

Locum Rector:

Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren
Mobile 0404 623 423
Email: skjellgren@hotmail.com
Contact me at any time.

Associate Priest/Community:

Rev'd Rosie Wynter
Mobile: 0419 209 201
Please feel free to contact me.

Administration Centre:

Office Manager: Anne Wareing

38 Stuart Street
Mullumbimby
Phone: 66 84 3552
Email: office@byronanglicans.org.au
Office hours: 9am – 4pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Facebook: Anglican Parish of Byron
Website: www.byronanglicans.org.au

Office Support:

Sue Williams
14 Kingsley Street
Byron Bay
Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au
Phone: 66856431
Office Hours: Wednesday 9am-3pm
Friday 9am-12.30pm.

Readings for: 25th April 2021

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
Luke 10:11-18



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

*A Christian Presence in the Community,
Living by Faith, Known by Love,
Sharing a Voice of Hope*

**Sunday 18th April 2021
Third Sunday of Easter**



Weekly Happenings

Acknowledgement of Country
We, the Anglican Ministry of Byron, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land. We pay tribute and respect to the elders of these nations and people, both past and present. We acknowledge their connection with and care for this country.

All are welcome in Anglican Ministry Area of Byron

Message from Locum Rector - Rev Sandra

Dear People of Faith

In our Gospel message today for Easter 3, we hear how the Risen Jesus appears to his Disciples behind locked doors. We hear how his Risen body was not just a figment of their imagination or a ghost. The disciples touched him. He ate food. Yet, his Risen Body was not merely a restored human body like Lazarus (John 11). He was able to appear and disappear because Jesus' resurrected body was immortal.

The timing of today's Gospel account is that many days may have elapsed between verses 43 and 44 because Jesus and his followers travelled to Galilee and back before his Ascension. In the Book of Acts, Luke makes it clear that Jesus spent 40 days with his disciples between his Resurrection and Ascension – that is nearly 6 weeks.

The Law of Moses (Torah), the Prophets, and the Psalms is a way to describe the entire Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures). In other words, the entire Old Testament points to the Messiah, the Christ of God. For example, his role as prophet was foretold in Deuteronomy (18.15-20), his sufferings were prophesied in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. His resurrection was predicted in Psalm 16.9-11 and Isaiah 53.10, 11.

Jesus opened people's minds to understand the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit continues to do this in our lives today when we study the Bible. Have you ever wondered how to understand a difficult Bible passage? Besides reading surrounding passages, asking other people and consulting reference works, pray that the Holy Spirit will open your mind to understand, giving you needed insight to put God's word into action in your life.

Luke wrote to the Greek-speaking world. He wanted them to know that Christ's message of God's love and forgiveness should

Week Commencing 18th April 2021

TUESDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY: Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
THURSDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
FRIDAY: Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
SUNDAY: **St Martin's ANZAC DAY 9.00am**
St Paul's 9.00am

Op Shop Opening Hours:

Bangalow: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-2pm
Saturday: 9.30am-12.30pm.

Byron Bay: Tuesday—Friday 9am-1pm
Saturday 9.30am –12.30pm

Mullumbimby: Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm
Saturday 9am-12noon.

Wardens: Patricia Ellis (Rector's Warden), Ian White.

Bulletin News Items:

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning by 12 noon. Sue Williams
Phone 66856431 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

Mission of the Month: The Rescue Helicopter. This is a worth while and much needed charity in our region, please consider giving generously.

A sheet has been prepared for those requesting prayers and are inside the Churches for your use. Please fill in and give to Sue Williams.

1 May 2021 – 10am Thanksgiving Service at St Aidan's Church, Eureka. Refreshments to follow in Community Hall. Preacher: Archdeacon Matthew Jones. **RSVP!** Office Manager Anne Wareng by 25th April 66843552 office@byronanglicans.org.au. If you are able to assist with morning tea please contact Patricia Ellis.

5 June 2021 – 10am Thanksgiving Service at St Oswald's Church, Broken Head. Refreshments to follow in the grounds. Celebrant: Archdeacon Matthew Jones and Preacher The Rev'd Richard Brown. Enquiries to Rev'd Sandra or Ian White.



Mission: Anglican Consultative Council
Chair: The Most Reverend Dr Paul Kwong
Diocese of Grafton: Senior Leadership Team: Bishop: The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey, Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks, **Dean:** The Rev'd. Dr Greg Jenks,
Mission Companion: Archdeacon Gail Hagon.
The Diocese of the Riverina: Bishop Donald Kirk & Camryn, Clergy & Laity
The Parish of Northern Beaches Anglicans: The Rev'd David Hanger & Leonie, The Rev'd Simon Reeve & Alison, The Rev'd Pam Stone.
LLM: Stephen, Yve & Christine.

