

Psalm: Song of Mary

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.

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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
24TH DECEMBER 2023**

WELCOME



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,
_____.

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 31st December 2023 — First Sunday after Advent
Isaiah 61: 10-62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

Sentence: This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1.32-33

Collect:

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-27; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

Today we hear how Mary prepared for the coming of the Lord and her 'yes' to God. She is a vital part of our salvation and she wonders how she can be a part of it. Her questions become ours when we consider how we give birth to the Incarnation. Only with the Holy Spirit and willingness to be part of God's saving work among us is the impossible made possible.

- God, I say yes to you: may your salvific presence be born in me.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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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.**

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 Monday 5th February 2024 at Club Tweed

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 11th January 2024 **Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.**

Any queries please see Tricia Townsend.

Personal Notes

Birthdays:

31st Evelyn Eccleston

Give thanks for the Life: Yvonne Brand, Joy Waight



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

Christmas Service Times 2023

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

A big thank you to all who came to the Working Bee last week.

Coming up

Sunday	18 th Feb 2024 @ 10.30am	Parish Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	14 th Feb 2024	Ash Wednesday
Friday	29 th Mar 2024	Good Friday
Sunday	31 st Mar 2024	Easter Day

Wednesday Services — Holidays

After Christmas there will be a holiday for our Regular Wednesday Services. Last Wednesday service for 2023 will be Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 10am. Wednesday Services will resume on Wednesday 7th February 2024.

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>

Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th February 2024 commencing at 10:30am. Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 19th January 2024 Thank you.

Parish Council Update

External Church roof has been chemically cleaned by a contractor.

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. 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.

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.