Alan Wyatt, Wendy Crook, Anne Davies, Marie Gill, Betty Hagen, Betty Bell, John French, Daphne Hawtin, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, David Leigh, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Brian Scrase, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Robyn Hobson, Tony de Kievit.

Give thanks for the on going recovery of Ross Johnson

*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*

Coming up in 2021

Saturday 18th December @ 9.00am **Working Bee**
Sunday 19th December @ 10.30am **Parish Council Meeting**

Christmas Service Times

Friday 24th December @ 6.00pm **Christmas Eve Service**
Friday 24th December @ 10.00pm **Traditional Midnight Mass**
Saturday 25th December @ 9.00am **Christmas Day Holy Communion**

Church Calendar

Today we continue to use the Bible Readings from Year C of our 3 year cycle. In Year C we focus on the Gospel of Luke.

COVID-19 Update - Current Restrictions in Place as of the 8th November

We are currently allowed to worship in person, if you are vaccinated or unvaccinated. 2sq Metre Rule with a maximum of 160 People.

Face Masks must be worn.

Singing will resume for the vaccinated.

Morning Tea will resume back in the Breezeway.

Please feel free to call Parish Office on 07 5536 1060 if you have any queries.

Advent Events

When the rubber hits the road...

During Advent **Bishop Sarah MacNeil** and **Fr Ian Chaplin** will be leading 4 sessions at Grafton Cathedral looking at the Five Marks of Mission for Anglicans.

www.graftoncathedral.org.au

Lindisfarne Community Christmas Service

Lessons and Carols at Maher's Lane Chapel on Sunday December 5th, 2021, refreshments are available from 4.00pm for a 5.00pm Service commencement. The school has invited us to join them.

"Mission News - Christmas Bowl Appeal"

As there is a limited number of giving envelopes this year, these were placed in the pew bulletins last Sunday. Should you not have received an envelope and would like to donate, please do so online at any time from now to the end of the year. Our church's unique online donation page is: mycb.link/50745

Alternatively, cash donations can be made using the envelopes marked "Christmas Bowl" on the church table and placed in the Bowl.

On behalf of Christmas Bowl I thank parishioners for your continuing support of this vital outreach.
Pamela Ayscough Mission Secretary

Supporting our Parish Ministry

**A Big Thank You to All who financially support our Parish either at Worship or electronically.
We now have a new Bank Account with the Commonwealth Bank.**

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

Name: ST CUTHBERT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TWEED HEADS

BSB: 064410

Account No.: 10395636

Please call Rev. Dway on 07 5536 1060 or Treasurer Margaret Bishop on 0413 993 923 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.