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Readings for: 2 May

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 2:26-32
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

**Sunday 25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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,
As we continue to remember and celebrate the victory over death won for us by Jesus on Calvary, today we also recognize that Anzac Day is an occasion of national remembrance. For the church, it is an important opportunity to reflect on the notion of sacrifice, the ultimate example of which we have in Jesus Christ, and to pray for peace in our world.

In commemorating Anzac Day in the Church, we do not seek to glorify war, but to give thanks for those who have laid down their lives for us, and to come alongside and pray for those who bear the costs of war, both physically and emotionally.

I offer you the following poem written by one of our serving Military Chaplains in Australia – The Revd. Sue Page.

POEM - FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

In your boots I walk
these boots that walk the footpaths of the Base in
Brisbane or Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Darwin or Perth.

Tramped the beach and climbed the rocky slopes of Gallipoli
The mud of the Somme
The desert sands of Palestine
The rainforests of the Pacific
The jungles of Vietnam
The villages of Timor

In these boots you fell and died.
In these boots you fought for life, for freedom, for peace.

In these boots you still fight, in the hills of Afghanistan
and over the skies of Iraq

Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 25th 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 2 May	St Martin's 9am St Paul's 9am St Columba's 11am

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-12pm.

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 Anglican Flood Relief through the Diocese of Grafton. 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.



Mission Anglicare Australia
Executive Director Kasy Chambers

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 Willochra Bishop John Stead & Jan,
Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Wauchope The Rev Angela Dutton

LLM Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy

Prayer Request Judith, Hilary and Paul, Steve & Jenny, Tony,
Fr Gary & Robyn Priest, Lorretta, Chris, Donna,
Rev Sandra

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.

**"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left
grow old;
Age shall not weary
them, nor the years
condemn.**

**At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them."**



In these boots that sit under a desk in an office
that carry me to lunch
and carry me home to cradle my children at night.

In these boots you fought, you fell.
May you be cradled in loving arms,
the arms of Christ, who fell and died for us all.

Poem by Sue Page
(reprinted by permission)

Let us Pray to give thanks at this time as we move through the
Easter Season in celebration of the victory that Christ has won
for us as we also remember the Anzacs – *Lest we Forget.*

Almighty God
as we come together on this day
of Remembrance help us not to hide
our sorrows and our pain from you.
Let our actions embrace your divine values
and be open to your careful
Examination inspired by the sacrifice
of Calvary and the men and women of
ANZAC legend.

Enfold us afresh in the love and
healing of your Holy Spirit.
May the promise of eternal life inspire us
anew, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Today

Acts 4:5-12 – The Sanhedrin [Jewish Council] question Peter
and John as to what authority and power they are operating
under when they heal people. In response Peter explains to the
Council that the One whom they had previously put on trial and
crucified [Jesus], has risen again. The apostles spoke boldly
about Jesus as they presented the good news of Jesus Christ to
the Jewish elders.

Psalm 23 – God is seen as a caring shepherd and a dependable
guide. We are called to follow God and obey his commands. The
Psalmist reminds us that God is our only hope for eternal life.



1 John 3:16-24 – These verses give an example of how to lay down our lives for others – to help those in need. This is strikingly similar to James’s teaching (James 2.14-17). How clearly do your actions say you really love others – especially those you may not particularly like?

John 10:11-18 – The shepherd owns the sheep and is committed to them. Jesus is committed to loving us and even laid down his life for us. These verses are an insight into the world-wide Mission of Jesus – who died for the sins of the entire world. Jesus refuses to be limited by the fences we try to build around him as He is Lord of all.

How is your Easter journey going? I pray that you are infilled with the joy of the Spirit of Christ during this most holy Season. Please don’t forget to call me at any time on 0404 623 423 if you would like to talk about insights gained or aspects of your spiritual journey over the past few weeks and months of Lent and into the Easter Season. Spiritual Journals are readily available at the back of all of our churches to assist you with your meditation upon the Word of God.

May the God of Peace continue to bless each and every one of you.

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.

Cursillo News There is a fire Day for all Cursillistas. Theme: ‘Running the Race’. At: Murwillumbah Anglicans 26-30 Byangum Rd. 15 May 9:30-2:30, Cost for lunch \$10.

Why come alone? Invite your friends.

The day is not just for Cursillistas but anyone who wishes to join us for a spiritually uplifting and thought provoking day of fun and fellowship. **Everyone’s welcome. See you there!** On the 16th May the Secertariat are asking all Cursillistas to wear your **colours** to Church in celebration of Cursillo.

Diary Dates

Sunday Services 2 May

9am St Paul’s Byron Bay

9am St Martin’s Mullumbimby

11am St Columba’s Ewingsdale

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

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 Wareing by 25th April 6684 3552 office@byronanglicans.org.au. If you are able to assist with morning tea please contact Patricia Ellis: 0416 242 355.

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.

23 May 2021 Pentecost Sunday.

Come celebrate in the rural setting of Hazeldene. Jack & Hilda Richards have kindly invited us to their property at 355 Coopers Shoot Rd, Coopers Shoot, for a combined service for Pentecost plus we will celebrate Jack’s 84th Birthday. BYO drinks salad, dessert, nibbles, plates, cups & cutlery. Jack will supply the meat.

RSVP Sue Williams by 16 May on 6685 6431.

