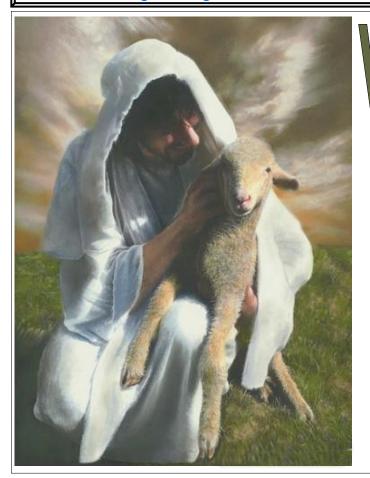


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st April 2024



# VELCOME 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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Jesus – The Good Shepherd

Psalm 23, the Lord is My Shepherd, is one of the most well-known and well-loved psalms. It is a psalm which brings comfort in times of struggle and loss. It is also a psalm of praise. In the first line David is exclaiming in wonder and awe and worship that his Lord is also his Shepherd.

The Lord is my Shepherd! I shall not want!

David was a shepherd himself so he knew what it was like to love and care for his sheep. When David called the Lord his shepherd he was praising as his loving protector and provider. David is praising a God who he knows is present and active in his life. A God who fills his heart with peace; a God who offers him an abundant life; a God who uses His rod to ward away dangers and His staff to guide him on the right path; a God who engages with him, walks with him, welcomes him to His table.

Is the Lord your shepherd?

Sadly, the church sometimes experiences what has been called a 'crisis of Incarnation'. Many people believe in a God who will save them from death but don't experience His living presence now in their lives

The image of the Lord as the Good Shepherd reminds us that the Lord is not a silent, untouchable God who dwells only in the sky. He is not a God that has given us a set of rules to follow and who waits at the judgement gates to see how well we do. The Lord is not impersonable. As our Good Shepherd the Lord is with us. As we journey through this life, with all its ups and downs, our Good Shepherd checks in on us, leads us, provides for us and works in us to transform us into his likeness so that our cup overflows with his goodness and loving kindness.

# Reverend Natalie



**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; Families & Community Services – Disability Services; The Cathedral- Katherine Bowyer; Gary Atherton; the Parish of Gloucester-James Brooks; the Parish of Harrington & District-Helen Quinn, Cheryl Smart; the Parsh of Taree Natalie Quince; the Ministry Teams.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar; The Salvation Army.

Diocese of Tasmania (Bps Richard Condie & Chris Jones).

**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**: Marilyn Simpson, Bill & Jill Green, Suzanne W., Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne C., Vera, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES**: Marjorie Beer, Colin Glass Jnr, Carol Clarke, Thomas William Dyball, Thomas Clement, Colin Booth, Gary Haynes, Stanley Holbert & Willa Wilson.

# PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

DIARY DATES					
Mon 22 April	4.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's		
Thurs 25 April		ANZAC Day			
Sun 28 April	5.30pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall		
Thurs 9 May	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre		

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### SENTENCE:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' John 10.14

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the book of Acts

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 23

1 Answer 1 The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

  and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING 1 John 3.16-24

A reading from the first book John

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the ruth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. .

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Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

### Alleluia!

Gospel John 10. 11-18

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John Chapter 10 commencing at verse 11.

# Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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### HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April – 4rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4. 5-12, Psalm 23;

1 John 3.16-24; John 10. 11-18

SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>April – 5rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 8. 26-40, Psalm 22. 26-32;

1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

WELCOMERS						
Sund	lay 21st April	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April				
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard		Doreen Sinclair Col Rose			
READERS						
Sunday 21st April		Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April				
9am	lan Woollard	9am	Margaret Griffis			
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice			
MORNING TEA						
Sunday 21st April		Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April				
Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker		Margaret + Les Griffis				

# **BRASS CLEANING for April**

Lorraine + Bruce Monck



### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

As we follow Jesus, we go with him to the synagogue to hear his teaching as he reveals wisdom and authority. We see Jesus answer cries to be made whole as unclean spirits depart obeying the Holy One of God. We walk with Jesus and continue to grow in knowledge that we may speak the words of God.

- + Lord, help us to move beyond words to actions. Amen.
- → Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.

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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: Anglican Parish of Taree

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.

Church NEW CAST I We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

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TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 or

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