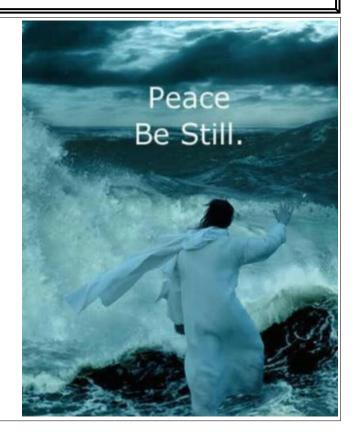


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 23rd June 2024

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



Services @ Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY

11am - WEDNESDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar

11am - SUNDAY

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This week was *Refugee Week* with June 20th being nominated as World Refugee Day.



It is estimated that there are around 114 million people who have had to leave their homes because of wars, political instability, natural disasters or economic devastation. Half these people are children under 18 years of age.

In the relative safety and comfort of our communities there is a risk that we become indifferent to the desperate plight of refugees. There is also a tendency for us to stand back and watch, albeit with sadness, the aggressive and callous behaviour of some people towards refugees. Let's remember that 'every single person is a precious soul known intimately, and cared deeply for, by God'. No-one is more precious, more deserving or more entitled than another.

In 2014 Nguyen Huu Tri, a refugee from Vietnam, walked from Melbourne to Canberra to raise awareness of the plight of refugees. The journey took 33 days and covered 650 kilometres. Ten years later Rev Nguyen Huu Tri reflected on how encouraged he was by the grace he was shown in the towns he travelled through on his journey. He went to places and met people who he said were:

open to hearing and encountering the personhood of Asylum Seekers and seeing the beauty of their humanity, resilience and courageous hearts. We arrived as strangers but left as friends, with tears from the encounters. (from Common Grace)

There is no doubt that the refugee problem is huge and the root causes are complex. We may well feel overwhelmed in trying to find a way to contribute to a solution. However, there is a simplicity in the gospel message of love and hope. We can care. We can welcome. We can share. We can pray:

Dear Lord, we cry out for you to help the millions of people all around the world who are forced from their homes. Please be their ever present light and comfort when they are fearful and despondent. Please protect and equip them on their dangerous journeys and guide them to help and safety. Please create in us hearts of compassion and give us courage to be people of justice willing to stand for, and with, all the precious people who live this difficult journey.

Rev 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; Quality & Risk; Lakes Grammar – An Anglican School - Deborah Clancy, Anthea Haughain; Parish of Dungog - Kimbalee Hodges; Parish of Gresford Paterson - Mary Horn.

The Church of North India (United); The Religious Society of Friends. Bishop to Aboriginal People (Bp Chris McLeod).

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, Lyle, Mike Faine, Bill & Jill Green, Suzanne W., Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne C., Rosemary, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, James, Jamison, Ian, Fr Ivan & Joan Ransom, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Nancy Lauder & Walter Jarvis.

Thurs 27 June 10.00am Morning Tea @ Village Café Old Bar Sun 30 June 9.00am Service, Parish Meeting and BBQ St John's Tue 2 July 3.15pm Blue Cross Shop Leaders Meeting Shop Thurs 11 July 10.00am Mothers Union Latham Centre

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SENTENCE:

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Mark 4.41

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17.32-49

A reading from the first book of Samuel

32 David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' 33 Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' 34 But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. 36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' 37 David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!' 38 Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these: for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his

shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. 43 The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." 45 But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel. whom you have defied. 46 This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord 's and he will give vou into our hand.' 48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David. David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 9, 9-20

- 9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed: he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- 10 All who heed your name will trust in you: for you have never forsaken those that seek you.
- 11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion: tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- 12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor: he has not forgotten their cry.
- 13 The Lord has been merciful toward me, he saw what I suffered from my foes: he raised me up again from the gates of death,

- 14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion: that I might rejoice in your deliverance.
- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others: in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- 16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right: the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to death: and all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail: let the nations be judged before you.
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord: and let the nations know they are but human.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

A reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you. 'See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. 11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. 13 In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 4.35-41

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark Chapter 4 commencing at verse 35.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 23rd June - Pentecost 5

1 Samuel 17. 32-49; Psalm 9. 9-20

2 Corinthians 6. 1-13; Mark 4. 35-41

SUNDAY 30th June - Pentecost 6

1 Samuel 1. 1, 17-27; Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8. 7-15; Mark 5. 21-43

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WELCOMERS						
Sunday 23 rd June		Sunday 30 th June				
9am	David Denning Bruce Walker	9am	David Denning Col Rose			
READERS						
Sunday 23 rd June		Sunday 30 th June				
9am	Keith Mascord	9am	Janella Leotta			
MORNING TEA						
Sunday 23 rd June		Sunday 30 th June				
Margaret + Les Griffis		Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker				
BRASS CLEANING for June						
Pat M	Pat Minto					



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In the middle of chaos and anxiety, Jesus tells the sea to be still in order for the disciples to be calm. Nonetheless, it was not easy for the disciples to appreciate that they had no need to fear because Jesus was with them.

- + Help me, Lord, to know that I need have no fear if Jesus is at my side.
- → Give thanks for all those who donate so generously to ABM and AID. May God bless them for their open-handed and open-hearted generosity.

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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.



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

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