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Readings for: 23 May

Combined Service

"Hazeldene"

355 Coopers Shoot Rd

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:26-36
Romans 8:22-27
John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15



Sunday 16th May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

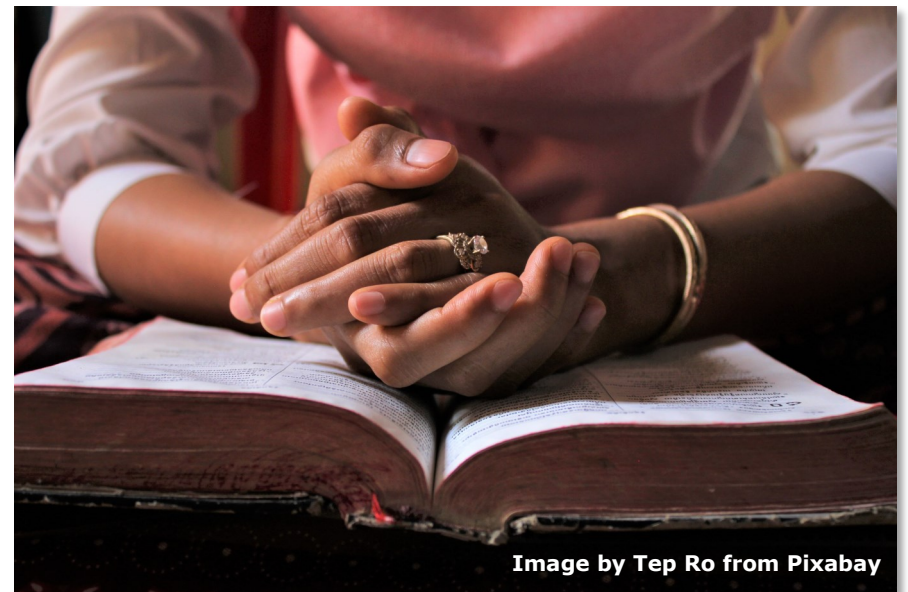


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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

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,

Shakespeare's play Hamlet is full of action. Ghosts, murders, love scenes, plots, accidental killings, betrayals, recriminations and more plots. The play highlights the indecision of the hero when faced with huge problems, and this results in pauses here and there. But at one moment in particular the action comes to a shuddering halt.

Hamlet is looking for an opportunity to take revenge on his stepfather, Claudius, for murdering his father and usurping the throne of Denmark. He comes upon an ideal opportunity: Claudius is in his chamber, kneeling quietly. But Hamlet stops and thinks. Claudius is praying! If he takes revenge now, Claudius may perhaps have repented and will be saved. Hamlet decides to wait for a better moment. The sorry tale continues.



He is praying! And we are invited to realise that there is a mystery there which nobody can penetrate except the one who is doing the praying. Just as I cannot be sure what passes between you and God when you kneel down and pray, Hamlet could not tell what Claudius was praying, however, he did know he should pause and wait.

And, with a totally different King, equally caught up in mystery, intrigue and plots – but innocent of all, we come in John Chapter 17 to a place where we, too, should pause and wait, and perhaps quietly join in. Jesus is praying!

Of course, we know that Jesus prayed. The Gospels tell us that frequently. But they hardly ever tell us what he prayed or how

Week Commencing 17 May 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 23 May **Penetcost Sunday Jack & Hilda's Home Hazeldene, Coopers Shoot.**

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 worthwhile and much needed charity in our region. Please consider giving generously.

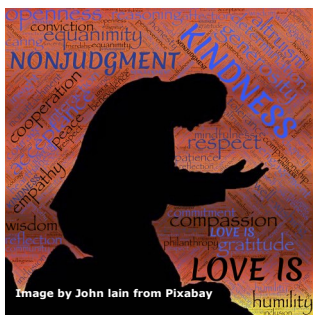
A sheet has been prepared for those requesting prayers and are inside the Churches for your use. Please fill in and give to Sue Williams.

29 May 3pm Farewell Rev Sandra

An invitation to all the Parish to a farewell gathering for Rev Sandra at 20 Blackwood Crescent , Bangalow – opposite the Bowlo. PLEASE RSVP to any of following – 66870441; 0412 242 355; or email pbellis2@bigpond.com by 25th May.

