

Psalm: 72: 1-7, 18-21

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<sup>1</sup> Give the king your judgement, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king,

<sup>2</sup> **That he may judge your people rightly: and the poor of the land with equity.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness: and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

<sup>4</sup> **May he give justice to the poor among the people: and rescue the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures: and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields: and as showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup> **Let his name live for ever: and endure as long as the sun.**

<sup>19</sup> Let all peoples use his name in blessing: and all nations call him blessed.

<sup>20</sup> **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel: who alone does great wonders.**

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen, 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 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.**

### **Prayers for our Grafton Diocese**



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



### **The Diocese of Perth**

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, clergy and laity

### **The Parish of Murwillumbah and the People and Clergy there**

In Transition

### **The Representatives to the General Synod**

SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)

Readings for 14th December 2025 — 3rd Sunday in Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm: Song of Mary; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



## **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**  
**7TH DECEMBER 2025**

**WELCOME**



**Sentence:** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.  
Mark 1.15

**Collect:** God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings for Today:**

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7,18-21; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

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**Weekly Services:** Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

### Reflection

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

- Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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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.**

### ANGEL Tree—Prison Fellowship

Would those who kindly have taken children's names for gift return them by Sunday 14th December to ensure we can deliver them for Christmas. Thank you!

### Wednesday Services

Please note that Wednesday Services will now be in recess until end of January 2026.

### Craft / Friendship Group

Meets every Monday afternoon, twice a month we will meet for a Coffee/Lunch at Club Tweed. Next meetings are at Club Tweed on 1st and 15th December. Everyone is welcome to come and join. Please note there will be no meetings in January. We will start back in February.

### Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Our next rehearsal is Thursday 11th December 2025. **Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.** Any queries please see Tricia Townend.

### Personal Notices

#### Birthdays:

9th Dulcie Brookes



#### Years Mind:

8th Syd Eccleston

### Prayer List

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

Alan Birch, Robyn Morisset, Ryan, Russell Trickey, Kelly Standing, Elsie McGrath, Edward Kay, Merilyn Sanders. Jeri & Tony de Kievit, Matthew Read, Gwyneth Clarke, Stephen Blaney, Chrissie Carroll, Louise Talbot, Wendy Crook, Fay Flaherty, Val Chapman, Cressa Bartosek, Cliff Boyd, Val Wilson, Elan, Christine Charlton, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Robyn Hobson, Evelyn Eccleston, Ross Johnson, Jan Stuckings, Dr Kim Dobbie, Vervl Bennell

*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 2025

**Wednesday 24th December**

**8.00pm Family Service**

**Thursday 25th December**

**9.00am Christmas Celebration**

### Key Register

If you hold keys for any of the buildings/cupboards in the Parish would you please see John Gandey for him to update the key register. He will be in the hall after the service today and next Sunday.

### Volunteers Needed for Christmas

We need volunteers for assisting at Christmas Services: for hosting, reading, audio operations at the 8.00pm Service on Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December 2025, and the 9.00am Christmas Day Service, Thursday 25th December 2025. If you can help please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the Church. Thank you in advance.

### Locum Roster for December and January

7th & 14th December

The Reverend David Angus

21st December

The Reverend Dr Marian Free

24th & 25th December

The Reverend Canon Judy Edwards

28th December

The Reverend Dr Marian Free

4th & 11 January

The Reverend Dr Marian Free

18th January—24th May

The Reverends Ron & Crystal Spindler

### Christmas Bowl Appeal 2025

This advent, we can act for peace together and help create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong. There are several ways to donate.

1. Giving envelopes handed out each Sunday throughout December.
2. Online transfer: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources).
3. Bank deposit:

Account name: Act for Peace Ltd, BSB: 012 332, Account: 2323 75215.

(Please include our supporter ID number which is A – 50745 when donating online).

Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

If anyone would like a tax-deductible receipt for their cash gift, they can download a form at: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources).

### Healing Eucharist

Do you carry worry, pain or grief? Kingscliff Parish invites you to a Healing Eucharist at St James Anglican Church, 122 Marine Parade, at 5.00pm on the 1st Saturday of every month. For further details please see poster on the noticeboard or contact 0435 750 155.

### 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 the office on 07 5536 1060 or Treasurer Margaret Bishop on 0413 993 923 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.