

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16th July 2023

294 Victoria Street, Taree www.tareeanglican.org.au

/ELCOME 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

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Newcastle Anglican officially endorses 'Yes' vote in 2023referendum

Newcastle Anglican is a leading faith-based organisation serving the people of the Hunter and Central Coast. We operate on the traditional lands of the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinyung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi, Garrigal, and Wonnarua peoples.

As a Christian organisation, storytelling is an important part of our eldership. God has been inspiring authors and narrators for millennia.

So, too, have our First Nations peoples.

AUSTRALIA'S 60,000-YEAR HISTORY.

Our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples share the wisdom of a 60,000-year-old story. Australia's history cannot be reduced to 235 years.

More than 750,000 Aboriginal people inhabited Australia thousands of years before colonisation. The indigenous peoples lived harmoniously. They developed languages, rituals, customs, and above all, a deep connection with land.

It is inescapable that we observe we are on land that has been colonised.

CONFLICT IN OUR OWN ANGLICAN HISTORY.

The Crown established The Diocese of Newcastle by Letters of Patent in 1847.

Our history is intrinsically linked with colonisation. Our leaders, often wealthy men, have made mistakes. The Aboriginal people of our region were dispossessed of their land and oppressed. We lament the reality of bloodshed and massacres.

We know this has caused unresolved and ongoing tension for us as a Diocese and as a community. We can't right the wrongs of the past, but we can help ensure history doesn't repeat itself. We choose to change the patterns of privilege.

A FAIR AND TRUTHFUL RELATIONSHIP.

The Uluru Statement of the Heart invites the nation to "create a better future" with some key reforms:

- Voice: enshrining a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution
- Makarrata: the coming together after a struggle to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

We wholeheartedly accept the invitation.

How we come together.

Newcastle Anglican is guided by six core values: compassion, integrity, justice, courage, wisdom, and faith. These values guide us as we work toward meaningful reconciliation. We commit to the joyful and demanding journey of Makarrata: conflict resolution, peace-making, justice, and treaty. Newcastle Anglican offers unequivocal support to a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Our mission is for our people to flourish, because of what we do, inspired by the way of Jesus. We believe the Voice will help First Nations people to flourish.

We ask our community to join us in support of the Voice. Vote 'yes' in the 2023 Referendum, so all Australians have the opportunity to flourish.

A better future starts with a true expression of Australia's history.

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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; Glen Cousins, Jane Dumsa, Terese Innes, Megan Moffat, Zoe Williams, Rebecca Hudson; Samaritans Foundation - David Hesketh; Parish of Telarah & Rutherford - Sarah Dulley.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Baptist Church.

Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp Peter Grice).

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. The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi & Wonnarua peoples.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Coralie, Diane, Vera, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Poppy, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine Hudson, Freda Cooling, Janice Dimmock & Patrick Bungie.

PRAYER:

O God.

you reveal your life as the shepherd of your people

and sent your Son Jesus to lead, guide and nurture us.

He took our human flesh, lived and died,

sharing all the trauma of human life,

triumphant over all that diminishes us:

hatred, sin, resentment, grief and even death.

Be present to us as we gather that we may know the assurance of Christ that good is stronger than darkness; love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, through him who loves us. Amen.

By Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SENTENCE:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. John 6.63, 68

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 25.19–34

A reading from the book of Genesis

19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red. all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. 26 Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. 27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' 32 Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' 33 Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - 119, 115-112

- Your word is a lantern to my feet: and a light to my path.
- 106 I have vowed and sworn an oath:
 to keep your righteous judgements.
- I have been afflicted beyond measure:
 Lord, give me life according to your word.
- Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth: and teach me your judgements.
- 109 I take my life in my hands continually: yet I do not forget your law.
- The wicked have laid a snare for me:
 but I have not strayed from your precepts.
- Your commands are my inheritance for ever: they are the joy of my heart.
- I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.

Second Reading

Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the book of Romans

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the

things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Who ever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13.1-9, 13.18-23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew Chapter 13 commencing at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!' 18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one

comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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AS THE DEER (MP37)

