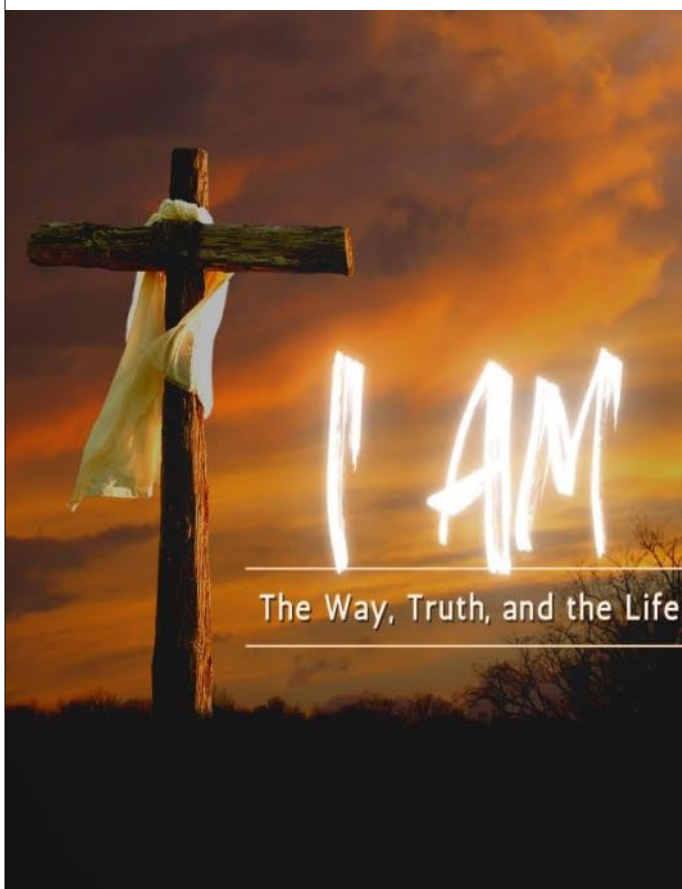


# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE

## Sunday Services - Taree & Old Bar



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

9am - SUNDAY

4pm - SUNDAY

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

11am - 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.

Bishop Charlie will be visiting the Parish  
on Sunday 21st May, 2023.

The Bishop will be attending both St John's and Old Bar Services.

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## **BOOKED OUT !**

It is the fear of many devout people that they might miss out at the resurrection.

They arrive to find the number of the Elect has been filled and the "House Full" sign is hanging on the Pearly Gates.

Well, in today's reading from John's Gospel, chapter fourteen, our Saviour makes it clear that this is NOT how God works. "Believe in God: Believe in me too". You, personally, have security and assurance because of a particular relationship with the Lord of Life: you are nourished spiritually by His body broken for you and His blood, poured out as a libation on the dust of Calvary Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb of God whose offering of himself as the living Word of God, was enough to pay for the sins of the whole universe .....including yours and mine.

It was American author, Hal Lindsay, who in 1970 published the best-selling paperback: "Late Great Planet Earth". In it, he reviews the lamentable state of Western civilisation and culture and this was before online gambling and Tik-tok. He thoroughly dissected the ills of the world and in a thin, best-seller proposed the answer: Christians take over Government before the Lord returns.

It is still with us today. Self-righteousness reigns supreme. e.g: What happened January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Washington D.C. USA? They were running according to Hal Lindsay's playbook, unsurprisingly, with the end of the world looming, environment was the least of their concerns, which is why Bolsonaro, a fan of Hal Lindsay's, was content to encourage the pillage of the Amazon Rain Forest.

Now, the forgoing may appear irrelevant to the topic, but in 1997 the full-length movie "The Rapture" was listed and in 2017 the movie, "Left Behind", posing as a science fiction epic, was released with a video game. This latter movie is not about Aussie Rules football, it's about the misapplication of select parts of Holy Scripture to promote the view that in the 'End Time' people will 'disappear' at random, causing immense social upheaval. Airline pilots, truck drivers and on-duty emergency personnel being of particular interest. That movie gained quite a following, particularly in North America. But I reckon I've seen more sound theology on "Doctor Who".

The two passages of Holy Scripture, which have been mulled over for two millenniums, are the words of Our Lord (Matthew 24:37-40) and an observation by the Apostle Paul (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17). The question is: "Are they talking about the same thing?" To my mind, Jesus is warning disciples about the uncertainty of mortal existence, while Paul is reflecting on the Christian hope of Eternal Life.

