

Psalm: 80: 1-7, 17-19

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.

³ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure.

⁶ You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷ Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.

¹⁹ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 Rockhampton

Bishop Peter Grice, clergy and laity

The Northern Beaches Anglicans and the People and Clergy there

Reverend Simon Reeve, Reverend David Hanger, Reverend Pam Stone

The Finance Committee of the Diocese

The Vicar of Bangkok

Readings for 25th December 2025 — The Birth of our Lord.—Christmas Day
Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)



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
21ST DECEMBER 2025

WELCOME



Sentence: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1.23

Collect:

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

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

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

The angel says: *Do not be afraid*. The phrase is used throughout the Bible – in the Hebrew Scriptures, in the Apocrypha and in the New Testament. God does not want us to be timid, afraid, anxious or troubled. God wants us, as the birth of Jesus shows, to come closer. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4.18), and today God surrounds us with perfect love in the birth of the Baby at Bethlehem.

- Pray this week that you may show perfect love to all you encounter.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.



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.**

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:

31st Evelyn Eccleston



Years Mind:

22nd Jeanette Turner

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.



Angel Tree

The 21 gifts that members of our Parish purchased have been delivered to the children of prisoners. The joy and thanks from the families was overwhelming. Thanks to all involved. Good job!

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.