



Welcome

St John's Anglican Church

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5th January 2025



Services @ Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar

SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY 11am - Holy Eucharist

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PP'S

The account of the Magi is full of mystery and at the same time rich in meaning. Modern authors continue to re-tell the story in ways that explore and apply its meaning to contemporary audiences to help us meet Jesus in our own lives.

There is one such story, 'The Story of the Other Wise Man' written by Henry van Dyke, an American clergyperson. The story is about Artaban, a Magi from Persia, who had wanted to join the other three Magi on their journey following the star to worship the new King. Artaban sold his possessions and purchased a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl as gifts for the King then he set out from his home to join the other Magi in Babylon. However, he stopped on the way to help an injured man and by the time he got to Babylon the other Magi had gone on without him. Artaban was forced to sell his sapphire to buy the supplies he needed to make the journey himself.

When Artaban got to Bethlehem he spoke with a woman who was nursing a small baby and she told him that the Magi had already been and left. She also told him that the family they visited had left and gone to Egypt. While he was talking with the woman Roman soldiers entered Bethlehem and began to kill the baby boys. Artaban gave the soldiers his ruby to protect the woman and the baby he was speaking with.

Artaban continued searching for the King for many years. Eventually Artaban came to Jerusalem and there he was told that Jesus was about to be crucified. He determined that he would offer his pearl to ransom Jesus, saying:

*"The ways of God are stranger than the thoughts of men,
and it may be that I shall find the King, at last, in the hands of His enemies,
and shall come in time to offer my pearl for His ransom before He dies."*

On his way to ransom Jesus, he came across a young girl who was being dragged down the street to be sold as a slave to pay her father's debts. With a heavy heart, he took out his pearl and gave it to the girl saying:

"This is thy ransom, daughter! It is the last of my treasures which I kept for the King."

At this very time, darkness covered the sky in Jerusalem and an earthquake shook the city. Artaban was struck on the head and as he lay dying he gave up his hope of finding the King and he pondered his failure. Then he heard these words:

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* (Mt 25.40)

He was filled with wonder and joy. His journey was ended. His treasures were accepted. The other Wise Man had found the King.

*Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.*

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; Infrastructure Services - Property & Information; Technology; Newcastle Grammar School - Matthew Macoustra; University Chaplaincies - Andrew Eaton; Parish of Wallsend - Andrew Eaton, Philip Morris, The Ministry Team.

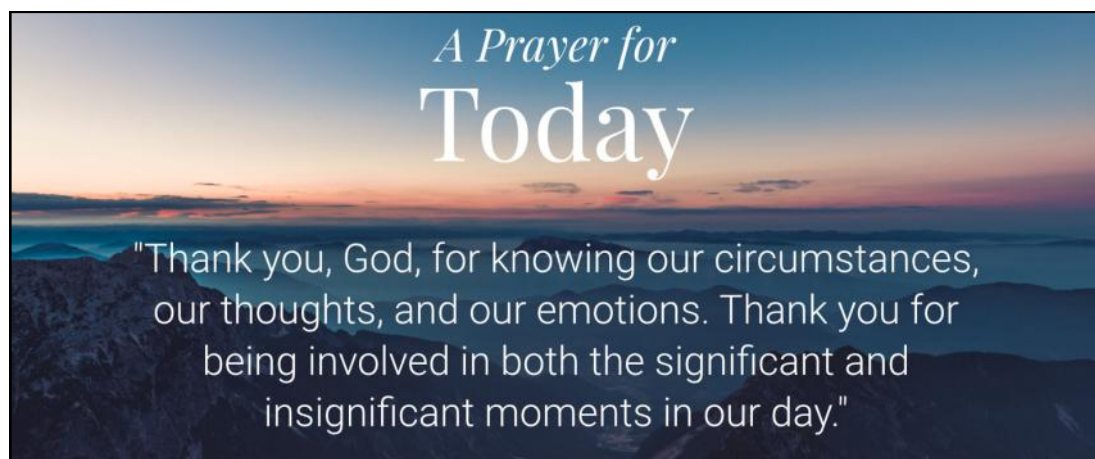
The Church of Bangladesh; The Church of South India (United).

Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder).

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, Joan Kerr, Bruce Halpin, Luke, Mike Faine, Margaret McDonald, James, Jeanette, Suzanne, Wendy McKeogh, Marie Black, Jamison, Alex Platt & Leonie.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Nora Banham, William Godbolt, Audrey Griffiths, Don Turner, Valerie Sanderson, Jan Blogg & Cheryl Nelson (Anderson).



EPIPHANY

SENTENCE:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
may the brightness of your incarnate Word
pierce the night that covers the earth,
signal the dawn of justice and peace,
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60. 1-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord .

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72.1-7; 72.10-14

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
- 12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.
- 13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- 14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3. 1-12

A reading from the book of Ephesians

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made

known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 2 commencing at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went

the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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JANUARY 2025

There will be **NO**

Wednesday Service

Sunday Contemporary Service

Pot Luck Dinner

Blue Cross Shop Meeting

Old Bar Morning Tea

Choir Practice

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 5 January - Epiphany

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

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

SUNDAY 12 January - Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-3a, Psalm 29

Acts 8. 14-17, Luke 3. 15-22

WELCOMERS

Sunday 5 January		Sunday 12 January	
9am	Pam McShane Col Rose	9am	Judy Mascord Pam McShane

READERS

Sunday 5 January		Sunday 12 January	
9am		9am	Jay Quince

MORNING TEA

Sunday 5 January		Sunday 12 January	
Bruce Walker + David Denning		Di + Ian Woollard	

BRASS CLEANING for January

Lorraine Yarad



EPIPHANY

The Epiphany of our Lord is the showing forth or the revealing of God to all people. The mysterious kings and camels from the east are a sign of this; not from among the “chosen people” but now they too are caught up in the vision and worship of what has happened in Bethlehem. We too can see the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, and now opened to all people.

- ◆ We pray that we can know that God’s life and saving message is for all people, regardless of their origin or their background.

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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
IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14

