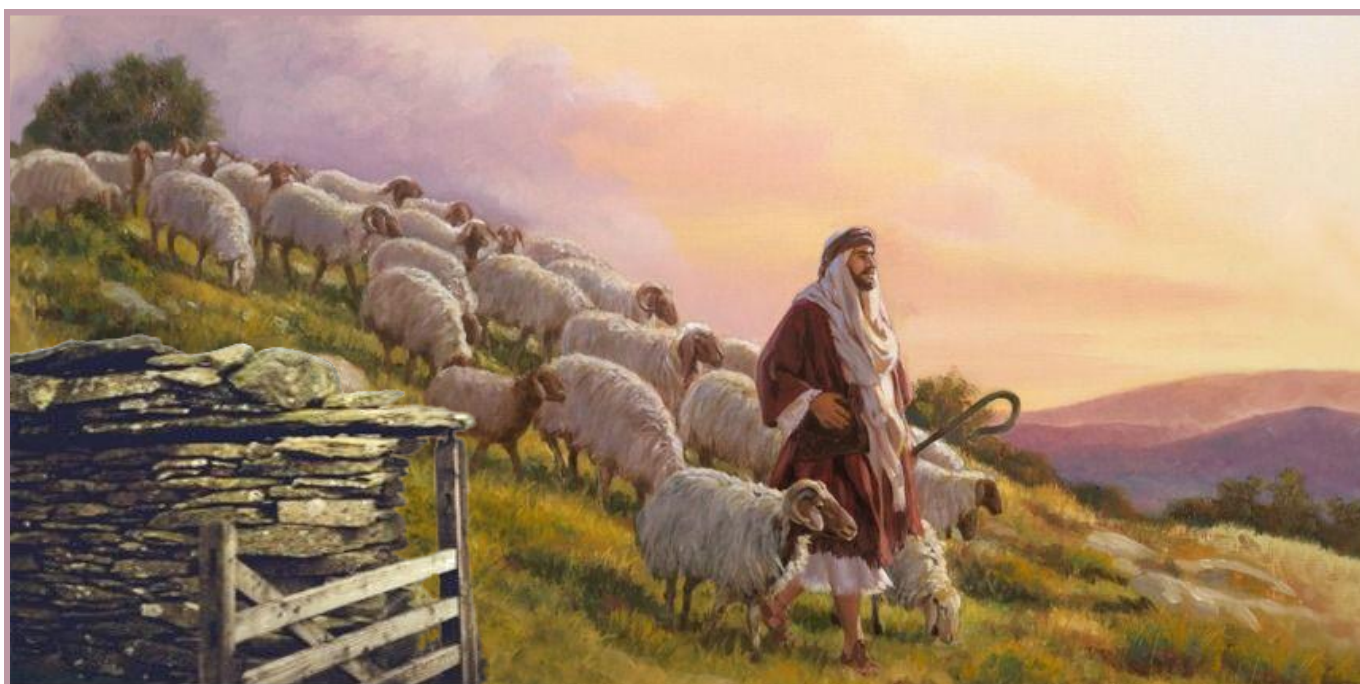


WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



Sunday Service - Taree

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY

- ◆ 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.

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Give Thanks

This week I would like to take the opportunity to give thanks. I was so encouraged by our Easter and Anzac weeks and I am so grateful for the way the whole Parish leaned in and supported all the events/services.

As usual the Easter week was jam packed. Along with the full array of services in the church (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Service of Light, Easter Celebration) we celebrated Passover with Bob from Jews for Jesus, we conducted Easter services at Storm Village and Bishop Tyrrell Place, we spent a morning taking home communion and Easter gifts around and we celebrated two services at MVAC.

It takes a whole Parish to make this happen and I am grateful for the work of so many people. Thanks to Parish Council and the Ministry Team for all their input and support. Thanks to Jews for Jesus and Rotary for a wonderful Passover event. Thanks to those who arranged palms and made palm crosses. Thank you to those who helped out with the services at the nursing homes (as they do every month). Thank you to Kim for preparing all the service booklets, the amazing cross decoration (and for organising me).

Thank you to our Sacristan for all the set up of the church and the continually changing colours. Thanks to the choir (the preparation and effort they put into worship each week is such a blessing for us all). Thank you to all the readers, welcomers, brass cleaners and people who hosted morning teas. Thank you to Father Ivan for officiating at Old Bar. Thanks to those who led and supported us in prayer. Thanks to those who sent notes and expressed their encouragement and appreciation.

I am aware that many people came along for the whole Easter journey and attended all the services. There was an air of excitement and expectation that God was at work. On Easter Day after we had passed the new flame down through the church it was an awesome and humbling sight to look over the church and see the light of Christ shining in every pew! The candles only enhanced the true light of Christ shining from the hearts of God's people.

ANZAC DAY

My heartfelt thanks to Father Bill, as the RSL Chaplain, for wonderful Anzac services. I, along with many others, was so moved by his poem (page 6). Thanks to the Old Bar community for their wonderful poppy decorations which we were able to use in the nursing homes too.

