



Welcome

St John's Anglican Church

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29th September 2024



Services @ Taree

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree
SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist
SUNDAY 5pm - Contemporary
WEDNESDAY 11am - Holy Eucharist

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UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE BETTER

'To read the Bible as God's Word one must read it with one's heart in one's mouth, on tip-toe, with eager expectancy, in conversation with God. To read the Bible thoughtlessly or carelessly or academically or professionally is not to read the Bible as God's Word. As one reads it as a love letter is read, then one reads it as the Word of God.' Søren Kierkegaard

Kierkegaard, a 19th century Danish theologian and philosopher, was spot on in describing Bible reading as a two-way conversation with God. The Bible itself can be understood as a two-way conversation with God, and, surely, in any such conversation, we should be heart in mouth, on tip-toe, and anticipating something special.

It is surely also important that we don't approach the Bible, in church or privately, thoughtlessly or carelessly. Nor should it simply be an academic exercise or just something we do as clergy or lay readers. Nevertheless, there is at least some place for an academic approach. The Bible is ancient and complex. It is not always easy to understand, even for seasoned experts. It contains stories and passages which are perplexing and sometimes confronting, and which are not always easy to apply to our lives in the here and now. And so we do need help at times.

This morning, we begin a three-part sermon series on the Bible. Today's sermon will be a little bit academic, though personal as well. The next two, by Jay and Rev. Natalie, will help set the scene for this more worshipful, heart-in-mouth, tip-toed expectancy when we open the Bible in church and in our private devotions.

An opportunity to discuss and ask questions: please do take the opportunity to ask questions and discuss after church today, and for the next two weeks. You are also invited to come back to church this coming Wednesday and for the following two – from 4.30 pm to further explore our understanding and worshipful reading of the Bible.



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; Synod Diocesan Council; Samaritans Foundation - David Hesketh; Newcastle Home for Good; Society of St Francis at Stroud.

The Anglican Consultative Council.

Mission to Seafarers.

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, Luke, Leonie, Suzanne, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, James, Jamison, Ian, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Betty Strudwick & Shirley Walker.

DIARY DATES

Tue 1 Oct	3.15pm	BCS Leaders Meeting	Shop
Thurs 10 Oct	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre
Sun 20 Oct		NO Flame Tree Markets	
Thurs 24 Oct	10.00am	Morning Tea @ FLOW	Old Bar
Sat 23 Nov	12.30pm	Volunteers Luncheon	Parish Hall

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SENTENCE:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1. 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Almighty God,
in the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,
to be the light of the world.
May we, who have received him,
be empowered to become children of God,
Guide us to walk in the light of your truth
and share your love with all we meet.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1. 1-19

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with

the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.
- 10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3. 14-17

A reading from the Second book of Timothy

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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Gospel

John 1. 1-13

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John
Chapter 1 commencing at verse 13.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

