



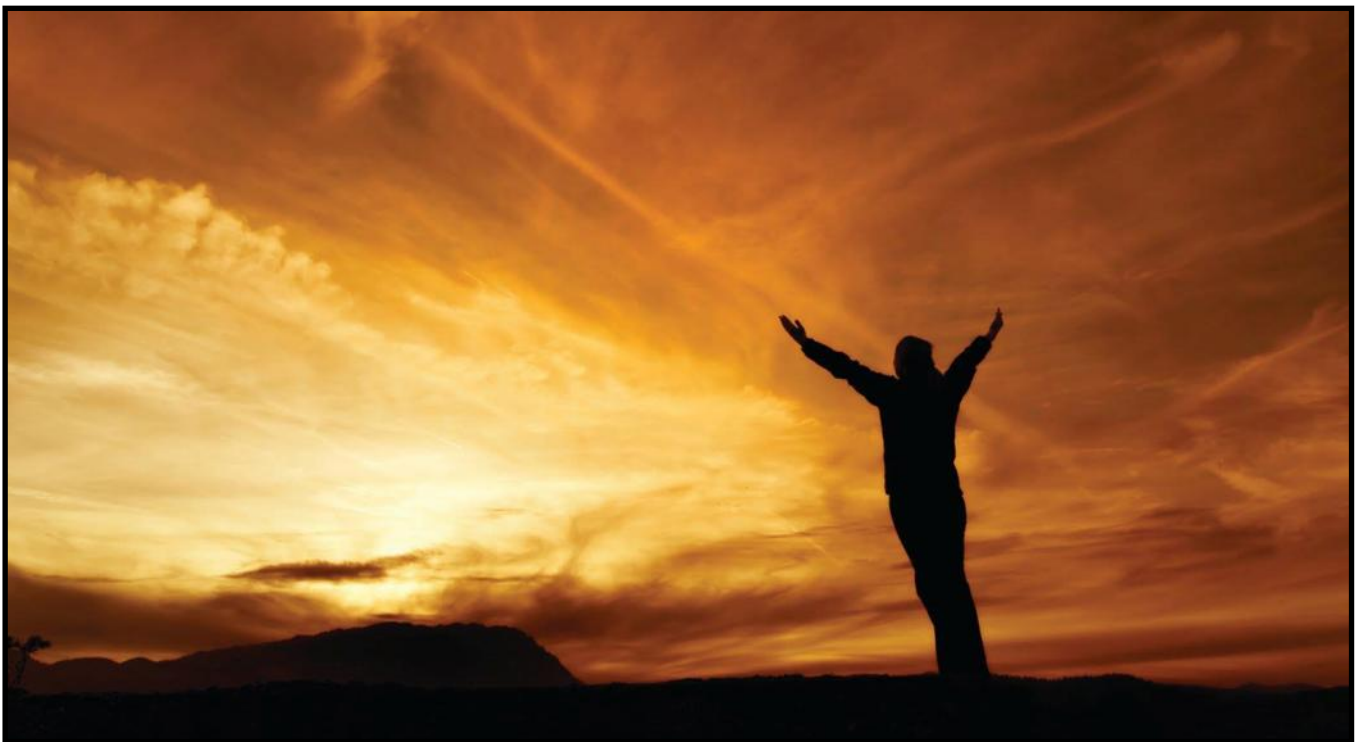
Welcome

St John's Anglican Church

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

29th December 2024



Service @ Taree

ST JOHN'S - 294 Victoria St. Taree

SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist

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PP'S

Post Christmas reflection ...

Growing up, we always spent Christmas with extended family and we always had a 'kids table' at Christmas lunch.

I remember the year I graduated from the table and was given a spot with the adults. It was like a right of passage and I was excited. I also remember though there was a bit of me that missed the kids table that year - and a bit of me that has missed it every year since. It was only after moving to the big table that I began to appreciate the freedom and the community of the kids table. The world of the grown-up table was different. There were so many unspoken social niceties that constrained the grown-up table that had not been with us at the kids table. At the kids table we held our knives and forks exactly as we wished. If we didn't like something on our plate we put it on someone else's plate when they weren't looking. Inevitably someone ended up with a whole plate of peas and a huge mound of tomato and onion (why was that ever put on the kids plates I don't know?). We laughed a lot. There was no talk of trouble in the world or difficulties in our lives. We didn't endure each other, we enjoyed each other.

In the middle of the fun, there was an unspoken rule that we looked out for each other. We never left anyone with the whole plate of peas. If you just couldn't swallow the peas, someone who could tolerate them would eat the mandatory spoonful for you. We would invent ever more ingenious ways for the bravest person to be allowed to leave the table and then sneak everyone's offending tomato and onion back into the cooking pot in the kitchen and throw the pumpkin to the dog. We carried each other's burdens and looked out for each other.

When I looked over at our kids table this Christmas I saw my Father sitting with them laughing. Perhaps, we need to be reminded to give ourselves permission to have fun, to be light hearted and playful at times, even in the difficult circumstances of our lives. In our world where we are taught to look out for number one, the community of the kids table is a precious reminder and a refreshing change.

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; Diocesan Council; Synod; Samaritans Foundation - David Hesketh; Society of St Francis at Stroud - Brother Alfred Boonkong, Brother Christopher John.

Mission to Seafarers.

The Anglican Consultative Council.

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, John (Cameron) Kerr, Bruce Halpin, Luke, Mike Faine, Margaret McDonald, James, Jeanette, Suzanne, Wendy McKeogh, Jamison, Alex Platt & Leonie.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Verlie Mitchell, Laurice Assef, Hazel King & Mavis Toms.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SENTENCE:

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. Colossians 3.14–15

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26

A reading from the book of Samuel

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod
¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.

- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.
Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the book of Colossians

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another

in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 2.41-52

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke
Chapter 2 commencing at verse 41.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



JANUARY 2025

Blue Cross Community Care
10.00am - 12 midday
every Wednesday

Blue Cross Shop re opens
6th January @ 10.00am

There will be **NO**

Wednesday Service

Sunday Contemporary Service

Pot Luck Dinner

Blue Cross Shop Meeting
3.15pm Tuesday 4 February

Old Bar Morning Tea.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 29 December - 1st after Xmas

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26, Psalm 148

Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2 41-52

SUNDAY 5 January - Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1-6, Psalm 72. 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3. 1-12, Matthew 2. 1-12

WELCOMERS

Sunday 29 December		Sunday 5 January	
9am	David Denning Col Rose	9am	Pam McShane Col Rose

READERS

Sunday 29 December		Sunday 5 January	
9am	Jay Quince	9am	Ian Dyball

MORNING TEA

Sunday 29 December		Sunday 5 January	
Bruce Walker + Sam + Fin Quince		Bruce Walker + David Denning	

BRASS CLEANING for January

Lorraine Yarad



1ST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Samuel was clothed in the linen ephod of service in the temple. And the epistle speaks of being clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and above all in love. Like Samuel we too serve God through our lives, our worship, and above all through doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- ✦ We pray that we may be filled with love, binding together all else, as we serve God and others.
- ✦ Give thanks for the work of and witness of La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church.

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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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