

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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



# Sunday Service - Taree

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY

4pm - SUNDAY

Today we welcome
Bishop Charlie
and the candidates for our

Service of Confirmation and Baptism

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This week we are excited and honoured that a number of young people from MVAC and other local schools are gathering to celebrate Confirmation.

The gospel passage which is part of the service is the parable of the wicked tenants in Matthew 21.33-46. In this parable the tenants refuse to give the owner of the vineyard his share of the fruit. The owner sends his servants to collect the fruit. The tenants beat and kill the servants. Then the owner sends his Son to demand what is his and the tenants go so far as to kill the Son and claim the vineyard as their own.

The parable can be understood as a story about God being the owner of creation; the wicked tenants being those who reject God as the rightful owner. The parable is about rejecting God's rightful authority over the world. At the heart of it the tenants reject God's right to collect rent at all. They reject the authority of God's messengers to collect the rent. Ultimately, they reject God's Son's authority and kill the Son declaring their ownership of and right to rule the world.

Amazingly, Jesus tells this story just a few days before the Jewish leaders actually have him crucified. He foretells their betrayal and he describes the consequences of their actions telling them that the kingdom of God will be taken away from them and given to a people who will produce its fruit (Matt 21.44).

This parable challenges us to know that creation belongs to the Lord and it is those who know and trust Jesus who are given the responsibility to steward it and the privilege of inheriting it eternally. The message of this passage could not be more relevant for our Confirmation service as Confirmation signifies a personal commitment to God as Lord and Saviour and a willingness to faithfully serve God and His church. It is a powerful moment in each person's spiritual journey involving a commitment to being stewards of God's creation and agents of His love in the world.

We give great thanks to God for everyone who has responded to his call today. We pray God will bless them, encourage them and nurture them and they will serve him faithfully to his glory.

# Rev 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; Robert Kin; Anglican Care - Andrew Harrison, Jenny Foley, Melanie Whalley; Parish of St Albans - Mike Wilkinson; Parish of Terrigal - Mark Watson; The Parish of The Entrance & Toukley Budgewoi - Brad Lovegrove & The Ministry team.

Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts).

The Anglican Church of Canada; The Episcopal Church of Sudan and Southern Suda

**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**: Suzanne, Leonie, Coralie, Diane, Vera, Lyn, Joyce McMullen, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES**: Daphne Scanes, Marie Langdown, Heather Strangwidge & Ivy McInerney.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: Ross McShane.

#### **DIARY DATES** 12th October **Mothers Union** Latham Centre 10am Latham Centre 17th October 7pm Parish Council 26th October 10am Old Bar Morning Tea Village Café - Old Bar 29th October Parish Hall 5.30pm Pot Luck Dinner

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### SENTENCE:

For The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Matthew 21.42

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READING Isaiah 5. 1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it:

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured: I will break down its wall. and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste: it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel. and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21.33-46

**Gospel Acclamation:** 

# Alleluia, alleluia!

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

#### Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>33</sup> 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch -tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

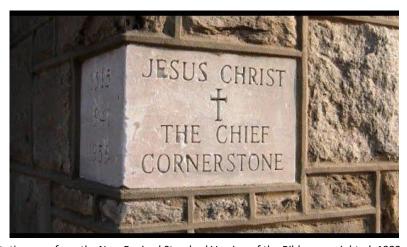
When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

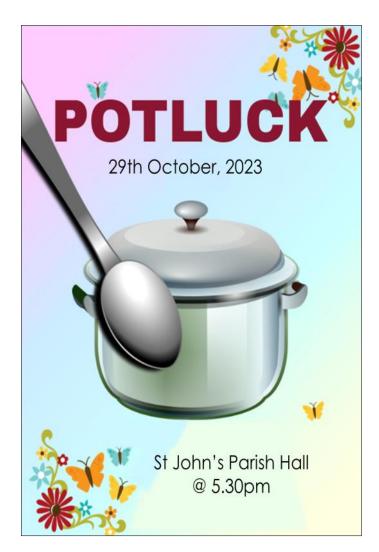
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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The Old Bar congregation invite you to join them for Morning Tea @10am
Thursday 26th October, 2023
Village Café
Shops 2 & 3
47 Old Bar Road, Old Bar





#### **HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS**

# SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October - Pentecost 19

Confirmation with Bishop Charlie Isaiah 5.1–7. Matthew 21.33–46

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October - Pentecost 20

Genesis 18. 16-22, Psalm 103. 1-12

Colossians 1, 1-14

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WELCOMERS						
Sunda	ay 8th October	Sunday 15th October				
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard		Doreen Sinclair Col Rose			
		4pm	Beryl Fenwick			
READERS						
Sunda	ay 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October				
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Ian Dyball			
		4pm	Sue Prentice			
MORNING TEA						
Sunda	ay 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 15th October				
Kylie Sanderson + David Denning		Lorraine Monck + Bruce Monck				
HYMNS: 8th October						
Hymn 1: 658, Hymn 4: 693						

#### **BRASS CLEANING for October**

Pat Minto



#### PENTECOST 19

The final verse of Psalm 19 is a familiar prayer often used by preachers as they begin their sermons, 'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer'. I imagine we have all heard it, perhaps in the '... and the meditations of all our hearts' version. It's a prayer that shouldn't be restricted to preachers because it is a beautiful, simple and easy-to remember prayer that we can all pray each day, perhaps when we first awaken. Give it a try—it'll set you up for a God-focussed day

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer

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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.

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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: <a href="mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au">dps@newcastleanglican.org.au</a>

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14