



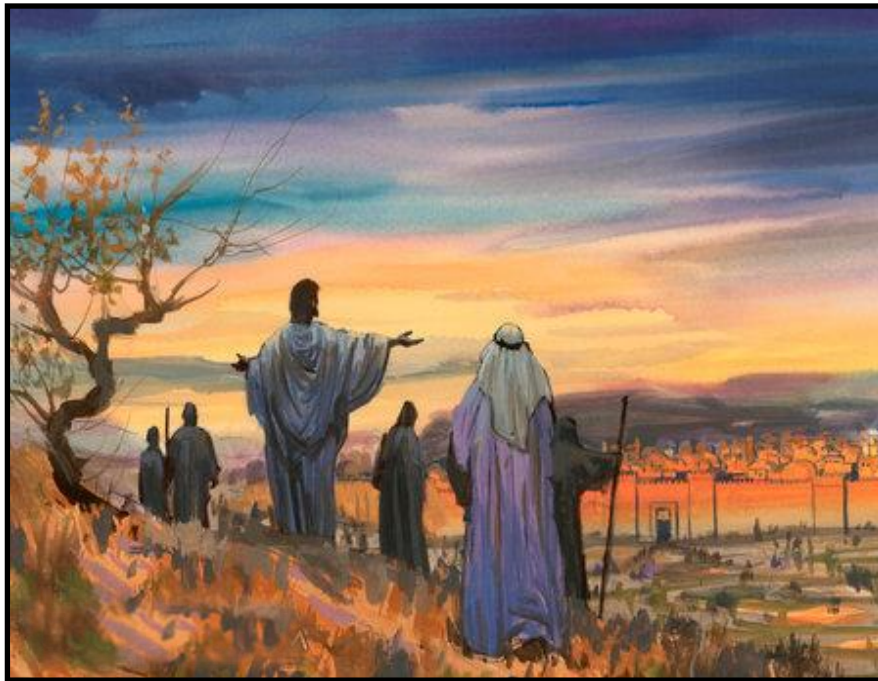
Welcome

St John's Anglican Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

17th November 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

In the wake of our three-part series on the Bible, we were encouraged to ask questions, not just about the Bible, but about anything to do with our shared Christian faith. We've been thrilled with the response. The questions were all good, and very thoughtful.

Some of the questions were to do with the relationship between science and Christian faith. For some forms of Christian faith, they are in direct conflict. This is often because Biblical stories which are better understood as mythical, legendary, or as parable or apocalyptic are taken to be literal descriptions of fact. Those taking this approach often become suspicious of science.

It doesn't need to be this way. Scientific research at its best and most honest simply seeks to understand the observable world and its history, including our history as humankind. Over time, it has done a pretty good job. Scientific research, across many disciplines, has solved innumerable puzzles. And the more it has learned, the more amazing and awe-inspiring have been its discoveries. As people of faith, we've an additional reason to be impressed, as the handiwork of God is marvelled at. Awe becomes worship.

Science might be able to tell us the how of nature. Our faith can give us the why. As Richard Rohr puts it:

'The evolutionists rightly want to say the universe is unfolding, while believers can rightly insist on the personal meaning of that unfolding.'

The other thing about science is that it is about keeping on asking questions. Answers to one question will generate two or three more. There is a questing spirit about science. This too is consistent with a robust Christian faith. St Augustine described this ongoing quest for truth as 'faith seeking understanding.' As Christians we too want to know what is true. At times, we have questioned our theology. At times we have radically revised it (the Reformation was one such period). There remains an ongoing need to keep asking questions.

Fr Keith Mascord

Daily 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; CEY Ministries - Kate Baker; Parish of East Maitland - Scott Dulley, Wendy Brack; Parish of Maitland - Sarah Dulley.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; The Uniting Church in Australia.

Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Bp Kate Wilmot, Bp David Bassett & Bp Hans Christiansen).

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, Ian Dyball, Dianne Riley, Joan (Cameron) Kerr, Bruce Halpin, Marilyn Simpson, Luke, Mike Faine, Bill Green, Margaret McDonald, Jeanette, Donovan, Suzanne, Wendy McKeogh, James, Jamison, Alex Platt & Leonie.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Margaret Klapis, Alan Everett, Dudley Schubert & Betty Riley.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 28 Nov	10.00am	Morning Tea @ Coastal Café	Wallabi Point
Sat 23 Nov	12.30pm	Volunteers Luncheon	Parish Hall
Tues 10 Dec	3.00pm	Team Leaders Meeting	BC Shop
Thurs 12 Dec	11.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre

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SENTENCE:

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed. 1 Samuel 2.10

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son, who gave his very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1.4-20

A reading from the first book of Samuel

⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?' ⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.' ¹² As she

continued praying before the Lord , Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord . ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ¹⁸ And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord ; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord .'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - SONG OF HANNAH

I will My heart exults in the Lord:

my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies:

because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:

nor any Rock like you, our God.

For you are a God of knowledge:

and by you our actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken:

but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full now search for bread:

but those who were hungry are well fed.

The barren woman has borne sevenfold:

but she who has many children is forlorn.

Both the poor and the rich are of your making:

you bring low and you also exalt.

You raise up the poor from the dust:

and lift the needy from the ash heap.

You make them sit with the rulers:

and inherit a place of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are yours:

and on them you have set the world.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10.11-14, 10.19-25

A reading from the book of Hebrews

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³ and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 13.1-11

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ² Then Jesus

asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' ³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ⁹ 'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰ And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹ When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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FLAME TREE COMMUNITY MARKET

Join us for a gentle Community Connect Day
in St Johns Hall & Grounds

SUNDAY NOV 17TH - 9AM TIL 2PM

Clothes Swap & Garage Sale

Coffee Tsunami will be set up with Hot, Cold drinks & muffins.

Sandwiches, light snacks will be avail in the Hall Kitchen

We have sorted donations, washed & repaired a few & have over 12 tables & 4 racks of clean items

Bring your freshly cleaned wearable clothes to swap/donate on the day or purchase items off table for \$1.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 17 November - Pentecost 26

1 Samuel 1. 4-20, Psalm - Song of Hannah

Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13. 1-11

SUNDAY 24 November - Christ the King

2 Samuel 2. 1-7, Psalm 132. 1-12

Revelations 1. 4b-8; John 18. 33-37

WELCOMERS

Sunday 17 November		Sunday 24 November	
9am	Bruce Walker Col Rose	9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard

READERS

Sunday 17 November		Sunday 17 November	
9am	Sue Prentice	9am	Janella Leotta

MORNING TEA

Sunday 17 November		Sunday 17 November	
	David Denning		Sam & Fin Quince and Bruce Walker

BRASS CLEANING for November

Margaret Kelly



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The Today's gospel was written in the context of the persecution Christians were already beginning to experience. The words are to encourage them (as well as us) in times of trial, rather than point to a timetable for God's actions in the world. Whenever we challenge injustice or speak against the powers of oppression, then the powers will fight back, but we can trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the words we need.

✦ Pray for Christians round the world who face persecution because of their stand for justice.

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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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