Prayer Request: Judith, Hilary and Paul, Steve & Jenny, Tony, Fr Gary & Robyn Priest, Lorretta, Chris, Donna.
For the work of the Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder.
The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre
For the Ministry of Anglicare.
For the Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

go out to all the world. We too are called to not ignore the worldwide scope of Christ's gospel. God wants all the world to hear the Good News of salvation.

Readings for Today

Acts 3.12-20 Peter had an audience and he capitalized on the opportunity to share Jesus. He presented his message by telling who Jesus is, how he had been rejected, why their rejection of him was fatal, and what they needed to do to change the situation.

Psalm 4 – The godly are those who are faithful and devoted to God. We too can be confident that God will hear our prayers.

1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6 John writes to encourage believers that God's life in us enables us to love our fellow believers.

Luke 24.36b-48 Jesus appears to his followers behind locked doors and continues to open the scriptures for them to explain what is happening. He reminds them they are his witnesses and he is going to send them the Holy Spirit to strengthen and sustain them after his Ascension. Although he will no longer be with them in the world he will be with them through His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ.

How are you feeling about your journey of faith? I encourage us all to keep a Spiritual Journal – talk around the dinner table, to continue to grow through our journey. Spiritual journals are available for you at the back of each of our churches.

Would you like to talk it over with me? Please contact me on 0404 623 423 at any time and we can share a cuppa and discuss whatever you like, either in relation to the faith or anything else that is on your mind.

Did you know that one of the most common complaints about Christian Faith in the 21st Century is that some people say it makes no difference!

People see no significant difference between the way those of us with an active faith deal with life and the way those without faith deal with their lives.

So, it is a fair question.

Around the world faith communities that engage seriously in the transformation of everyday living find that people take them more seriously. Perhaps far more importantly, they find new depth and meaning in their own lives.

One tool for this transformation is to use a personal Rule of Life. Typically a Rule of Life covers 3 areas of Work, Study and Prayer. The twin keys to this process are to keep it simple and to make it specific to your own personal situation. No-one else needs to know the contents of your Rule of Life – or even that you may have one.

The following process may be of assistance:

For each of the three domains imagine how you would like that aspect of your life to be in 12 month's time.

Typically a Rule of Life covers 3 areas of Work, Study and Prayer. Review how your life presently is in that domain. What might you change, add or delete to move from how things are now – to the way you would like them to be in a year's time.

WORK – how am I going to act with God's compassion in my daily life during the next 12 months?

STUDY – how am I going to increase my understanding of the faith in its relevance to life during the next 12 months?

PRAYER – How am I going to express my relationship with God in prayer and worship during the next 12 months?

A Rule of Life can shape our life into having a Faith that makes a difference in the real world where we live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Finally, as this week we remembered HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and his life of service, I offer you this prayer for the repose of his soul from Bishop Murray.

A Prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' Matthew 25.21.

God of majesty,

give rest to your servant Philip

who, having served his Queen and country

has passed from this life,

full of years yet strong in spirit.

As we give thanks for his life

as Prince and husband,

as Consort and family man,

we pray that all that he has done

may continue to bear fruit

in the lives of individuals

***and the life of this nation,
to your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

May God bless each and every one of you in your faith journey that your lives may be enriched in Christ.

Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren Locum Rector

Parish News:

Rosters: In each of our centres there are forms for you to put your name down for reading, prayers, welcoming/COVID help & morning tea. These are important roles in the running of the centres each Sunday. **Please take the time to prayerfully consider if you can help and put your name down maybe in a centre you don't normally visit.**

Community Outreach within our Parish:

Feeding the Community: Donations of non-perishable food items e.g. Baked Beans, tinned fish, tinned spaghetti, pasta, rice, biscuits etc. can now be left at the churches for collection.

Tents for the homeless: Donations of tents and tarps. We would be so grateful if you could donate to this important outreach. This could be by making a financial donation or providing the items needed. Once again items can be left at any of our churches

Diary Dates:

Safe Ministry Training 24 April – 9am-1pm at St Andrew's Lismore. Please register your attendance by contacting St Andrew's Parish Office directly on 6621 3200 or email them at office@lismoreanglicans.com

Sunday Services:

25 April: 9am St Paul's Byron Bay

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby with ANZAC Day

Acknowledgement

You will be able to register using the QR Code or by giving your details on the day.