

**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**

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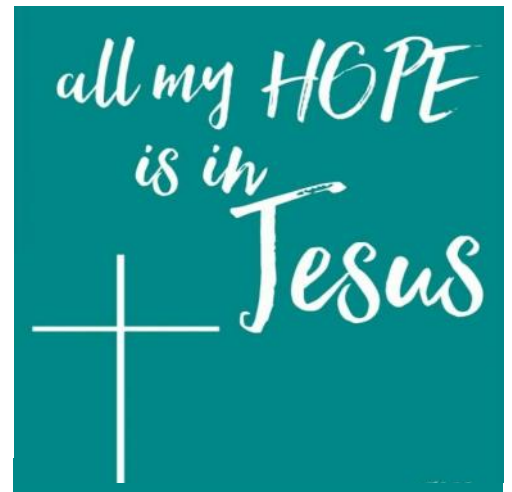
## LENTEN HOPE

Hope can be defined as 'an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large'.

Hope can be hard to hang onto when we face all the trials of this life. Hope can seem like a pipedream when we are confronted with the state of the world - the wars, the violence, the oppression, the greed, the damage to the environment, the ever increasing diseases and illnesses which inflict us, the loneliness, anxiety and grief we endure.

If we were left to face these circumstances alone it would be a huge challenge to hold onto a firm belief that things will turn out well. But, what we know as followers of Jesus, is that our hope does not rest upon us saving ourselves from all these circumstances. Our hope rests in Jesus. Jesus, who came and showed the world that he can cure disease, he can bring peace, he can love us unconditionally, he can forgive his enemies and ultimately, he can overcome death. We can hope in Jesus who has done all this; and in Jesus who has not left us alone but who is with us in the Holy Spirit calling us to participate in his love and healing and peace; and in Jesus who has promised us he will come again to perfect all he has started.

*In Christ's love*  
Rev Natalie

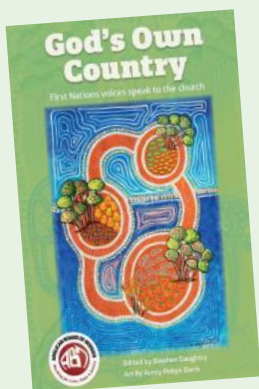


# LENT STUDIES

## ABM GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

Tuesdays 12, 19 & 26 March

1. Home Group led by Reverend Keith 10.30am
2. Led by Reverend Keith-Latham Centre 3pm



**VIDEO STUDY** *By The Bridge Church, Kirribilli.*

7.00pm led by Jay Quince

Wednesdays 13, 20 & 27 March

If you would like to attend please add your name and contact details to the list for the study you will be attending at the back of the church.



**WORLD:** People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. 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; Infrastructure Services Team; Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation - Kate Finney Grace Gunning, Zoe Williams, School Management Division Staff - Natasha Smith, Peggy Robson, Brianne Buckley, Kerrie Cryer, Cheryl Sorenson, Sue Wells; Parish of Wyoming - Hilary Wong; Parish of Wyong - Aleks Pinter ; Mothers Union; Anglican Women.

General Synod Office (Gen Sec: Anne Hywood).

The Anglican Church of the Central American Region; The Anglican Church of Uganda.

**COMMUNITY:** For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For the victims of abuse and violence. For those affected by the impacts of 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 W., Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne C., Diane, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES:** John Britton, Sally Ritchie, Brian Delaney, Marilyn Kendall & Mary Weismantel.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:**

## DIARY DATES

Mon 11 February	4.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Thurs 14 March	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre
Thurs 28 March	6.00pm	Maundy Thursday	St John's
Fri 30 March	10.00am	Good Friday	St John's
Tues 2 April	3.15pm	Blue Cross Leaders Meeting	BC Shop

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **SENTENCE:**

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3.14–15

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

**Everlasting God  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:  
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,  
no weakness prevent us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen..**

