



Welcome

St John's Anglican Church

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25th August 2024



Services @ Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY 5pm - Contemporary

WEDNESDAY 11am - Holy Eucharist

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar

SUNDAY 11am
Holy Eucharist

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PP'S

There are many tricky passages in the bible and often the difficulties in interpretation come from understanding the meaning the original bible writers intended and translating this into modern language that we understand. This difficulty even harder when words have a variety of meanings and when the meaning of words changes over time.

The word "cool" was originally associated with temperature. By the 16th century it was used to describe an internal state of calm, almost icy composure. By the late 1800s it signified style and hipness and now it can mean almost anything good. There are other examples where words have almost the opposite meaning to the way they were originally understood. For example:

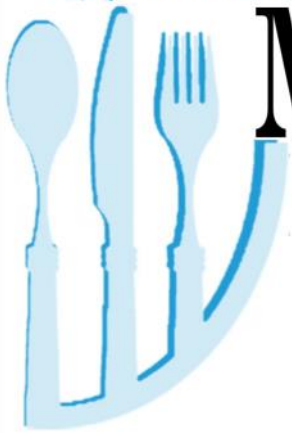
- **Awful** – originally meant "inspiring wonder (or fear)", hence "impressive". In contemporary usage, the word means "extremely bad".
- **Terrific** – Originally meant "inspiring terror". Its meaning shifted to indicate anything spectacular. Now it means something spectacularly good.
- **Nice** – Originally meant "foolish, ignorant, frivolous, senseless". Now it means "agreeable, delightful" "kind, thoughtful".

In Ephesians 5 Paul uses the Greek words 'kephale' to describe a relationship between a Christian husband and wife. Literally 'kephale' translates into English as 'head'. However, 'head' has a number of meanings. In the phrase '**head** of the river', we usually understand **head** as the source of the river, the place where the river originates. In the phrase '**head** of the Tax Office', we usually understand **head** to mean the leader, the person in authority. When we talk about the 'head and body' we are usually emphasising a mutual dependence.

To understand the sense that Paul was using the word 'kephale' we have to look more carefully at the context of the passage, the way Paul uses the word in other places, and the ways the word was commonly used in ancient culture. When we do this work it appears that Paul was not using the term to say that husbands have authority over wives. Paul compares the relationship of marriage to Christ and his church. He was using the term to speak about the participative, self-sacrificing mutuality of the marriage relationship. A relationship 'which results in a profound fullness and unity' between husband and wife, just like the relationship we have with Christ.

In Christ's love Rev Natalie

 St John's Anglican Church



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Jin-Hong Chinese Restaurant - 91 Victoria St, Taree

Meeting from 6.30 pm for an informal chance to chat and get to know each other, and do invite a friend or two along.

A second Men's Night Out is planned for November 6 - same place, same time.

RSVP by Friday 30 August – to Fr Keith Mascord - keith@mascord.com.au



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; Newcastle Grammar School - Matthew Macoustra; The Parish of Stroud - Maree Armstrong; The Parish of Williamtown, Medowie Mallabula - David Davies, Maureen Frances, Ministry Teams.

Diocese of Willochra (Bishop Jeremy James).

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Heads of Christian Churches (Newcastle).

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, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Loving Father, on this day, we offer a loving tribute through prayer. May our words and remembrances be a heartfelt homage to the lives of our dear ones. Amen.

DIARY DATES

Sun 25 August	6.00pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall
Tue 3 Sept.	3.15pm	BCS Leaders Meeting	Shop
Thurs 12 Sept.	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre
Thurs 26 Sept	10.00am	Morning Tea @ FLOW	Old Bar

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SENTENCE:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' John 6.63

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ephesians 5.1, 21-33.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

²¹ Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. ²⁴ Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ 'For this reason a

man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' ³²This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. ³³Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 The sparrow has found her a home,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you:
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- 6 Who, going through the valley of dryness,
find there a spring from which to drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength:
they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- 10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**
- 11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield,
the Lord gives favour and honour:
**and no good thing will he withhold
from those who walk in innocence.**
- 12 O Lord God of hosts:
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6.10-20

A reading from Ephesians

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 6.56-69

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John
Chapter 6 commencing at verse 56.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult;

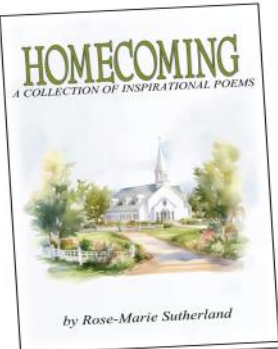
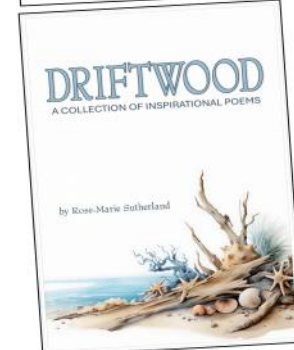
who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 25th August - Pentecost 14

1 Kings 8. 22-30, 41-43 ; Psalm 84

Ephesians 6. 10-20; John 6. 56-69

SUNDAY 1st September - Pentecost 15

Songs of Songs 2. 8-13; Psalm 45. 1-2, 6-9

James 1. 17-27; Mark 7. 1-8, 14-23

WELCOMERS

Sunday 25 th August		Sunday 1 st September	
9am	Di + Ian Woollard	9am	Pam McShane Janella Leotta

READERS

Sunday 25 th August		Sunday 1 st September	
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Ian Dyball

MORNING TEA

Sunday 25 th August		Sunday 1 st September	
Sam & Fin Quince + Bruce Walker		Margaret + Les Griffis	

BRASS CLEANING for August

Lorraine + Bruce Monck

ABM

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

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People have often said to me, in the midst of sorrow and struggle – how do people get through this, without faith? As Peter says in today’s Gospel “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”.

- ◆ We pray for faith to always turn to Jesus, everyday, in all things.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev’d Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev’d Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

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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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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

EMAIL: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

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