

## 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.**

### 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 this 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.**

### Prayers for our Grafton Diocese

This week let us pray for: Our Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr Murray Harvey,  
Our Parish: St Cuthberts, Our School: Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School,  
Our Local Area: The Tweed Network including parishes of Tweed Heads, Kingscliff, Murwillumbah & Lindisfarne



**The Parish of Orara Valley and the People and Clergy there,**  
Reverend Ruth Pobjoy  
**The Diocese of Sydney**  
Archbishop Kanishka Raffel  
**National Council of Churches**



Readings for 29th December 2024 - First Sunday after Christmas  
1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52



## 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.

**4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
22ND DECEMBER 2024**

*WELCOME*



### Sentence:

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1.45

### Collect:

Gracious God,  
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Readings for Today:

Micah 5.2-5a, Song of Mary, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45

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### Weekly Services:

Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

### Reflection

Michah speaks of the paradox of Bethlehem, one of the least, being the birthplace of a great one who will rule over Israel. Those who knew only the insignificance of Bethlehem but who had forgotten this prophecy would criticize Jesus for his origins. The paradox remains for us, that out of smallness can come greatness

- We pray that our senses are open to see God's greatness even in the small and seemingly insignificant
- 'Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

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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.**

### Christmas Service Times

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

### Angel Tree

Thank you to all who contributed to Angel Tree. All the beautiful gifts you purchased have now been delivered and every carer spoken with. As always, the joy and thanks from the families of the children was overwhelming. Many tears were seen. The excitement of the children just terrific. Thank you so much.

### Craft / Friendship Group

Meets every Monday afternoon, twice a month we will meet for a Coffee/Lunch at Club Tweed. Next meeting at Club Tweed is on 23rd December 2024. Everyone is welcome to come and join.

### Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Our next rehearsal is Thursday 9th January 2025. **Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.** Any queries please see Tricia Townend.

### Personal Notes

**Anniversary :** 23rd Graham & Barbara Marr  
**Years Mind:** 22nd Jeanette Turner, 23rd Robert Burns  
**Give thanks for the life of:** Russell Woodcock



### Prayer List

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

Marcia Eldridge, Jasmine Adams, Kelly Standing, Elsie McGrath, Edward Kay, Jeri & Tony de Kievit, Matthew Read, Gwyneth Clarke, Stephen Blaney, Chrissie Carroll, Louise Talbot, Iris Pyle, Betty Bell, Wendy Crook, Fay Flaherty, Val Chapman, Cressa Bartosek, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Val Wilson, Elan, Christine Charlton, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Robyn Hobson, Erica Crompton, Guy Martinez, Marilyn Sanders.

*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

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th February</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>AGM</b>

### Monthly Spiritual Gym — Hosted by the Anglican Parishes of the Tweed

Next Date: will resume in 2025, watch this space for details.

Where: Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Chapel, Time: 5.30pm Refreshments, 6.00pm Service  
St James Kingscliff, St Cuthbert's Tweed Heads, All Saints Murwillumbah, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School

### Working Bee

Thank you to all who came to the working bee

### Godly Play

Sundays 9.00am, next date is: 23rd February 2025

Godly Play: What is it? "In most religious education children are told what God did. In Godly Play children discover who God is." Children from ages 4 to 11 are welcome to join in.

### Wednesday Services — Holidays

After Christmas there will be a holiday for our Regular Wednesday Services. Last Wednesday service for 2024 will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10am. Wednesday Services will resume on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 commencing at 10:30am. Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Thank you.



### Launch of our Christmas Bowl Appeal

Throughout every Sunday in December there will be a Christmas Bowl envelope in your pew bulletin. Please place your donation in the envelope and place in the offertory bag. Thank you for supporting this most worthy mission.

### Ten Commitments to Prevent Violence: Australian Anglican Program

For more information on this initiative to combat domestic and family violence and the Ten Commitments program please visit— <https://www.tencommitments.org.au>

### HOPE 25

Hope 25 is the opportunity to share the hope that we have in Jesus. It is an intentional season of **sharing hope in Jesus** for every parish and community in the Anglican Church of Australia. Hope25 launches around Australia on Pentecost Sunday. For more information please access the the Hope25 website: <https://www.hope25.com.au/>

### Supporting our Parish Ministry

**A Big Thank You to All who financially support our Parish either at Worship or electronically.**

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