

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



## Sunday Services - Taree & Old Bar

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

9am - SUNDAY

7pm - SUNDAY - Lessons + Carols

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

11am - SUNDAY

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# ADVENT Three

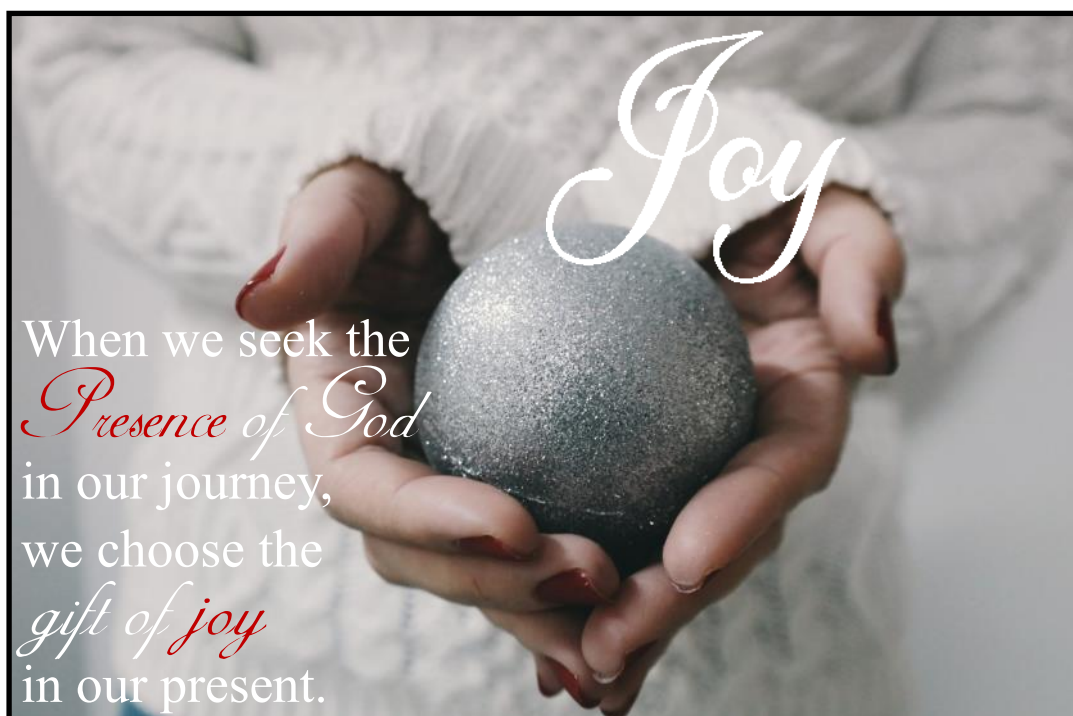
This week we read the prophet Isaiah proclamation of the good news that God is bringing restoration to those who are suffering.

This passage reminds us that our future is not determined by our past or our present. We are not stuck with our sadness or pain or struggle. Our future is not limited to old age and frailty. The world will not live with poverty and injustice forever. There will be a day when the marginalised and the broken hearted are restored to glory.

This vision is not given to us simply so we can spend our days gazing at it longingly, waiting passively or sadly in our circumstances for a future day when peace and joy descend upon us.

God has given us this vision to bless our present lives. This vision of holiness and righteousness helps us to confront the brokenness of our lives and our world and teaches us how we can participate in bringing hope, peace and joy to a suffering creation. It allows us to live with joy despite our circumstances.

*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; CEY Ministries - Kate Baker; Parish of East Maitland - Scott Dulley, Wendy Brack; Parish of Maitland - Sarah Dulley, John Quilter.

Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Bp Kate Wilmot).

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; The Uniting Church in Australia).

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

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES:** Leila Davis, Manuel Zaunders, Sidney Davey, Una McDonald, & Mona Wyatt.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:**

## DIARY DATES

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Lessons + Carols Service	St John's
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	St John's
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Christmas Day Service	St John's
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Old Bar Morning Tea	Village Café
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	3.15pm	Blue Cross Leaders Meeting	BC Shop

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **SENTENCE:**

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. Isaiah 61.1-2

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Eternal God,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:  
grant us wisdom to see your purpose  
and openness to hear your will,  
that we too may prepare the way for Christ  
who is coming in power and glory  
to establish his rule of peace and justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

***Isaiah 61.1-4, 61.8-11***

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are

a people whom the Lord has blessed. <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 126**

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
**then were we like those restored to life.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
**and our tongue with singing.**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:  
**'The Lord has done great things for them.'**
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
**and therefore we rejoiced.**
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
**as the streams return to the dry south.**
- 6 Those who sow in tears:  
**shall reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
**shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Thessalonians 5.12–28**

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in

Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. <sup>25</sup> Beloved, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is up on me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**John 1.6–8, 1.19–28**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John  
Chapter 1 commencing at verse 6.

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

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' <sup>23</sup> He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. <sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, or


the prophet?' <sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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@ 7pm St John's Taree



**TONIGHT**

*Lessons  
and  
Carols*

## *Blue Christmas*

A service of remembrance and hope

We invite you for a service  
of reflection,  
comfort  
and hope for hurting hearts.

21 December 2023  
@ 5.30pm

Community of Christ,  
92 High Street, Taree



## CHRISTMAS

### 2023

## SERVICE TIMES

9 Lessons and Carols  
Sunday 17 December  
@ 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Family Service  
Sunday 24 December  
@ 6.00pm

Christmas Day Service  
Monday 25 December  
@ 9.00am

Old Bar Christmas Service  
Sunday 24 December  
@ 11.00am

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 3

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5. 12-28; John 1. 6-8, 19-28

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 4

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5. 12-28; John 1. 6-8, 19-28

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	
9am	Di Woollard Ian woollard	9am	Bruce Walker David Denning

## READERS

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	
9am	Doreen Sinclair	9am	Margaret Griffis

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	
Kylie Sanderson + David Denning		Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker	

## HYMNS: 17<sup>th</sup> December

TIS 279, 314, 346, 276

## BRASS CLEANING for December

Margaret Kelly



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gospel of John gives us an alternative view of John the Baptist: a man of God and a witness testifying to the light. Some are confused about who he really is, so they ask him and he gives many answers of who he is not. John the Baptist again affirms that he is preparing by making the path straight for the coming of the Lord.

- ✦ God, may I be bold to affirm who I am and testify to the light of Jesus Christ.
- ✦ Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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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)**

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