1 As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

2 I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are . . .

3 You're my friend and You're my brother, even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are . . .

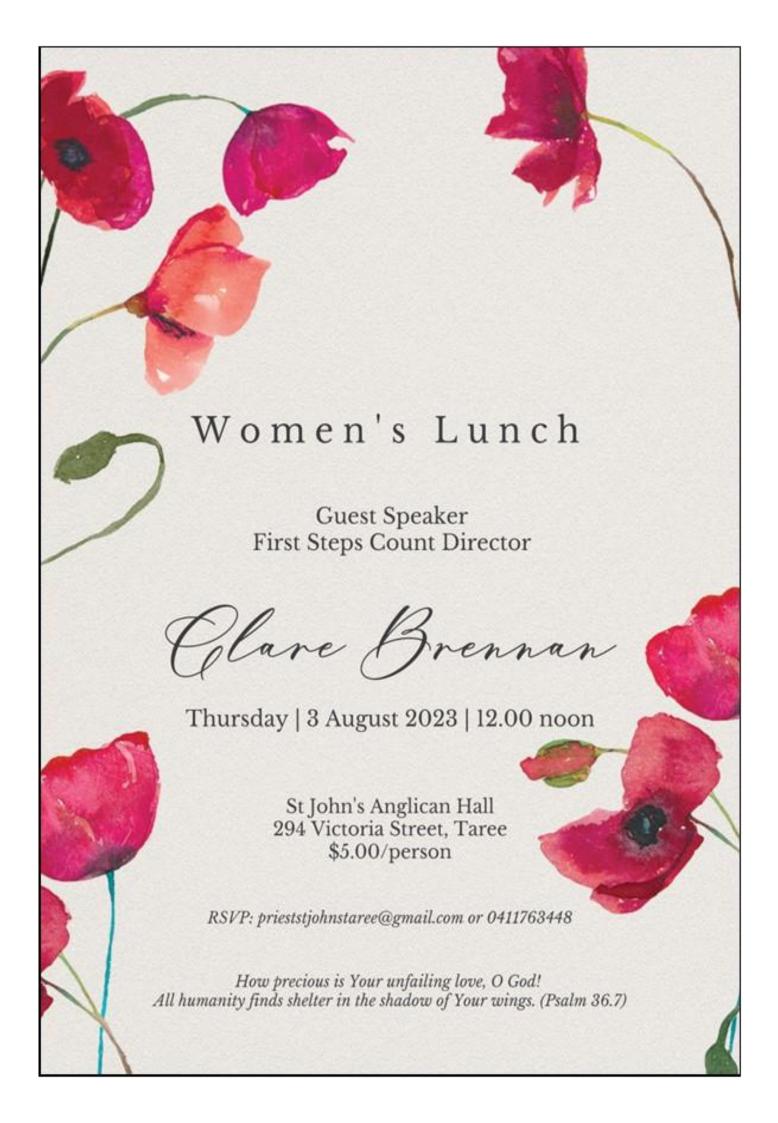
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DIARY DATES					
18th July	7pm	Parish Council	Latham Centre		
23rd July	5.30pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall		
27 th July	10am	Old Bar Morning Tea	FLOW Café Old Bar		
10th August	10am	Mother Union	Latham Centre		











POSITION VACANT - Office Admin Assistant

We are looking for a new administration assistant.

Initially the position will be for 8 hours per week.

If you are interested, or know of anyone that might be suitable, please contact Reverend Natalie - 0411 763 448.





BLUE CROSS SHOP

APPRECIATION AFTERNOON TEA

St John's Hall 294 Victoria Street

SATURDAY, 12 AUGUST 2023

2.00pm

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 16thJuly - PENTECOST 7

Genesis 25. 19-34; Psalm 119. 105-112

Romans 8. 1-11; Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

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Genesis 28. 1-19a; Psalm 139. 1-11, 23-24

Romans 8. 12-25; Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

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WELCOMERS						
Sunda	ay 16 th July	Sunday 23 rd July				
9am	Di Woollard	9am	Col Rose			
	Ian Woollard		Bruce Walker			
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick			
READERS						
Sunday 16 th July		Sunday 23 rd July				
9am	Doreen Sinclair	9am	Margaret Griffis			
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Ken Park			
MORNING TEA						
Sunda	ay 16 th July	Sunday 23 rd July				
Kylie	Sanderson +	Doreen Sinclair +				
David Denning		Bruce Walker				
HYMNS - Sunday 16 th July						
TIS 531, 34, 536, 209						



7TH AFTER PENTECOST

The book of Genesis presents the epic narrative of the founding of the people of Israel. It begins with the creation of life, the universe and everything, especially humankind. Then God makes a promise to Abraham that he will be the father of a great nation and possess a land. The question then throughout the narrative is: how can God keep his promise in the face of this particular calamity which has just happened? Isaac's wife is barren, how will Isaac produce descendants? Isaac prays, then Rebekah conceives. But with twins, who fight. Will Rebekah survive? Will her babies survive? Will the right twin be born first? Then there is parental rivalry: one loves one, the other the other. Will the family survive? Then the most terrible thing: the older son despises his birthright and throws it away to the younger brother who steals it. How will the family heritage survive? To be continued.

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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

BRASS CLEANING for July

Margaret Kelly

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

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