


WELCOME  
 TO THE PARISH  
 OF TAREE




**Weekly Services - Taree & Old Bar.**

**ST JOHN'S – 294 Victoria St. Taree**

 **8am - SUNDAY**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA – 18 Hall St. Old Bar**

 **11am - SUNDAY**

**Join us Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm for Lessons & Carols Service**  
**(Double vaccinated only due to singing requirements)**

**QR CODING & MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

**PLEASE NOTE.....**

**SERVICE NUMBERS** - are limited to 100 worshippers at St Johns Taree & 40 at Old Bar.

**HEALTH -**

- ◆ Do not attend if you are feeling unwell.
- ◆ Do not attend if you have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.



For further details regarding our COVID-19 safety plan, please visit our Diocesan Website: [newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response](http://newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response).  
 Thank you for your understanding as we implement COVID Safe worship practices.

**PARISH CONTACTS:**

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<b>HALL MANAGERS</b>	Ken Park: 0412 138 985	Bruce Walker: 0405 697 690	
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12midday Ph: 6551 3849 Address: PO Box 377 Taree 2430 Email: <a href="mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com">officestjohnstaree@gmail.com</a> . Website: <a href="https://tareeanglican.org.au">https://tareeanglican.org.au</a>		

# Prayers:

**WORLD:** People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. We pray for those experiencing the impacts of COVID19, especially the people of Indonesia & their families here in Australia. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan, Myanmar & Papua New Guinea.

**CHURCH:** Bishop Peter, Assistant Bps Sonia & Charlie; Kevin Wares; Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College - Sue Bain, Mark Thornton; Parish of East Lake Macquarie - Belmont - Janet Killen; Belmont North Redhead - Greg Colby; Swansea - Alison Wooden; Windale & The Ministry Teams.

Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey).

The Church of England; The Church of Wales

We pray for our parish as we explore further ways to engage with our community .

**COMMUNITY:** For those affected by natural disasters, homelessness, unemployment & those experiencing fear, anxiety, and loss.

**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:** John, Joan, Audrey Griffiths, Ian, Anne, Alex Platt, Fr Stuart Benson, Duncan Futter, Margaret McDonald, Samantha Entwistle, Beryl Fenwick, Di Woollard & Laurie Robertson.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:** Ray Burns.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Anthony Davies, Lindsay Riley, Joyce Rudge & Leila Davis.

## PP's 12th December

One of our Advent Studies this week drew our attention to the need to remind ourselves that all we do should come from a base of humility. It seems to me that in this week's Gospel (Luke 3:7-18) John the Baptist is pointing out exactly the same thing to the crowds who had gathered to be baptised.

Becoming a Christian means nothing unless you are prepared to truly embrace your faith and extend Gods love with care, respect, and equity to everyone.

God always knows what is in our heart, so it is up to each of us to.....

*Bear Fruits worthy of Repentance.*

Blessings  
Fr Peter

*Thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you*

*to all our great Parish Volunteers.*

*Please join us for a Volunteer Blessing & Thank you Service*

*@ St Johns Church*

*4pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

*Thank you*

*Thank you*

# PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

## ADVENT STUDY

Join us for a weekly chat about this year's Advent Study - "Songs from a Strange Land"  
Books available NOW for \$15.00.

