



Sunday 15th August 2021  
Twelfth Sundays after Pentecost

**All are welcome**



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**Acknowledgement of Country**

*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.  
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



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

# Weekly Happenings

Thursday, 12 August 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

## Announcement – Ministry Area Leader of the Parish of Byron

I am delighted to announce that the Venerable Grahame Yager, Rector of the Parish of Gilgandra and Archdeacon to the North West Region in Bathurst has accepted Bishop Murray Harvey's invitation to be the Ministry Area Leader of the Parish of Byron. Grahame's Commissioning will be on 17 September 2021 in the Byron Parish with the centre yet to be decided.

Unfortunately, this appointment was delayed since the original announcement due to some legal issues that have now been resolved.

I am confident that Grahame will be a compassionate, caring and innovative leader for the Parish of Byron.

We give thanks to God for Grahame's ministry in Gilgandra and in the life of Bathurst Diocese and we understand that he will be deeply missed. Please keep the Venerable Grahame and his wife, the Reverend Brenda Yager, in your prayers as they make this transition.

Peace



The Venerable Tiffany Sparks  
Diocesan Archdeacon  
Bishop's Commissary



## Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<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 Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

## SUNDAY 15 August Services cancelled due to lockdown

### Op Shop Opening Hours

<b>Bangalow</b>	closed due to lockdown
<b>Byron Bay</b>	closed due to lockdown
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	closed due to lockdown

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### Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552 Email: [admin@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:admin@byronanglicans.org.au)

### Mission of the Month

**Shaping Outcomes** is a not-for-profit National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Provider focusing on early childhood intervention programs for children with disabilities. Please consider giving generously.

## Parish Roll Update

We are updating our Parish Roll. There are forms at the churches for you to complete and return to the Office Manager.

**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.

## Prayer Focus This Week:

Anglican Men's Society  
The Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves

## Diocese of Grafton

The Chancellor The Hon Richard Cogswell  
SC The Advocate Mr Stephen Campbell

## The Parish of Mid Richmond

The Rev'd Lenore Moules & Warren

## Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Hilary and Paul, Tony,  
Fr Gary & Robyn Priest, Lorretta, Chris, John,  
Margaret Harvey,  
David Williams, Matthew, George, Ros Gower.



The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.  
The Liberation Larder,  
The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre,  
Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

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

Dear Members of the Parish,

I am thrilled to receive the announcement from the Venerable Tiffany Sparks, Diocesan Archdeacon and Bishop's Commissary, that the Venerable Grahame Yager will be joining our Parish as Ministry Area Leader.

We have shared as a Parish, in awaiting news of our new leader, and I am personally thrilled, as we further forge a ministry team together, and with the wonderful input of many others going forward.

Grahame is held in great esteem in the Diocese of Bathurst, and I knew him whilst a Priest in that Diocese and am aware of the fondness in which he is held.

This appointment will cement the wonderful work already begun, and shared now with the caring guidance of Archdeacon Emeritus Greg Ezzy. In the future, to further open the door to creative and Spirited areas of being church. Both within the church and into the outer community.

We now can look forward with prayer and hope for Archdeacon Grahame and Brenda to share with us in our wonderful faith community.

I have always found Grahame to be a warm, open, gentle and faithful man of God. We met in Bangalow late last year to share dreams and visions for the Parish, and I now look forward to working as his Associate to fulfil the call to serve this faith community with love and commitment.

Let us hold Grahame and Brenda in prayer as they bid their farewells and make the journey north. It will be a joy to welcome and to share together in his Commissioning on the 17th September, 2021.

Blessings to all,  
Rev. Rosie Wynter

## From Archdeacon Greg

### **STAYING SAFE and STILL WORSHIPPING**

In this time of lockdown, we have the opportunity of sharing in worship with a church of your choice that is equipped to offer on-line worship this Sunday. I can recommend the local worship service from St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church at Alstonville which can be watched by Googling Anglican Church Alstonville and clicking on, On-line Service, Sunday at 9am.

### **COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC**

Here are some more words of wisdom from the Reverend Dr. Sarah Bachelard in relation to Experiencing God in Times of Crisis. Sarah is reflecting on Psalm 137 which is the Hebrew people's lament over the destruction of Jerusalem.

***By the rivers of Babylon - there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.***

***On the willows there we hung up our harps.***

***For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"***

***How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?***

"We have to find a way of coming to terms with what has befallen us and what it could mean for our future. Epidemiologists have long warned that a global pandemic was inevitable, and environmentalists have told us that the more human activity disturbs the balance of natural systems, the more likely will be the emergence of new pathogens

So how do we live in this time, in the midst of the crisis, where we have no perspective yet on its magnitude or duration or ultimate impact? I think part of what our psalm helps us understand is the importance of simply naming our loss and bewilderment, of giving ourselves permission to lament.

Some are feeling more isolated, as the usual rhythm of activities is interrupted and they face night after night at home by themselves, while others are feeling their intimate relationships strained. Some struggle with mental health or with supporting the health of others as anxiety and depression

are exacerbated; some feel under-occupied and others are dangerously over-stretched, or daily at risk as they work in aged care facilities, schools, hospitals and other essential services. And we miss touch, spontaneous gathering, giving and receiving hospitality, and just going out our front doors and doing stuff! We all live with a heightened sense of provisionality – what someone recently described as the exhaustion of uncertainty. What will the world be like in the aftermath? What kind of 'recovery' is possible, including for the natural world? What can we hope for and look forward to right now?

The wisdom of our tradition teaches that grieving our losses, naming our fear, rage, sense of injustice or hopelessness, is necessary spiritual work. Without it, we get stuck. We cannot become available for what may be asked of us. I imagine that all of us are struggling with these times, with ourselves in these times, one way or another.

And it's OK, in fact it might even be necessary, that we too weep, when we recall the life we miss and when we face the travail of our world and all her creatures in these difficult days."

### **Sunday 15 August**

**Readings** Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6: 51-58

**Services** Cancelled due to COVID lockdown.

### **Parish News**

#### **COVID Lockdown**

There are currently stay at home orders in place for our area. This means no church services, no meetings and no Op Shops until at least Tuesday 17th August.

**OP Shop Byron Bay Volunteers Needed** Looking for something to fill your time or need some social interaction? The Byron Op Shop is in need of volunteers. If you are interested please contact Coordinator Cathy 0432 606 849