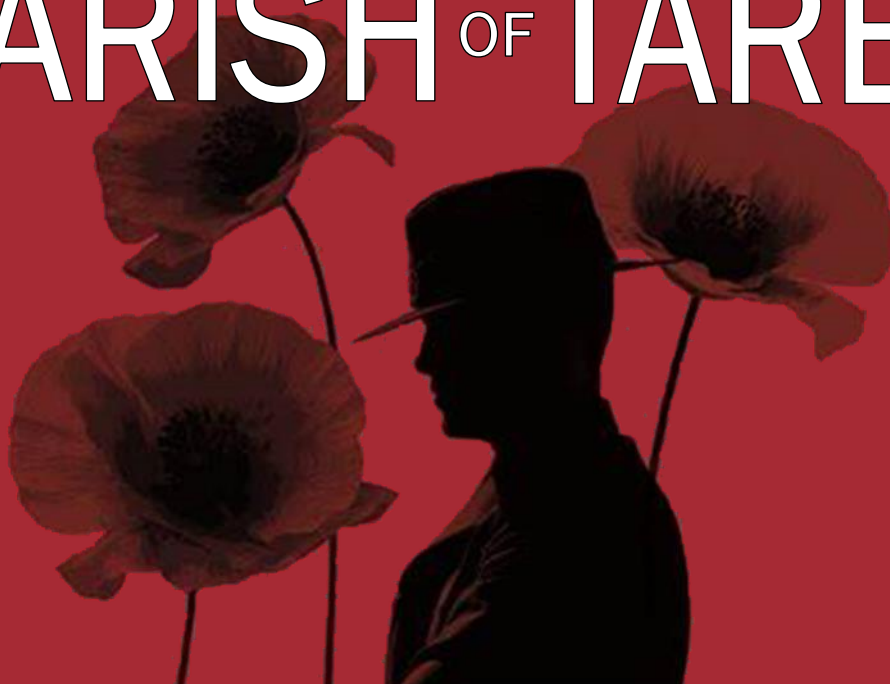


WELCOME
 TO THE **PARISH** OF **TAREE**



Sundays Services
- Taree & Old Bar

- ◆ 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
 11am - SUNDAY - CONTEMPORY
 4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 18 Hall St. Old Bar

11am - SUNDAY

ONE Parish Service
at St Johns Taree @ 9am
30th April, 2023

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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM SUCH SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICES DURING WAR TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN GOD?

In our reading, we find that there is a call to living with Jesus. We find that there is a sacrifice involved. We find that there is a legacy to pass on. So firstly, let us look at the call to living with Jesus. We find this call in verses 9 and 10. In essence, it is Jesus extending what he received from his Father to his disciples. What has he received? It is the love of God. In verse 9, we are told that the father has loved him. This pattern of love was passed on by Jesus to his disciples. He refers to them as "you". He then asked the disciples to remain in Jesus' love. This is similar in pattern to how Australian troops were commanded during the Gallipoli campaign.

The world was at war, our country was called to participate. The commonality in process is there but the scenarios of the Anzac war and living as disciples of Jesus are parallel to each other. That call from Jesus is lifelong just as being an Anzac has ended up. The parallel to this in the armed services is obedience to the commands of your commanding officer which doesn't show love but does show something that is important in the context of war... and that is loyalty.

Similarly, Jesus' call to his disciples to show his love by keeping Jesus' commands is the call to Jesus' disciples to show him that they can be trusted. In other words, the keeping of Jesus' commands as well as staying in Jesus' love are core qualities of being a believer in Christ and not one without the other. And even more selfless is the command in verse 12 which says, "Love each other as I have loved you." So not only are the disciples called to be obedient to Jesus, they are called to love one another as Jesus has loved them. That means we love each other Jesus' way despite the little quirks each of us has that may annoy others. So therefore, the Disciples of Christ are called to remain in the love of Jesus, keep the commands of Jesus and love each other as Jesus has loved his disciples.

Lest we forget.



Fr Bill



*There will be a light lunch and a trade table available.

The Leprosy Mission invites you to a special event.

"Every 2 minutes someone in the world is diagnosed with Leprosy"

Wednesday May 17th 2023
@ 10am

Laurieton Uniting Church
51 Bold Street, Laurieton.

RSVP: Audrey 0428 355 557



Prayers

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

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Jenny Gillis; Lakes Grammar – Deborah Clancy; the Parish of Dungog - Kimbalee Hodges; the Parish of Gresford Paterson - Mary Horn, Peter Rothnie.

