

Psalm: 80: 1-7, 17-19

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- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
- ² **Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**
- ³ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴ **O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- ⁶ **You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- ⁷ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ¹⁷ **Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**
- ¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- ¹⁹ **Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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.**

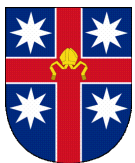
A Parish Prayer for Growth

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, _____,
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 25th December 2022 — The Birth of our Lord.—Christmas Day
Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)



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
18TH DECEMBER 2022**

WELCOME



Sentence: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

Collect: Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:
Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80; 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1; 18-25

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

The angel says: *Do not be afraid*. The phrase is used throughout the Bible – in the Hebrew Scriptures, in the Apocrypha and in the New Testament. God does not want us to be timid, afraid, anxious or troubled. God wants us, as the birth of Jesus shows, to come closer. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4.18), and today God surrounds us with perfect love in the birth of the Baby at Bethlehem.

- Pray this week that you may show perfect love to all you encounter.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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

Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th February 2023 commencing at 10:30am. This is the 3rd Year so elections are required. Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 27th January 2023 Thank you.

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

Birthdays: 18th Neville Daniels, 19th Matthew Wilson
19th Christine Vickers

Wedding Anniversaries: 23rd Grahame & Barbara Marr

Years Mind: 22nd Jeanette Turner, 23rd Robert Burns



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

Baptism



We welcome into the fellowship of the Church through Holy Baptism in our service today:

Sadie Clare REGUSON

*We pray that Sadie will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and follow Jesus all of her life.
Please also pray for Sadie's parents Matthew & Abbie and God-parents Abbey & Lachlan as they seek to model for her the baptismal promises made today.*

Coming up

Sunday	18 th December @ 10.30am	Parish Council Meeting Today
Sunday	1 st January 2023 @ 10.30am	Sausage Sizzle after Church to Welcome the New Year.
Sunday	26 th February 2023 @ 10.30am	Parish Annual General Meeting

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

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.

Christmas Bowl

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

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this appeal so far, there is still time to donate right up until Christmas Day. Printed envelopes are limited, plain envelopes are available on the church table “with Christmas Bowl printed on front”.

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
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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.