

## Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

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- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin.**
- <sup>8</sup> I will hear what the Lord God will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- <sup>9</sup> **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: and his glory shall dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- <sup>11</sup> **Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup> The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.
- <sup>13</sup> **For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.**

### TCCEA - SRE Teachers

Please continue to pray for Tweed Coast Christian Education Association Special Religious Education Teachers

### Emmanuel Anglican Church Nigeria

Let us continue to pray for Emmanuel Anglican Church, Owerre-Umudioka, Orlu, Nigeria.

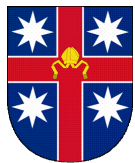
### A Parish Prayer for Growth

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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 — Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11; Psalm: Song of Mary; 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28; John 1: 6-8, 19-28



## 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  
10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

*WELCOME*



**Sentence:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

### Collect:

Merciful God,  
you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings for Today:

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

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**Weekly Services:**

Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

### Reflection

John the Baptist is an important figure in Advent for he prepares the way for the coming of our Lord. He appears odd and acts differently to most, calling people to repentance and making paths straight. Yet, people are drawn to him, they confess their sins, and he is busy baptising them in the river Jordan. There is still more to come, and he promises the Holy Spirit.

- God, I confess my sins and, in my repentance, straighten my path to holiness and truth.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth  
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### 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.**

### LOOKUPCELEBRATION.COM

Date Claimer 29 June 2024 Coming to the Gold Coast in June 2024, the Look Up Celebration is a free event for everyone. Bring a friend for live music and a message of hope from Will Graham.

#### Scrabble Group

Is having a short break we will be resuming in the New Year.

Any queries please see Barbara Marr

#### Craft / Friendship Group

We will be having a short break and will be resuming in the New Year.

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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 **Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.**

Any queries please see Tricia Townsend.

### Personal Notes

Please see or email Nicola in the Parish office if you would like your Birthday, Anniversary or a Family members Years Mind, shared in the Pew Bulletin.



### Prayer List

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

Jasmine Adams, Kelly Standing, Elsie McGrath, Edward Kay, Jeri & Tony de Kievit, Matthew Read, Glynnis Gamble, Gwyneth Clarke, Mavis Johnson, Stephen Blaney, Chrissie Carroll, Bill Wordsworth, Louise Talbot, Alan Wyatt, Wendy Crook, Betty Hagen, Betty Bell, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Val Chapman, Cressa Bartosek, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2023 @	9.00am	<b>Working Bee</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2023 @	10.30am	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>

### Christmas Service Times 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December @	6.00pm	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December @	10.00pm	<b>Traditional Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> December @	9.00am	<b>Christmas Celebration</b>

### Advent Bible Study

Exploring this year's Advent Gospel Readings from Mark, Luke and John. 3 Wednesdays in Advent at 6:30pm in the Chapel 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Advent Reflections on U-Tube – Grafton Diocese

There will be a daily Advent Reflection, given by many people from around the Diocese.

To watch these reflections just go to the following link:-

<https://www.youtube.com/@ChristmasAdventDevotion>

### Mothers Union Rise Up Campaign against Gender Violence 25 November – 10 December (Human Rights Day)



All are one in Christ. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one is treated badly, we are all bruised. When one is beaten and abused, we are all battered and downtrodden. When one is rescued, brought into freedom and peace, we all breathe more comfortably and sigh. But it is not enough, and we must not cease until there is rescue and freedom and peace for each one and everyone.

*Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for all to follow Christ's example of treating women with equality and respect. We pray for the dawn of a better world where justice and peace may flourish. Amen.*

### Christmas Bowl Campaign 2023.



Christmas Bowl December envelopes will be handed out each week through the month of December. If you wish to donate online, our unique donation page is [mycb.link/50745](https://mycb.link/50745). Please place filled envelopes into the offertory. Unused envelopes should be returned to the box on the church table for recycling. Thank you for your continued support. Pamela Ayscough, Mission Secretary.

### Christmas Festival Concert

NSRO Strings and Coolamon Choir & Soloists Selections from the Messiah & Community Carols. Bass Soloist Ian Holston Adults \$45.00-Students \$20.00 Children under 18 Free. Fund Raising Concert for the Orchestra. Civic Centre Tweed Heads Date: 10th December 2023 Time: 2.30pm NSW time.

### 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

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