#### Readings for Christmas

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Isaiah 9: 2-7 Prophesy of a Child to bring Light

Isaiah 62:6-12 Salvation is coming

Psalm 96 Sing to the Lord a new song – He comes to judge

Psalm 97 The Lord is King, Let the Earth rejoice

The grace of God has appeared in Jesus

and helps us to live worthy lives until he comes again

Jesus saves us and pours his Spirit on us. Titus 3: 4-8a Luke 2:1-14 Jesus is born and shepherds see angels Luke 2: 8-20 Shepherds see angels and then visit Jesus

#### Psalm 96

Titus 2: 11-14

- <sup>1</sup>O sing to the lord a new son: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name: proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations: and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the lord, and greatly to be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols: it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and glory are before him: beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: render to the Lord glory and might.
- <sup>8</sup> Render to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the lord is King: he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: let the sea roar, and all the fills it:
- <sup>12</sup> Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them: then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

#### Psalm 97

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down be-
- fore him. <sup>8</sup> Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judge-
- ments, O God.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all Gods.
- <sup>10</sup> The lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the live of the faithful and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Reioice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.



## **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.





## 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.

## 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

# Welcome to our Christmas Services



Sentence at Night: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Sentence on Christmas Day: I bring you good news of great joy for all people to vou is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2, 10-11

## **Collect Prayer for Night**

Eternal God.

Who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light.

bring us, who have know the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## **Collect Prayer for Day**

All glory to you, gracious God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With the angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story. that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love; 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

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## **Welcome to Our Christmas Services**

Welcome as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

This celebration is all about God becoming a human being like us, in Jesus so that we might know the way to God. And it is through Jesus that we can have Hope, despite the challenges of our world.

Wishing you a Happy, a Holy, and a Blessed Christmas.

God Bless Rev. Dway

#### 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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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.

Any queries please see

Tricia Townend.

## Personal Notes

Birthdays: 31st Evelyn Eccleston



# <u>Prayer List</u> 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

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 2023

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 @ 10.30am Sausage Sizzle after Church to

Welcome the New Year.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ 10.30am Parish Annual General Meeting

#### Wednesday Services — Holidays

After Christmas there will be a holiday for our Regular Wednesday Services. Wednesday Services will resume on Wednesday 1st February 2023

#### **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.

## **Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Thank you.

#### Lectionaries for 2023

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

#### 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.