Money raised goes to the Anglican Board of Mission

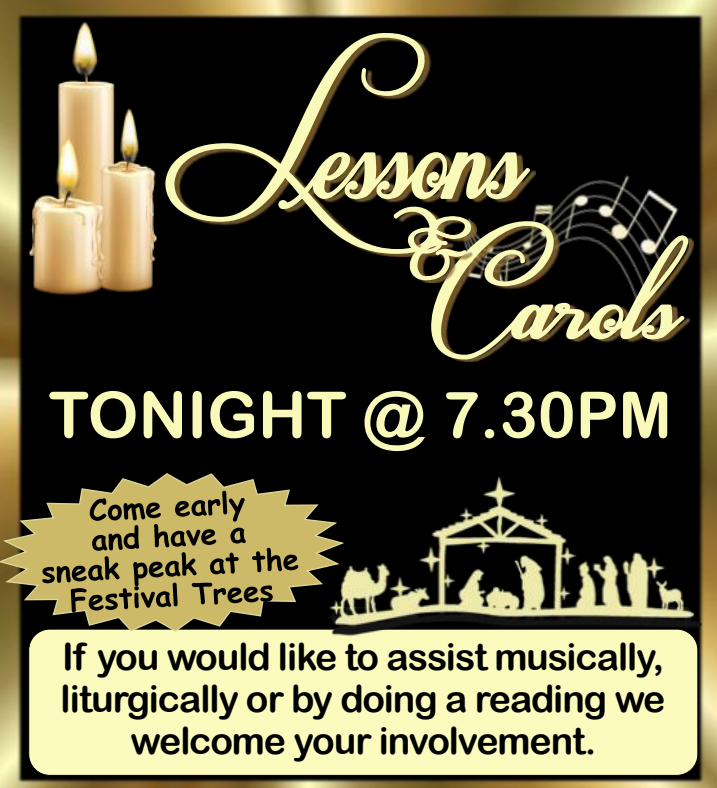
- ◆ Monday @ 11am in the Latham Centre
- ◆ Tuesday @ 7pm on ZOOM



2021 BLUE CROSS  
*Festival of Trees*  
Bringing back the sparkle to Christmas

The display will be open from Monday 13th - Sunday 19th December 10am - 3pm.  
Entry is by gold coin donation. Bring your family & friends & enjoy this wonderful display & vote for your favourite tree.

A FESTIVE START TO YOUR CHRISTMAS JOURNEY



*Lessons & Carols*  
**TONIGHT @ 7.30PM**

Come early and have a sneak peak at the Festival Trees

If you would like to assist musically, liturgically or by doing a reading we welcome your involvement.



**Christmas Raffle**

To give us a bit of extra fundraising Dollars we have decided to do a Christmas Raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
**ORIGINAL ARTWORK**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
**DECORATED CHRISTMAS CAKE.**

4<sup>th</sup> Prize  
**NUTRIBULLET MEGA PACK**

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS STALL

The stall will run after Church on Sundays in December and at the Festival of the Trees.

We hope to have lots of great Arts & Crafts to sell.



## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December– 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Zephaniah 3. 14-20; Psalm: Song of Isaiah

Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 17-18

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December– 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Micha 5. 2-5a; Psalm: Song of Mary

Hebrews 10. 5-10; Luke 1. 39-45

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
8am	Heather Strangwidge David Denning Fiona Tinney	8am	Doreen Sinclair Bruce Walker Fiona Tinney
7.30pm	Fiona Tinney	4pm	Fiona Tinney

## READERS

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
8am	Janella Leotta	8am	Sandra Langford
4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom	4pm	Ken Park

**PLEASE NOTE:** Could you please advise Kim @ [officestjohnstaree@gmail.com](mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com) or 6551 3849 asap if you are not available for the January-March rosters. Thank you

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Anglican Board of Mission - Australia  
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT**

Zephaniah 3.14-20; For the Psalm A Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

John the Baptist used harsh words of criticism and warning and it seemed to have caught the attention of those he was addressing. "Even tax collectors came to be baptised and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'" They knew that their corruption had been exposed and they were now at a point of decision making, to keep being corrupt or 'repent', i.e., change direction. I wonder what there is in our lives that needs to change direction?

✚ Give thanks for the unconditional love and forgiveness of God who does not hold our past sins against us.

✚ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Text: The Reverend Canon Matthew Jones - Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans © Anglican Board of Mission.

**The Anglican Parish of Taree works to build Faith & Hope in our community despite the struggles around us. Your help to continue this work is essential so please give what you can.**

Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

- ◆ Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service OR
- ◆ By Electronic Funds Transfer

Many People are finding that this is an easy, fuss free way to maintain their support.

Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

Bank: Westpac
Branch: Taree NSW
Account Name: St John's General Account
BSB: 032-587
Account Number: 120 816
Reference: Parish or Mission recipient eg: ABM

*Some give freely yet grow all the richer;  
others withhold what is due,  
and only suffer want.*

*A generous person will be enriched,  
and one who gives water will get water.*

*Proverbs 11:24-25*

**The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.**

**We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.**

**TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 or RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY  
TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 or  
TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR PLEASE CALL 1800 774 945**

**WRITE: Director of Professional Standards PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300**

**EMAIL: [dps@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au)**

**IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14**

