

The Parish of Taree
 Welcome you and your family
 and Wish you all the
 Blessings of the Season.



Sunday Service Taree

- ◆ People who are ill are encouraged to remain at home.
- ◆ Social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser is encouraged.
- ◆ Wearing a mask is a matter of personal choice.

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree


9am - SUNDAY

****PLEASE NOTE:****
 There are **NO** 4pm
 Services during January

PARISH CONTACTS:

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HALL MANAGERS	Ken Park - 0412 138 985	Bruce Walker - 0405 697 690	



BLUE CROSS COMMUNITY CARE

Please continue your generous donations of:

- ◆ Cereal, (small box),
- ◆ Long Life Full Cream Milk,
- ◆ Pasta and pasta sauce,
- ◆ Small boxes of Tea Bags,
- ◆ Spreads—peanut butter, vegemite, jam,
- ◆ Biscuits – large crackers, (not small dip biscuits), Scotch Fingers and similar.

Many people are having difficult times, especially at Christmas.

THANK
YOU



PP's 25th December

First, let me say to everyone that I hope all enjoy a joyous Christmas day and a fruitful New Year!!

Second, I have to say that I find it difficult to say anything new and insightful about Christmas, so I shall add the following: Christmas does bring to mind a time of remembering Our Lord Jesus taking upon Himself ordinary human form, initially as baby who, like all babies was totally dependent on his parents for his ongoing survival. This was the beginning of a very significant ongoing event in the history of much of the world, continuing to this present time. We still measure time throughout the world today with regard to the general time of his birth about 2,022 years ago.

Several of those who have given much of their lives to the study of Jesus and his life, along with the society in which he lived and the times in which taught and died and rose from death, have termed this period of earthly ministry "*The Christ Event*". They have done so to remind us that Jesus's birth, his childhood, his growth into manhood, his time of teaching and then crucifixion, his death and his ultimate resurrection and ascension to be with the Father are all part of this one tremendous event. All of it comes together for all humanity and down to us today. The Gospels present the essence of what God wants all of us mere humans to know about God and about our relationships with God and each other. These four gospels are the absolute guide for all who would follow. I pray that all may use these gospels as the foundation of life and faith!

God Bless you all!

Fr Chris

Prayers:

WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. We pray for those impacted by COVID19. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, Myanmar, Lebanon, the Philippines & Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Kate Bernardino; Grammar School - Erica Thomas; Parish of Stroud - Maree Armstrong; Parish of Williamtown, Meadowie Mallabula - David Davies; The Ministry Team; Vocations to the ordained ministry .

Diocese of Willochra

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Heads of Christian Churches (Newcastle).

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For those affected by the impacts of COVID 19, floods & other challenges.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Doreen, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Wendy McKeogh, Ted Hill, Fr Chris, Poppy, Don Mortimer, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Sue Blunt, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Beryl, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Barbara McGlashan, Bruce Cole & Verlie Mitchell.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PRIEST:

All-knowing, and eternal God we thank and praise you that even as we prayed for a pastor to be called to this parish, your immutable providence chose Natalie Quince to come amongst us.

Bless and keep her spouse, Jay, and her sons.

Give to her wisdom and discernment as shepheress of your flock and grant to us, her fellow-servants, charity and joy in serving Christ Jesus and to you, our Great God and Saviour be ascribed all might, honour, wisdom, majesty, dominion, power and glory in the Church through all ages through Christ our Lord. Amen

From: Fr Ivan Ransom

CHRISTMAS BOWL - Christmas: Envelopes at the back of Church



Merry Christmas!

Mugisha*, along with her sister and two young children are just some of the millions of families living as refugees around the world. Mugisha fled to Kenya after conflict broke out in her home country of Congo. Since arriving, she has faced many challenges to meet the basic needs for her family. Through the Christmas Bowl, our local partners around the world can continue to share God's love with refugees like Mugisha by providing food, care and lifesaving support. **Please give today.**



*Mugisha's name has been changed for safety reasons.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 25th December – Christmas Day

Isaiah 9. 2-7; Psalm 96

Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2. 1-20

SUNDAY 1st January – Epiphany of our Lord

Isaiah 60. 1-6; Psalm 72. 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3. 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12

WELCOMERS

Sunday 25 th December		Sunday 1 st January	
9am	David Denning	9am	Col Rose David Denning

READERS

Sunday 25 th December		Sunday 1 st January	
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Hugh McCrindle

MORNING TEA

Sunday 25 th December		Sunday 1 st January	
NO morning tea		Kylie Sanderson David Denning	

HYMNS - Sunday 25th December

TIS 301, 318, 303, 304

BRASS CLEANING for December

Lorraine and Bruce Monck

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

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.

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Christmas Appeal 2022



Envelopes at
the rear of the
church

or

[http://
www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)

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