The Church of North India (United); The Religious Society of Friends.

Bishop to Aboriginal People (Bp Chris McLeod).

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

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

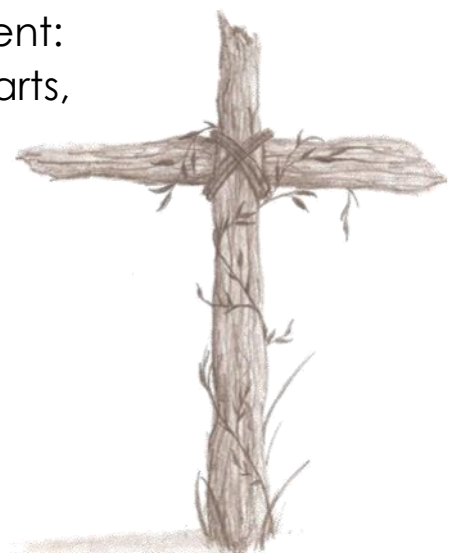
PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Carol Clarke, Thomas Dyball, Gary Haynes, Colin Booth, Stanley Holbert, Willa Wilson & Jean Villiers.

PRAYER OF THE SEASON

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you,
the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



ANZAC SUNDAY

SENTENCE:

'No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.' John 14:13-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
may have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
of generosity, and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 4:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:
**and though the mountains are shaken.
in the midst of the sea.**
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved:
God will help her and at break of day.
- 6 The nations make uproar and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice and the earth shall tremble.
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us:*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the chariots in the fire.**
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God:
**I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted upon the earth.'**
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us:*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet

“in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.”

But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15. 9-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 15 commencing at verse 9.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants

any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After Communion

Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you, says the Lord. Alleluia.

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Blue Cross

Emergency Relief

Your Gifts can make such a difference in others lives.

If you would like to donate non perishable items here are a few suggestions.

- ◇ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ◇ 2 minute noodles
- ◇ Small packets of Tea Bags
- ◇ Small containers of Coffee
- ◇ **Long life milk (full Cream)/Juice**
- ◇ Small Toothpaste & individual Toothbrushes
- ◇ Cereal small size box (NO oats)
- ◇ Dry Biscuits (Sao's etc)
- ◇ Spreads (Jam, Vegemite etc.)
- ◇ Rice or Corn Cakes

Canned & long-life foods with ring pull lids are the best, small to medium size.

- ◇ Baked Beans & Spaghetti
- ◇ Meats
- ◇ Soups
- ◇ Fruit
- ◇ Tuna/Salmon

Please **NO** large containers and **ALL** food must be "in date". Thank You

If you would like to assist financially to this ministry you can place a donation in an envelope and mark Emergency Relief and place in the offertory basket.
Thank you



*The Old Bar congregation
invite you
to your them for
Morning Tea
@ 10am
Thursday 27th April, 2023
Village Café
Shops 2 & 3, 47 Old Bar Road
Old Bar.*

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS	
SUNDAY 23 rd April – Anzac Sunday	
Micah 4. 1-4 ; Psalm 46;	
Hebrews 10. 32. 11.1; John 15. 9-17	
SUNDAY 30 th April – Fourth of Easter	
Acts 2.42-47 ; Psalm 23;	
1 Peter 2.1–10; John 10. 1-10	
WELCOMERS	
Sunday 23 rd April	
9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose
4pm	Beryl Fenwick
READERS	
Sunday 23 rd April	
9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Ken Park
MORNING TEA	
Sunday 23 rd April	
Kylie Sanderson + Davie Denning	
Sunday 30 th April	
Lorraine + Bruce Monk	
HYMNS - Sunday 23 rd April	
TIS 560, 28, 138, 361	
BRASS CLEANING for April	
Bruce and Lorraine Monck	



3RD OF EASTER

The Gospel of Matthew’s account of the resurrection juxtaposes the disciples’ response of fear and joy (when Jesus reassures them in their fear) with that of the chief priests’ scheming and manipulation. Those who trust in the resurrection have a hope that transcends worldly power machinations; there is nothing to defend or protect, only a life to be joyfully lived. We need not be troubled by those who seek to control, for they have no authentic power. Notice what fears still seek to control you; gently place them in the care of Christ, who invites us beyond our fear, to lasting joy.

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia as it seeks to address displacement of the communities in the Solomon Islands from the impacts of climate change.

*Text: Richard Fay;
St John’s Cathedral, Brisbane*

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