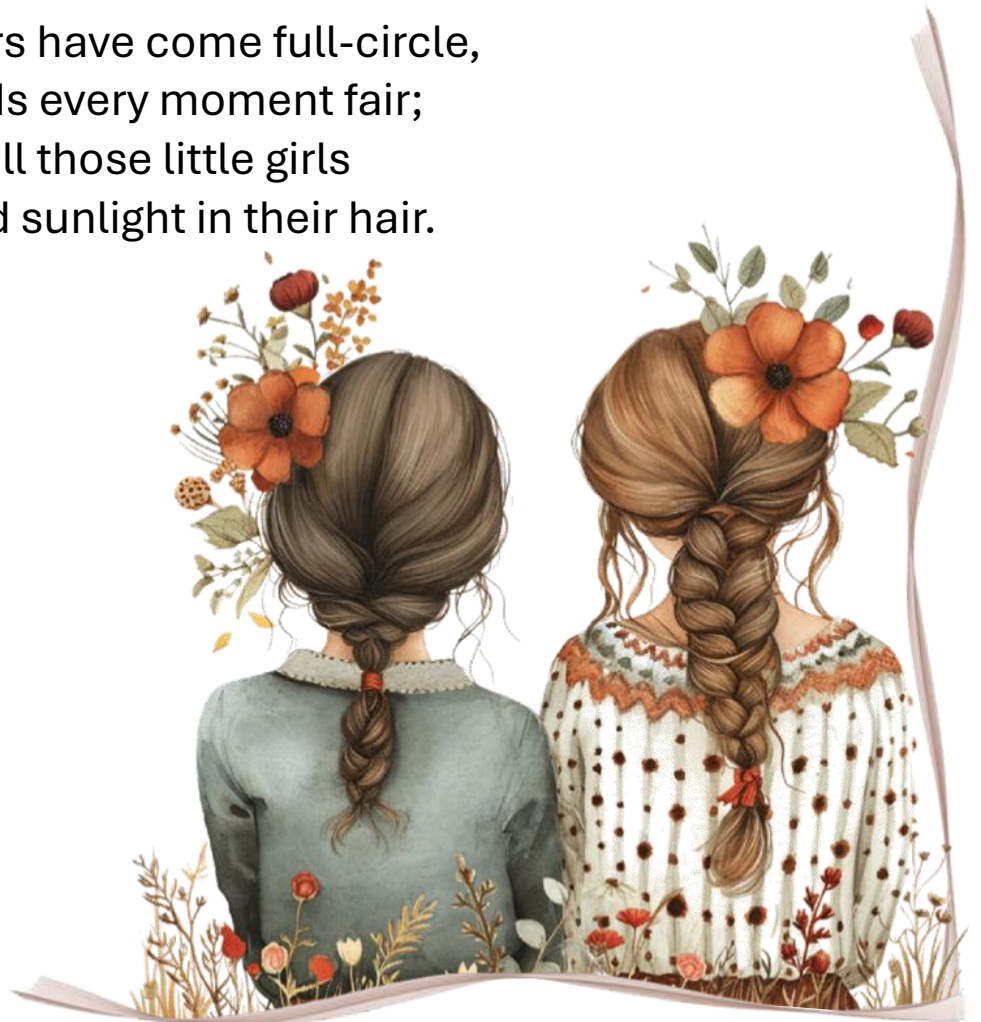
FLOWERS IN THEIR HAIR - by Rose-Marie Sutherland

Sounds of laughter in the garden;
Two little sisters at their play,
Braiding their shining hair with flowers,
Joy at the heart of the sweet spring day.

Spread on the grass – a host of treasures;
Books and dolls, and a one-eyed bear;
A large white cat stretched out on the pathway
Sleepily purrs in the sunshine there.

And as the gentle light enfolds them,
Years roll away – I can see again
A long-ago garden, with two small maidens
Weaving together a daisy chain.

Now, as the years have come full-circle,
God's hand holds every moment fair;
I thank Him for all those little girls
With flowers and sunlight in their hair.



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 29th September-Pentecost 19

Genesis 1: 1-19; Psalm 8

2 Timothy 3. 14-17; John 1. 1-13

SUNDAY 6th October-Pentecost 20

Job 1. 1; 2. 1-10; Psalm 26

Hebrews 1. 1-4, 2. 5-12; Mark 10. 2-16

WELCOMERS

Sunday 29 September		Sunday 6 October	
9am	David Denning Col Rose	9am	

READERS

Sunday 29 September		Sunday 6 October	
9am	Jay Quince	9am	Ian Dyball

MORNING TEA

Sunday 29 September		Sunday 6 October	
Sam & Fin Quince + Bruce Walker		David Denning	

BRASS CLEANING for October

Pat Minto



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Jesus encourages us to be aware of our own failings and do something about them rather than look to others' misdeeds. We are also encouraged to pray for one another, as a source of healing – for ourself.

- ✦ We pray that we do have “salt in ourselves, and be at peace with one another.”
- ✦ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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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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