

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE

*Jesus said,
'You did not
choose me,
but I chose
you.'*

John 15.16a



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 said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'
John 15.16*

When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples it is most likely that he was speaking about choosing the disciples to live a particular life – one which bears fruit, rather than it being a general comment about eternal life.

When we hear these words in our own context, we need to hear them in the same way. The passage is telling us that Jesus has chosen the people of his church to bear fruit.

Bearing fruit is about living lives of love - loving God and loving each other - and drawing others to Jesus.

The bible tells us that Jesus helps us to bear fruit by 'abiding' in Him. This means having a personal, relational connection with Jesus. Abiding has a real experiential element to it where we feel connected to Jesus; we feel the love of Jesus flowing through us.

Discipleship is not just about knowledge of God and the bible and it is not just about being a good person and doing good deeds. This passage is reminding us that discipleship is about being in relationship with Jesus. It is about allowing his love to nourish and encourage us and overflow from us into love for each other. When we abide in Jesus, we draw close to him and we experience the feeling of being loved completely by him. We are then able to love others with this same sacrificial generosity.

DISCIPLE

*I heard him speaking there ...
It seemed the sun broke through the threatening clouds.
I've followed Him for days along the dusty way,
And watched Him heal the sick:
Mend helpless, broken bodies, tortured minds,
Adding His special peace to every weary day.
And now I realise
That it is not enough to simply stand
Amid this crowd that surges round Him like a restless tide:
And as my eager soul
In longing, yearns toward Him ... His eyes meet mine,
And reaching out a brother's warm and caring hand,
He draws me to His side.*



Prayers

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; Allanna Ryan, Jane Dumsa, Terese Innes, Manning Valley Anglican College (NASC) - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson; MICA Ministries - Mark Cooper; Mission to Seafarers - Garry Dodd; Parish of Newcastle St John's - Kimberly Sawyer.

Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester).

The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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: Jessie Solling, Shirley Mitchell, Gwyneth Brook, Robyn De Bono & Robert Kretschmer.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

DIARY DATES

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|--------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| Mon 6 May | 4.00pm | Choir Practice | St John's |
| Thurs 9 May | 10.00am | Mothers Union | Latham Centre |
| Thurs 23 May | 10.00am | Morning Tea @ FLOW | Old Bar |
| Sun 26 May | 5.30pm | Pot Luck Dinner | Parish Hall |

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SENTENCE:

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' John 15.16

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Loving God,
your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

A reading from the book of Acts

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:
**he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-12

A reading from the first book of John

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel

John 15.9-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John
Chapter 15 commencing at verse 9.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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294 Victoria Street, Taree



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FLAME TREE COMMUNITY MARKET

3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH

ST JOHNS HALL TAREE

294 VICTORIA ST

April 21st

May 19th

June 16th

July 21st

Aug 18th

Sept 15th

Oct

Nov 17th

Fresh Produce

Clothes Swap

Plants - Flowers

Retro - Vintage

Records - CDs

Recycled goods

No Markets

Lunch - Drinks

Live Local Music - Weaving - Beading - Free Kids Area

Bring a chair or rug - Support Fresh Local Produce

Clean donations wanted for the
Clothes & Small Items Swap Table
Text Paula 0411 202 822



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10. 44-48, Psalm 98;

1 John 5. 1-12; John 15. 9-17

SUNDAY 12th May – Ascension Sunday

Acts 1. 1-11, Psalm 93;

Ephesians 1. 15-23; Mark 16. 15-20

WELCOMERS

| Sunday 5th May | | Sunday 12th May | |
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| 9am | Di Woollard Ian Woollard | 9am | Janella Leotta David Denning |

READERS

| Sunday 5th May | | Sunday 12th May | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9am | Hugh McCrindle | 9am | Doreen Sinclair |
| 4pm | Greg Anderson | 4pm | Ken Park |

MORNING TEA

| Sunday 5th May | | Sunday 12th May | |
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| Lorraine Monck + Bruce Monck | | Di + Ian Woollard | |

BRASS CLEANING for May

Lorraine Yarrad

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The believers accompanying Peter were astonished that the Holy Spirit was being poured out even on to the Gentiles who heard the word. This must have been truly shocking to them. When and how have we seen God throwing open the doors to the Church even wider in our own experience? How have we responded? In awe and wonder, or angry that God has done something new that we do not understand?

- ◆ Pray for all whom the Church excludes, and pray that God will open the doors of our hearts and minds to be as welcoming as Christ would have us.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, remembering especially Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City.

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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.

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| Bank: Westpac |
| Branch: Taree NSW |
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| 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
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