In Christ's love

Reverend Natalie



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; Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation - Kate Finney, Grace Gunning, Zoe Williams; School Management Division Staff - Natasha Smith, Peggy Robson, Brianne Buckley, Kerrie Cryer, Felicia Sharman, Cheryl Sorenson & Sue Wells; The Newcastle Anglican Corporation.

The Meeting of the Primates.

National Church General Synod and Synod Commissions.

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.

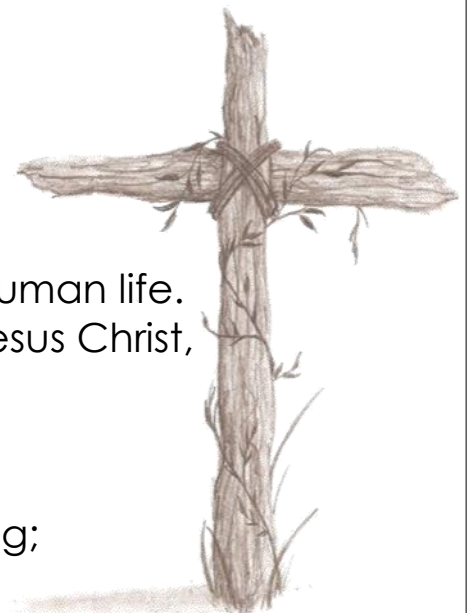
THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Diane, Vera, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Poppy, Don Mortimer, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Sue Blunt, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Dawn Sheather.

PRAYER OF THE SEASON

Gracious God,
we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely bestowed on us,
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work and leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life.
But, above all, we thank you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit,
and for the hope of glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SENTENCE:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10.11

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2. 42-47

A reading from the book of Acts

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.1–10

A reading from the First letter to Peter

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’ 8 and, ‘A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 10 commencing at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

1 'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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"I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS

In John's gospel Jesus makes seven declarations about who he is as the Messiah and the Son of God. He says "I am" the bread of life (6:35), the light of the world (8:12), the gate (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11, 14), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the way the truth and the life (14:6) and the true vine (15:1). In John 10, which we focus on this week, Jesus declares that he is both the "gate" to the sheep pen and the "good shepherd" of the sheep. How is it that Jesus can be a shepherd AND a gate? Ancient sheepfolds were somewhat different to our modern farming methods in Australia where we have large roaming pastures bounded by fences. Ancient sheepfolds were much smaller and had only one point of entry which was guarded by a shepherd at night. Most of the sheepfolds were rough stone or mud-brick structures with a partial roof or they were a cave cut into the hills. They had a single opening to protect against robbers and wild animals. The shepherd would lie down before the opening and become a living gate. Nothing could pass in or out of the sheepfold without passing over his body. In this sense Jesus is both the way into the sheepfold and he is the protector of those who are part of the flock.



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 (Sas'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

St Johns Youth Camp

St Johns Youth Camp will be held on 2 to 4 June at Glenrock Scout Camp.

The guest speakers are Ellen & James Algeo and they will focus on *"How Jesus' death transforms our life"*.

Activities will include:

- Raft making
- Kite making
- Bush walking
- Games
- Amazing worship

CROSS LIFE
Payment due May 26th



REGO FORMS AND INFO: ADMIN@SAINTJOHNS.COM.AU



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

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

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS	
SUNDAY 30 th April – Fourth of Easter	
Acts 2.42-47 ; Psalm 23;	
1 Peter 2.1–10; John 10. 1-10	
SUNDAY 7 th May – Fifth of Easter	
Acts 7. 55-60 ; Psalm 31. 1-5, 17-18;	
1 Peter 2.11–25; John 14.1-14	
WELCOMERS	
Sunday 30 th April	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard
	4pm
Sunday 7 th May	
9am	David Denning Col Rose
	4pm
	Beryl Fenwick
READERS	
Sunday 30 th April	
9am	Fr Ivan
	4pm
Sunday 7 th May	
9am	Hugh McCrindle
	4pm
	Ken Park
MORNING TEA	
Sunday 30 th April	
Lorraine + Bruce Monck	
Sunday 7 th May	
Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker	
HYMNS - Sunday 30 th April	
TIS 402, 305, 143, 520	
BRASS CLEANING for May	
Lorraine Yarad	



4TH OF EASTER

Sheep and stones. Selling everything you have and holding all things in common. Today's readings share a thread of the communal, of collectivity, of connection. They are reminders that we are more than individuals, that we are each precious and part of a larger whole at the same time. There is not one stone in the temple that isn't important, but its importance lies in being part of the whole structure. One stone is not a cathedral. One sheep is not a flock. Together we make up the whole, and we make the whole by sharing. Like sheep, like bricks, we are made for being with each other.

- ◆ Pray that we can allow ourselves to be shepherded, so that we might feel supported and tended. Pray that we can allow ourselves to be hewn, so that we can better support others.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong.

Text: Joshua Gatt; St John's Cathedral, Brisbane Anglican Board of Mission, 2023

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

