# Welcome St John's Anglican Church

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15<sup>th</sup> September 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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Isaiah is the first of three major prophets in the Bible.

This week we are reading Chapter 61 which is a poem about the prophet's vision of a restored world - like a new garden of Eden - where the land is abundant and people are flourishing. The poem is a message of hope to encourage God's people.

It begins with the introduction of a Messiah, who is filled with the Spirit of God. This Messiah will bring about the restoration of God's creation by: bringing good news to the oppressed; binding up the broken hearted; releasing captives; proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor; comforting mourners and clothing God's people with beauty, joy and praise.

The reference to the year of the Lord's favour is a reference to the ancient Israelite practice (also called the year of Jubilee) where everything resets. All debts were forgiven, slaves and prisoners were freed and land was returned to ancestral owners. In the vision of the new creation in this poem the image helps us to understand the extent of God's mercy - every sin will be wiped away, all people will have their dignity restored and the land will flourish.

The clothing of God's people with beauty and joy and praise describes the equipping of God's people to participate in the work of restoration. The Messiah dresses us all in his clothing so we too can share in his mission to spread the life of the new Eden. The poem says:

And they [God's people] will be called Oaks of righteousness

The planting of Yahweh

For a display of beauty.

And they will build the ruins of old

They will reestablish the former deserted places

And they will renew the devastated cities

The deserted places of many generations.

This poem is a wonderful vision of hope and purpose for the Church.

#### 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; Newcastle Grammar School - Matthew Macoustra; Parish of Toronto - Melanie Whalley, The Ministry Team.

The Church of Ireland; Extra Provincial Dioceses (Ceylon, Cuba, Bermuda, Lusitania, Spain and Falkland Islands).

The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph).

**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**: David Allon, Marilyn Simpson, Mike Faine, Bill Green, Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, James, Jamison, Ian, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES**: Elaine Dyball, Benson Russell, Johnny Simon, Olive Tagg, Frank Schubert, Anthony Maddalena, Win Yeadon.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: Jill Green.

#### DIARY DATES Sun 29 Sept One Parish Service St John's 9.00am Tue 1 Oct 3.15pm **BCS** Leaders Meeting Shop Thurs 10 Oct Mothers Union Latham Centre 10.00am Thurs 24 Oct Morning Tea @ FLOW Old Bar 10.00am

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **SENTENCE:**

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 61. 1-11

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. 4They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. 5Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. <sup>7</sup>Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. 8For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:

  and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

  and in keeping them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
  - O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:

  so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING James 2.18-26

#### A reading from James

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? <sup>21</sup> Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. <sup>23</sup> Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 8. 27-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark Chapter 8 commencing at verse 27.

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup> He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup> And he

sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### **HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS**

#### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September - Pentecost 17

Isaiah 61. 1-11; Psalm 19

James 2. 18-26; Mark 8. 27-38

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September-Pentecost 18

Proverbs 31. 10-31; Psalm 1

James 3. 1-12; Mark 9. 30-37

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| WELCOMERS                          |                          |                        |                               |  |  |  |
| Sunda                              | ay 15 September          | Sunday 22 September    |                               |  |  |  |
| 9am                                | Judy Mascord<br>Col Rose | 9am                    | David Denning<br>Bruce Walker |  |  |  |
| READERS                            |                          |                        |                               |  |  |  |
| Sunday 15 September                |                          | Sunday 22 September    |                               |  |  |  |
| 9am                                | Margaret Griffis         | 9am                    | Keith Mascord                 |  |  |  |
| MORNING TEA                        |                          |                        |                               |  |  |  |
| Sunday 15 September                |                          | Sunday 22 September    |                               |  |  |  |
| Kylie Sanderson +<br>David Denning |                          | Margaret + Les Griffis |                               |  |  |  |
| BRASS CLEANING for September       |                          |                        |                               |  |  |  |
| Lorraine Yarrad                    |                          |                        |                               |  |  |  |



#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

'The world, and indeed the church, have many interpretations to say who Jesus is. This can cause confusion as well as heresy. It is as simple as Peter's proclamation "You are the Messiah!" and Mary's post-resurrection witness "I have seen the Lord".

- ★ We pray that we will take up the cross of the risen Lord Christ each day, and that our daily life will be that faith in action in all we do.
- → Give thanks for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of

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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.

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

Church NEWCASTI E We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

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