### **FIRST READING**

### **Numbers 21.4-9**

A reading from the book of Numbers

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 107.1-3, 107.17-22**

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
**for his loving mercy is for ever.**
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:  
**whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**
- 3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:  
**from the north and from the south.**
- 17 Fools were far gone in transgression:  
**and because of their sins were afflicted.**
- 18 They sickened at any food:  
**and had come to the gates of death.**
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:  
**and he took them out of their trouble.**
- 20 He sent his word and healed them:  
**and saved their life from the Pit.**
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:  
**and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;**
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:  
**and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **Ephesians 2.1-10**

A reading from the book of the Ephesians

<sup>1</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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**Gospel**

**John 3.14-21**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John  
Chapter 3 commencing at verse 14.

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

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Annual General Meeting**

**24 March 2024**  
**2pm Latham Centre**

**Please** prepare  
your reports and  
email to

[officestjohnstaree@gmail.com](mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com)

by today, 10 March 2024.

Thank You, Kim





## CHALICE ASSISTANTS

We would love to have some new people to help serve Communion in our services also

## READERS AND WELCOMERS

Please let Reverend Natalie know if you are interested in this ministry.

Thank You



## ANGLICAN WOMEN DIOCESAN QUIET DAY

at St John's  
45 Sturgeon St. Raymond Terrace,

with The Reverend Canon Stephen Niland  
Tuesday, 26 March, 2024  
9:30am until 3:00pm

Please bring your own lunch



“lavender represents silence,  
purity, devotion, serenity, grace,  
and calmness”

Theme: “What does the Lord require of you”  
Micah 6:8

Enquiries to: Lorraine Phillips 0419 277 294  
or Marea Niland 0412 065 708

ALL WOMEN OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITOR

The Old Bar congregation  
invite you

to join them for

Morning Tea

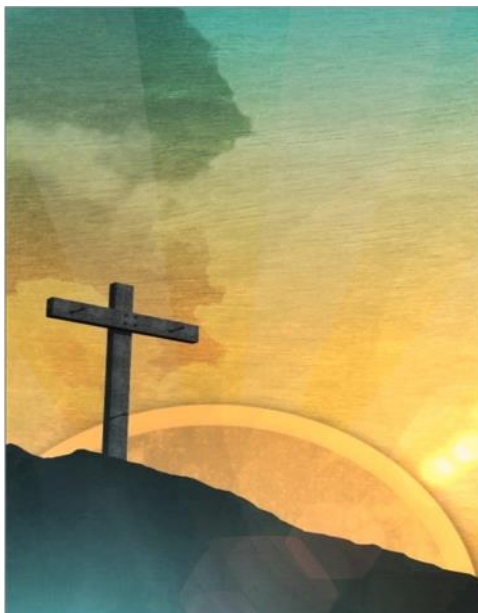
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Thursday 28 March, 2024

FLOW Bar



31 David Street, Old Bar



Maundy Thursday  
28 March 2024 6pm

Good Friday  
29 March 2024 10am

Easter Day 31 March 2024

Lighting the New Flame 6 am  
followed by BBQ Breakfast

Easter Celebration 9 am

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March- Lent 4

Number 21. 4-9, Psalm 107. 1-3, 17-22;

Ephesians 2. 1-10; John 3. 14-21

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March- Lent 5

Jeremiah 31. 31-34, Psalm 119. 9-16;

Hebrews 5. 5-14; John 12. 20-33

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
9am	David Denning Bruce Walker	9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose

## READERS

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
9am	Doreen Sinclair	9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Ken Park

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
Lorraine + Bruce Monck		Kylie Sanderson + David Denning	

## BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The joyous proclamation of the Christian faith is that the reality and capacity of God's love and grace are not hidden from the world nor beyond our ability to see and know. Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, put aside the divinity and glory of heaven to be one of us, to be a visible part of this world and to invite the world into a journey of enlightening us to God and God's love. Naming Jesus as Lord begins our journey, and if you know nothing or everything of the bible, these words of Jesus recorded by John will continue to invite you, like Nicodemus, to seek to know how his life, death and resurrection is the power of God's love for our redemption and to eternal life.

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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**

