



St Ives Uniting Church

28 December 2025

Christmas 1

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ candle

Hymn: 302 The angel Gabriel

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 319 Child in a manger

Notices

Bible readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

Margaret Jeffery

⁷ I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the Lord has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

⁸ He said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me";
and so he became their Savior.

⁹ In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Revelation 21:1-6

Philip Southwell

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: A new year, a new heaven, a new earth

Hymn: 309 Angels from the realms of glory

Offering and prayer

Hymn: 314 As with gladness men of old

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: I cannot tell (Tune: Londonderry air)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

