

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 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 Riverina

Bishop Donald Kirk, clergy and laity

The Parish of Nambucca Valley and the People and Clergy there

The Venerable Peter Shayler-Webb

The Representatives to the Provincial Synod

The Anglican Consultative Council

Readings for 21st December 2025 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80; 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1; 18-25



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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
14TH DECEMBER 2025**

WELCOME



Sentence:

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' Isaiah 35:3-4

Collect:

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm: Song of Mary; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Πρόδρομος – *Prodromos* – the Forerunner. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

- Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world.
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

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Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,

you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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 2nd and 16th February 2026. Everyone is welcome to come and join. Please note there will be no meetings in January. We will start back in February.

Annual Reports

Just a reminder that reports for the AGM will need to be submitted by 16th January 2026.

Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time.

Any queries please see Tricia Townend.



Personal Notices

Birthdays:

18th Neville Daniels, 19th Christine Vickers

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, Verly Bennell, Dulcie Brookes

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**

Nominations for Parish Council Positions

With the AGM only weeks away, we would like to remind the congregation to give some consideration to nominations for next year's Parish Council Positions.

Locum Roster for December and January

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.
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.

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.