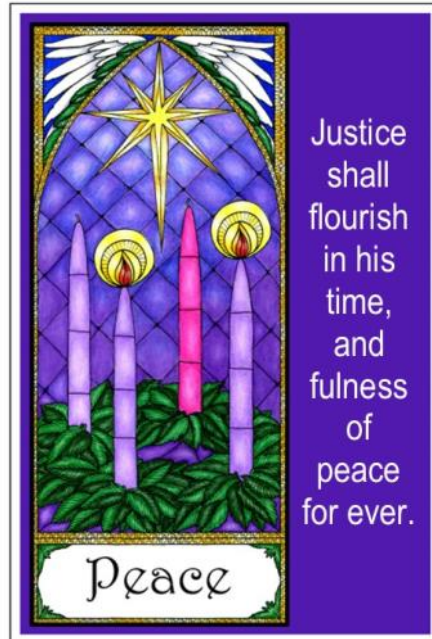



WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE




Weekly Services - Taree & Old Bar.

ST JOHN'S – 294 Victoria St. Taree

 **8am and 4pm- SUNDAY**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – 18 Hall St. Old Bar

 **11am - SUNDAY**

****PLEASE NOTE** There is no service at 4pm on Sunday 12th December due to the Lessons & Carols service at 7.30pm.**

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.

PARISH CONTACTS:

THE MINISTRY TEAM	Fr Peter Tinney 0451 677 701	Fr Ivan Ransom 0429 828 413	Fr Bill Green 0488 570 028
CHURCH WARDENS	Beryl Fenwick 6551 2036	Dr Colin Rose 6552 2775	David Denning 6552 6825
TREASURER	Ian Woollard 0429 902 980	PC SECRETARY	Beryl Fenwick 6551 2036
HALL MANAGERS	Ken Park: 0412 138 985	Bruce Walker: 0405 697 690	
PARISH OFFICE	Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12midday Ph: 6551 3849 Address: PO Box 377 Taree 2430 Email: officestjohnstaree@gmail.com . Website: https://tareeanglican.org.au		

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; Gerard Bowen, Jane Webb; Newcastle Grammar School - Erica Thomas; University Chaplaincies - Andrew Eaton, Roy Hazlewood; Parish of Wallsend - Andrew Eaton, Philip Morris, The Ministry Team.

Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder).

The Church of Bangladesh; The Church of South India (United).

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 & Laurie Robertson.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: Dorothy Greenaway

ANNIVERSARY: Valerie Atkins, Denis Barstow, Terrie Platts & Gwen Riley.

PP's 5th December

Sing Along with Zechariah and the Mandeans !

They meet beside the Nepean River, in their long white robes. They revere John the Baptist. They come from Iraq, rescued by Anglicans from slaughter by Islamic State. They hold that Zechariah, the aged father of John the Baptist, was a prophet of God because God spoke directly through him, just like another Zechariah who wrote the second-last book in the Old Testament. They are the Mandeans, the last of the Gnostics from the Third Century.

For the Second Sunday in Advent, we rehearse "The Song of Zechariah", or "Benedictus", rejoicing with Zechariah and Elizabeth at the birth of their son, the forerunner of his second-cousin, Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah.

In these words we rehearse the immutable will of the eternal Father-God: that all humanity will discover the "Jewel of Great Price"; that "the dawn from on high would break upon us". We respond to the challenge: "Prepare the way of the Lord !" ... And we still do, even today. ... 'because the Light which enlightens everyone was coming into the world.'

Father Duan

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

4pm on Sunday 19th December will be our VOLUNTEER Thank You Service to celebrate all volunteers in our Parish and wider Community.

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



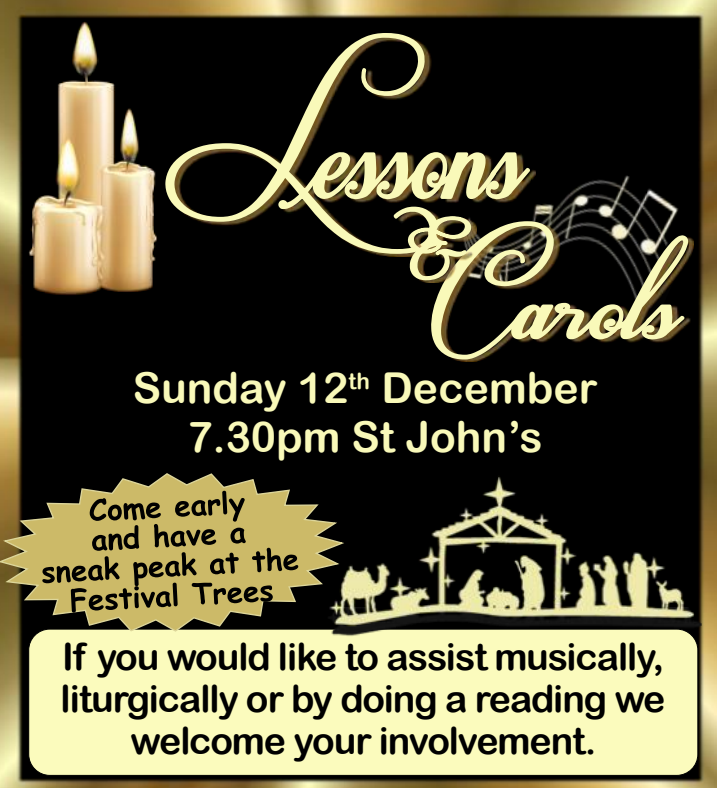
2021 BLUE CROSS
Festival of Trees
Bringing back the sparkle to Christmas

START PLANNING A TREE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP.

The display will be open from Monday 13th - Sunday 19th December 10am - 3pm.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Come & Enjoy this wonderful display & vote for your favourite tree.

A FESTIVE START TO YOUR CHRISTMAS JOURNEY



Lessons & Carols
Sunday 12th December 7.30pm St John's

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.

1st Prize
CHRISTMAS HAMPER

2nd Prize
ORIGINAL ARTWORK

3rd Prize
DECORATED CHRISTMAS CAKE.

4th 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 5th December– 2nd Sunday in Advent

Malachi 3. 1-14; Psalm: Song of Zechariah

Philippians 1. 1-11; Luke 3. 1-6

SUNDAY 12th December– 3rd Sunday in Advent

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

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

WELCOMERS

Sunday 5 th December		Sunday 12 th December	
8am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard Fiona Tinney	8am	Heather Strangwidge David Denning Fiona Tinney
4pm	Beryl Fenwick Fiona Tinney	7.30 pm	Beryl Fenwick Fiona Tinney

READERS

Sunday 5 th December		Sunday 12 th December	
8am	Hugh McCrindle	8am	Sandra Langford
4pm	Sue Prentice		

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Malachi 3.1-14; For the Psalm Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

Luke's gospel quotes the prophet Isaiah about the preparation required for a royal visit—the road cleared, smoothed and straightened, valleys filled, and hills flattened. A dramatic picture indeed! In a similar way the people's moral and spiritual state needed drastic action in their deep need to repent, in readiness for the coming of the Messiah, Christ Jesus. As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, may we look closely at our own hearts and lives.

† We thank you Lord Jesus that in your coming you provided all that we need for cleansing, forgiveness and restoration. May our hearts overflow with joy!

† Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

Text: Meryl Broadley - 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

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

