

Psalm: Song of Mary

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and for ever.
Amen.**



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
11TH DECEMBER 2022**

WELCOME



Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th February 2023 commencing at 10:30am.

Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 27th January 2023 Thank you.

A Parish Prayer for Growth

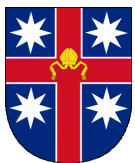
God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, and Power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Faith

Loving God, I bring before you,

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I pray that they would come to accept Jesus into their life. Give them Joy and Peace in knowing You through Jesus and help them to be guided by the Holy Spirit, seeking to follow Jesus in all that they do. **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 18th December 2022 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80; 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1; 18-25

Sentence: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' Isaiah 35:3-4

Collect: Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm Song of Mary; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

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Weekly Services:

Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Προδρομος – *Prodrimos* – the *Forerunner*. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

- Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world.
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

Text: *Robert McLean*
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Christmas Service Times

Saturday	24 th December	@	6.00pm	Family Service
Saturday	24 th December	@	10.00pm	Traditional Mass
Sunday	25 th December	@	9.00am	Christmas Celebration

Lectionaries for 2023

Lectionaries for 2023 have arrived and are available at the back of the Church. Payments can be made with the envelope provided in the Lectionary and placed in the offertory at the front of the Church.

Wednesday Services — Holidays

After Christmas there will be a holiday for our Regular Wednesday Services.
Last Wednesday service for 2022 will be Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 10am.
Wednesday Services will resume on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Scrabble Group

We will be resuming in the New Year
Everyone is welcome.
Any queries please see Barbara Marr

Craft / Friendship Group

We will be having a break and resuming on the 6th February 2023
Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month.
Our next rehearsal is Thursday 12th January.
Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.
Any queries please see Tricia Townend.

Personal Notes

If you would like your birthday or an anniversary, put into the bulletin, please let me know. You can send through an email, or you can give the office a call. Thank you, Nicola.



Prayer List

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

Julie, June, Jeri & Tony de Kievit, Matthew Read, Glynnis Gamble, Martina Benzen, Gwyneth Clarke, Mavis Johnson, Stephen Blaney, Chrissie Carroll, Bill Wordsworth, Louise Talbot, Alan Wyatt, Wendy Crook, Betty Hagen, Betty Bell, Daphne Hawtin, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Robyn Hobson.

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 2022

Wednesdays		@ 8.30am	Alpha Continues
Saturday	17 th December	@ 9.00am	Working Bee
Sunday	18 th December	@ 10.30am	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	1 st January	@ 10.30am	Sausage Sizzle after Church to Welcome the New Year.

The Common Cup and the Greeting of Peace

As previously advised, we have now received some guidance from the diocese on how to conduct these rituals safely in post Covid times. These are the guidelines we will follow from now on:

1. Please sanitize your hands before entering the church.
2. Greeting of Peace – only greet the people in your pew and wave/bow to/acknowledge all others. If you don't feel comfortable with physical contact, please feel free to wave/nod/bow with hands together, etc.
3. Communion – when coming forward for communion, please sanitize your hands (hand sanitizer is provided at the end of the front pews).
4. Common Cup – we ask that you do not intinct (dip) the bread/wafer into the wine.
5. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, you can acknowledge the chalice by bowing to it.

We hope this has cleared up any confusion, but if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Reverend Dway after the service.
Thank you for your co-operation

Christmas Bowl

“Share God’s love with a refugee going hungry this Christmas”



Continuing this Sunday, 11th December, and throughout December, Christmas Bowl envelopes will be distributed each Sunday in the Pew Bulletin. Please place your envelopes in the offertory box in the church. Printed envelopes are limited, plain envelopes are available on the church table. If you wish to donate online, please use the following unique donation page link: - mycb.link/50745

Thank you for your continued support for this very worthwhile outreach.
Pamela Ayscough - Mission Secretary.

Suggestion Box

Planning is underway for 2023. If you have any IDEAS, Please place them in the box at the rear of the Church.
The box will be here until 29th January 2023. Or you can speak to the Wardens or Rev Dway.

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.