18 June Faithfulness in Service

Ballina Parish Hall 24 Burnett St Ballina 10am. This training must be completed by Clergy, LLMs, paid employees, leaders of Parish Ministries, office volunteers, Op volunteers and hospital and aged care visitors. Completed forms need to be returned to John Bryen directly as per the form or to the Parish Office.



Parish Prayer Request:

Mission Anglican Cursillo Movement,
National Lay Director
Mr Jim Warland

**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 North West Australia Bishop Gary Nelson
& Christine, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Murwillumbah

The Rev'd Lyndon Mulholland & Anna, The Rev'd John
Tyman & Penny, The Rev'd Hilary & Paul.

LLM David, Madeline, Iona.

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

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.

he prayed. A few sentences at most come down to us, such as that wonderful passage in Matthew (11.25-27); and the burst of praise at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11.41-42). Interestingly, both of those passages look remarkably like shorter versions of what we find in this outstanding Chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

I once heard an actor read the whole of John's Gospel, and when he came to Chapter 17, he knelt down and prayed it as a prayer. It both sounded and *felt* like prayer. This is not simply a theological treatise, with John putting ideas together and placing them on the lips of Jesus.

Jesus' prayer is a living embodiment of that intimate union with the Father of which we have heard so much. And we are invited to realise, that when we make this prayer our own, when we enter into this Chapter and see what happens, we are being invited to come into the heart of Jesus - and be a part of that intimate relationship between Jesus the Son and God the Father. And that my friends, is what the prayer of Jesus embodies and it is its central subject matter.

Jesus is celebrating the work that he has done that the Father gave him to do. He has laid before his disciples all that the Father has given to Him.

Jesus prays to the Father and entrusts the disciples to the Father, whom he has known and loved throughout his own earthly life. The Father, who Jesus knows intimately, will care for the disciples every bit as much as he has done himself.

Jesus knows that the disciples are at risk. The world, which hates them, as it hated him, will threaten them at times. However, the disciples are to be sent into the world - so they need protecting. And that is what this prayer of Jesus is all about.

During his public ministry, teaching the disciples and leading them; Jesus has looked after them just like a good shepherd with his sheep. And now, the time has come for Jesus to Ascend back to the Father. So, he entrusts his followers to God, who he knows will continue the work of keeping them safe.

Jesus has already 'kept' the disciples in the Father's name and he has given them his holy word (V.14). In other words, as

Jesus entrusts the disciples to the Father, this will not mean a sudden change. He has already spent time teaching them, so that what he has begun, the Father will now gloriously complete in them.

This prayer has been used for many centuries by Bishops and Priests as they pray for those in their care. It is a serious prayer and is one of the most serious things that Jesus ever said. And that is why, it is also among the most Joyful and Hopeful of prayers. It is a confident prayer of trust in God to continue the work of Jesus' in his own disciples and to care for them.

If you feel that this prayer may seem far too exalted for us to join in, please re-read the Section of Chapter 17 from Verse 1 through to 19 which makes it clear that although it seems extraordinarily close and trusting, it is not designed to be exclusive. We are invited to Join in! Thanks be to God.

Next week we are all invited to come together to celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church on the Feast of Pentecost at "Hazeldene" the property of Jack and Hilda Richards at 355 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Please do try to join us for our 9am Eucharist which, weather permitting, will be held outdoors - at what I believe, is one of the most beautiful places on earth. See if you can find something, Red or Yellow to reflect the colours of Holy Fire - for the Feast of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to being with you all at "Hazeldene". RSVP is essential for catering purposes as Jack has generously offered to provide all the meat for us as we come together for a BBQ after our 9am service. We are to provide our own salads, drinks, plates and utensils. See the Diary Note below for further details on RSVP.

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

Revd. 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.

Diary Dates

Sunday Service 23 May

9am "Hazeldene", 355 Coopers Shoot Road

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

21 May, 2pm Bangalow Hall. "Let's Get Together". Come along for a combined parish think tank on what the community would like to offer as suggestions on the format and timing of this new parish group.

23 May 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.

5 June - 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.

