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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 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

Are there any women in the New Testament whose ministries are parallel to those that the 4 women in the Old Testament did?

There are over 300 women and groups of women mentioned in the Old Testament.

There are approximately 120 women mentioned by name. There are the matriarchs (Sarai, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah), the prophets (eg Miriam and Hulda), the judges (eg Deborah) and of course those women whose faith and courage were used by God to guide the course of history (eg Esther and Rahab).

While it is difficult to draw direct parallels between the women of the Old Testament and the New Testament, there are nonetheless many remarkable stories about the ministry of women since the coming of Christ. Some examples are:

- Christ's first miracle was performed at his mother's request at the wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-11). The most astounding miracle Jesus performed the raising of Lazarus was in response to a request by Mary and Martha (John 11:1-44).
- The first revelation by Jesus that he was the Messiah was made to the Samaritan woman at the well and she carried this message to her whole town (John 4:25-26).
- Jesus was anointed by a woman in preparation for his death (John 12.1-11, Mark 14.1-9, Matthew 26.6-13).
- Women were members of Jesus' group of disciples and were the ones who followed him all the way to the cross (Mark 15:41). · Jesus's first resurrection appearance was to woman (John 20:1-16). The very first people who were commissioned to be evangelists and tell of the risen Jesus were women (Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:17). · The Spirit of God was given equally to men and women at Pentecost (Acts 2:17).
- The first church in Europe began with a group of women and met in the home of a woman (Acts 16:13-15). The early church staff included many women (Romans 16:12; Philippians 4:3).

I'll finish with this thought. The word of God is a living word. It has power and presence and a reality outside the pages of the bible itself. In this sense every generation since Christ walked the earth are people of the New Testament. The women of this Parish are women of the New Testament. So, I would add to the list above and say there are also the ministries of Joan of Arc, Mother Theresa, Corrie Ten Boom, Jackie Pullinger and millions of others. Closer to home, there's Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Bishop Sonia, Dean Katherine and there's every faithful women in this Parish. We may not know how or when but the seeds we sow in our lives will bear fruit in the lives of others and the stories of our ministries will be told in generations to come.

Reverend Natalie

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; John Barriga, Alison Dalmazzone, Tara Cubbin; The Cathedral - Katherine Bowyer, Parish of Adamstown; Parish of All Saints ANeW - Arthur Copeman, Beck Bishop, Sam Broadfoot, Kate Rogers, Amy Soutter, Ministry Assistants.

The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Bps Tim Harris, Chris McLeod and Sophie Relf-Christopher, Asst Bp).

Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Margaret Butterss, Raymond Burns, Louise Lord, Ricky Clarke, Valerie Atkins, Denis Barstow, Marcia McBroom & Terrie Platts.

DIARY DATES					
Sun 8 Dec	9.00am	Bishop Peter's Annual Visit			
Tues 10 Dec	3.00pm	Team Leaders Meeting	BC Shop		
Thurs 12 Dec	11.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre		

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SENTENCE:

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints,
may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33.14-16

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25. 1-10

- In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
 in you have I trusted, let me not be asham
 - in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
 but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
 nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- 9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:

 for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

A reading from the first book of the Thessalonians

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 21. 25-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke Chapter 21 commencing at verse 25.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' 29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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9 Lessons & Carols Sunday 15th @ 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th @ 6.00pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th @ 9.00am

294 Victoria Street, Taree



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 1 December - Advent 1

Jeremiah 33. 14-16, Psalm 25. 1-10

1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13; Luke 21. 25-38

SUNDAY 8 December - Advent 2

Malachi 3. 1-14, Song of Zechariah

Philippians 1. 1-11; Luke 3. 1-6

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WELCOMERS							
Sunday 1 December Sunday 8 December							
9am	Pam McShane Janella Leotta	9am	Bruce Walker David Denning				
READERS							
Sunday 1 December Sunday 8 December							
9am	lan Dyball	9am	Sue Prentice				
MORNING TEA							
Sunda	ay 1 December	Sunday 8 December					
Lorraine + Bruce Monck		Margaret + Les Griffis					
BRASS CLEANING for December							
Lorra	Lorraine + Bruce Monck						



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As Advent begins, the words of the ancient prophets ring clear for us today as they did when first heard thousands of years ago. God's purposes will be worked out and God will make known the righteousness and justice and mercy which is at the heart of God's love and desire for all people.

- We pray that we may hear God's call to righteousness and justice, and so live by this way that we are agents too of God's good news of peace and love for all people.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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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.

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We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

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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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