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**Readings for: 6 June**

**9am St Paul's**

**9am St Martin's**

**11am St Columba's**

1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20,11:14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35



**Sunday 30th May 2021**  
**Trinity Sunday**



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

### **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,

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when Christians contemplate the unique understanding of God as Holy One, Holy Three. John 3.1-17 is one of the few places in Scripture when God Creator, God Saviour and God Spirit are all present in the same passage.

There is much about a Trinitarian image of God which is life-giving and powerful. In particular, it highlights the importance of community and relationships. If God's own self is relational, then we too need to be attentive to community and getting along with others, especially those who are different from us.

Yet the Trinity can be difficult to understand and various metaphors are offered. Jeremy Begbie, in his book *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music* [Jeremy Begbie, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2007. P.293], suggests that most metaphors for the Trinity rely on visual imagery which makes it difficult to explain **Three in One** - how three might occupy the same space.

Begbie suggests that music provides a helpful way to understand the Trinity and talks about a three-note chord. When considered audibly, we recognize that three distinct notes may be heard at once and be individually discerned. This resonates for me.

In many ways, it is good that the concept of the Trinity remains a bit of a mystery, for God is always greater than we can conceive. So, we dance with images and metaphors. One image may be meaningful for a season; a different metaphor may speak at another time. What images and metaphors for God do you turn to most often? What new images might remind you that God is greater than our human thoughts?

As we celebrate the Holy Trinity today we reflect with Isaiah where the voice of the Lord asks, "Who will go for **us**?" NOT "Who will go for **me**?" In Romans, Paul speaks of all three persons of the Trinity: We

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.

# Weekly Happenings

**Week Commencing 31 May 2021**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
<b>SUNDAY 6 June</b>	<b>9am Byron Bay</b> <b>9am Mullumbimby</b> <b>11am Ewingsdale</b>

#### **Op Shop Opening Hours**

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

**Byron Bay** Tuesday—Friday 9.30am-1.30pm  
Saturday 9.30am -12.30pm

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

**Wardens** Patricia Ellis (Rector's Warden), Ian White, Laura East.

#### **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.

## Diary Dates

### Sunday Service 6th June

**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.*

### **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.



### **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** National Council of Churches,

**President** Bishop Phillip Huggins

**Diocese of Grafton Senior**

**Leadership Team Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

**Dean** The Rev'd. Dr Greg Jenks

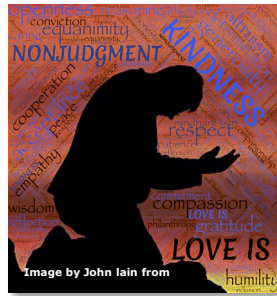
**The Diocese of Tasmania** Bishop Richard Condie & Helen,  
Bishop Chris Jones & Christine, Clergy & Laity.

**The Parish of Port Macquarie (Port Anglicans)**

The Venerable Stuart Webb & Michelle,

**LLM** Gary, Merry, Erica, Bruce, Ron, Robert, Wendy Michelle.

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



pray to the Father through the Spirit because of the work of the Son. Jesus also speaks to Nicodemus about the role of all three persons of the Trinity. This may not be the simplest of Christian doctrines, but it is certainly foundational because it explains the very nature of God and God's work throughout human history. The very nature of God is Triune – God lives in community.

## **READINGS FOR TODAY**

**Isaiah 6.1-8** Isaiah 6 begins with a recounting of Isaiah's vision. It was clearly an overwhelming experience for Isaiah. He sees God in a vision of splendour and wonder. He sees seraphs flying around and singing. The vision is so overwhelming that Isaiah immediately recognizes his own insignificance and does not feel worthy of the honour of experiencing God in this way. Yet, God's grace lifts Isaiah from insignificance to usefulness. This passage ends with God's call for someone to help and Isaiah volunteers. Can you recall a time when you said to God 'Here I am, send me'? What prompted you and helped you feel empowered to serve?

**Psalms 29** In this Psalm, the writer meditates on the power and strength of God, declaring how God is able to shake up the entire world with merely God's voice. As we read about the power of the Lord's voice, do you find yourself frightened or drawn in? How approachable is God to you?

**Romans 8.12-17** Today's word from Romans remind us that in God's eyes we are always important. Paul wrote this letter to the followers of Jesus in Rome at a time when Christians were scorned and persecuted. Jesus' followers at that time may well have been social outcasts. Paul offers encouragement by reminding his readers that those who allow their lives to be shaped by God's Spirit are children of God. He goes even further by saying they are heirs of God. To be heirs of God is to be legitimate in important and significant ways. Paul is saying to people that they are valuable and worthy to God. This empowers us to move beyond fear. How might seeing each person we meet as God's child help us in our work of acceptance and inclusion of visitors and strangers?

**John 3.1-17** John 3.16 is one of the most familiar verses of scripture. Many people may have memorized it in childhood at Sunday School. It shows up on banners at sporting events in schools. Conversely, John 3.17 may be one of the least familiar verses of scripture "Indeed, God

did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

I worry that one of the reasons that the church is not growing is that we have forgotten John 3.17.

Too many people claiming to be Christian spend too much time condemning those who look, or believe or behave differently. Have we forgotten that love and non-condemnation go hand in hand?

John 3.16 “For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only son”. God did not wait until the world was perfect to send God’s gift of love. God became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth precisely at a time when the world was a mess. In the same way, God loves all people just as we are – mess and all. God loves. God does not condemn. God saves.

Love. Do not condemn. Save. That would be a good action plan for the Church right there. God loves us all, no strings attached. Love people, just as they are. Rather than condemnation, let us foster a culture of understanding. When we encounter difference, let us ask questions and listen.

May we pray: Divine love, teach us to love without judgment or condemnation. Amen.

It has been such a joy to live and work with you. It has been a privilege to come to know you. The last 4 months have gone by far too quickly. However, please be assured just because you are out of sight – you will not be out of mind. My prayers will be with you always and I shall continue to pray that we may meet again.

+May God bless each and every one of you, and those whom you love, on this day and for evermore in the name of Christ. Amen.  
Rev. Sandra Kjellgren **Locum Rector**

### **Parish News**

#### **Farewell Rev Sandra**

Our sincerest thanks to Rev Sandra for the dedication and devotion she has offered our Parish during her time with us. We are very grateful.

**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.**

### **Penetcost At Hazeldene**

Our Pentecost Service was held at ‘Hazeldene’, the home of Jack & Hilda Richards. We also celebrated Jack’s birthday. The service was followed by a delicious BBQ.

Thank you Jack & Hilda for your hospitality.



### **Appointment of Indefinite Locum**

As we farewell The Rev. Sandra Kjellgren as our full time Locum Rector on 31 May we are delighted to welcome news from Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks that Archdeacon Greg Ezzy will commence as Intentional Locum Rector for Byron Ministry Area for an indefinite period or until permanent Rector is appointed as from 1 June. Archdeacon Greg will be a half time appointment and will work across different days for flexibility in the half time appointment. Please welcome Archdeacon Greg when he commences on 1 June.  
Churchwardens - Laura East, Patricia Ellis and Ian White.

### **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.