Coming back to the Gospel reading for this Fifth Sunday in Easter, the good news is that our eternal place with our Lord is the result of his graciousness and generosity rather than any merit or deserving on our part. Our Heavenly Father, as in all things, is sovereign and in charge. The decree has been published: "we are set free from the slavery to guilt and fear, we live by the grace of God having been gifted Eternal Life and, so, there is a place prepared for us in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting".

Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, it is well with my soul.

*Fr Duan*



# 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; John Barriga, Alison Dalmazzone; The Cathedral - Katherine Bowyer; the Parish of Adamstown - Chris Bird, John Dring; the Parish of All Saints ANeW - Arthur Copeman, Rebecca Bishop, Sam Broadfoot, Kate Rogers, Amy Soutter – Ministry Assistants.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Justin Welby).

Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Bps Denise Ferguson, Tim Harris and 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.

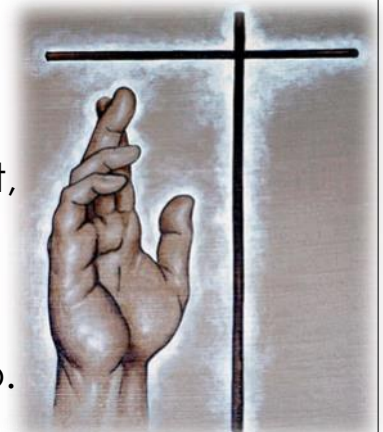
**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:** Diane, Vera, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Poppy, Don Mortimer, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Sue Blunt, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:**

**PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Jessie Solling, Shirley Mitchell & Gwyneth Brook.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.  
You made us in your likeness,  
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.  
He has given us forgiveness from sin.  
Lord God, bring us together as one,  
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,  
together as your body, your Church, your people.  
Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled, healed, forgiven,  
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.  
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SENTENCE:

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14.6

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Everliving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments,  
and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *First Reading*

**Acts 7.55-60**

A reading from the book of Acts

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm - 31.1-5; 31.17-18**

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
**let me never be put to shame.**
- 2 O deliver me in your righteousness:  
**incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
**for you are my high rock and my stronghold.**
- 4 Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:  
**bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,  
For you are my strength.**

- 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit:  
**you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.**
- 17 All my days are in your hand:  
**O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.**
- 18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
**and save me for your mercy's sake.**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2.11–25**

A reading from the First letter to Peter

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. 12 Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. 13 For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, 14 or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. 16 As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. 17 Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. 18 Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. 19 For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

### **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

**John 14.1–14**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Chapter 14 commencing at verse 1.

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

1 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' 8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**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 (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



The Leprosy Mission

(TAREE COMMITTEE)

**Pleasant  
Saturday**

**Afternoon**



**Saturday, 27th May, 2023  
Taree Presbyterian Church  
Albert Street Taree**

**\*\*COMMENCING 2PM\*\***

Featuring:

- \*Share and Care - talks and display
- \*Manning Valley Christian Choir
- \*Trading Table
- \*Spotlight on the Leprosy Mission
- \*Afternoon Tea

**\*\*\*\*\*ENTRY BY DONATION\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*All proceeds to the Leprosy Mission\*\***



Cancer Council  
Victoria



Australia's  
**BIGGEST  
MORNING  
TEA**

Will be held at  
St John's Taree  
on  
Sunday 14th May 2023  
after the  
9am service  
in the  
Parish Hall



**Donations for the  
Cancer Council  
Welcomed.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May – Fifth of Easter

Acts 7. 55-60 ; Psalm 31. 1-5, 17-18;

1 Peter 2.11-25; John 14.1-14

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth of Easter

Acts 17. 22-31 ; Psalm 66. 7-19;

1 Peter 3. 8-22; John 14.15-21

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
9am	David Denning Col Rose	9am	Doreen Sinclair David Denning
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

## READERS

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Janella Leotta
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker		Margaret + Les Griffis	

## HYMNS - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

TIS 446, 699, 94, 595

## BRASS CLEANING for May

Lorraine Yarad

# ABM

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

## 5TH OF EASTER

Taking refuge in the Lord in whom we can put our trust and steadfastly living in faith so that as we face our death, we will not break down but reach out in love to one another. Our Lord is all-powerful and benevolent and calls us to love in obedient faith.

- ◆ Pray that we will be obedient children keeping our eyes upon the Lord.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Melanesian Sisterhood, the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Church who minister throughout the Pacific Islands be God's answer to the prayers of others.

*The Reverend Heather, Associate Priest, St Paul's Cathedral,  
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**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)**

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