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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.*



Sunday 12th September 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome



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

From Archdeacon Greg

GOD GIVES US A FUTURE

It's a new dawn! We are out of lockdown, albeit with restrictions. A new permanent Team Leader, Reverend Grahame, is settling in and excited to be here and looking forward to meeting up with everyone. In the unfolding of a truly amalgamated parish, creative and effective opportunities for new ministry are beginning to emerge.

The Ministry Area Team currently comprising the Ministry Leader, the Community Minister, the Wardens along with Merridy, James and Christine, met again last week. They confirmed a process for exploring, and hopefully establishing a Food Pantry in conjunction with Anglicare at Bangalow and confirmed a process for establishing a new Taize worship community.

Issues on their agenda for consideration to further God's Kingdom in our time and place include;

- smarter use of technology, social media and the internet;
- making space in our properties for appropriate community connections
- developing organic church gardens accessible to the community
- establishing greater connection with media
- updating parish website including podcasts and donation buttons for ministry projects
- With Grahame coming on board, the Team is conscious of their responsibility to address the ordering and conduct of the services of worship in the parish that will welcome different generations, as well as provide for Anglican traditions.

The Thursday Discussion Group members at Bangalow are champing at the bit to restart this Thursday at 2.30pm exploring faith in God in the 21st century, while others are waiting for a new group to start up.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

Services Sunday 12 September
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am All Soul's Bangalow

Op Shop Opening Hours

Our Op Shops will be opening as and when they are ready after the lockdown. We will confirm opening times next week.

Bangalow

Byron Bay

Mullumbimby

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

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.

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission St George's College
Jerusalem The Rev'd Richard Sewell.

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

Dean The Rev'd. Dr Greg Jenks



Parish of Lismore

Rev'd Christian Ford and Brenda

Rev'd Alan Shaw and Sue

Rev'd Rhonda Callander

Local Prayer Focus

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

Thank you everyone for your warm welcome and support during my short time with you again. It has been a real blessing for me. As I hand over to Grahame, I am optimistic for the future of God's church here, given the faith, passion, dedication and skills of the parish family and its readiness to embrace new opportunities for ministry. You are already a Christian presence in the community, living by faith, known by love, sharing a voice of hope. God is with you.

Services

Sunday 19th September

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Readings

Sunday 12th September

James 2:18-26, Psalm 19, Mark 8:27-38

Sunday 19th September

James 3:1-12, Psalm 1, Mark 9:30-37

R U OK?

How important is it to be focusing on RUOK at present, and encouraging meaningful conversations that start with a simple, '**Are you okay?**'

Each one of us has an inbuilt desire to belong and be connected. In other words, God has created us for relationships. But despite the appearance of connectedness and belonging through modern technology and being involved in different groups, when difficult times come, it can be hard to identify to whom we can really talk and trust with our thoughts and feelings.

Every one of us, at some point in our life, needs support, needs someone to talk to, needs someone to genuinely take an interest in how we are doing. The fear, stress and isolation brought about by COVID can bring on such a time. One simple question, '**Are you Ok?**' can change a life. A genuine

conversation can change a mindset or a situation and encourage someone to 'share the load' or seek out support. Each of us has a part to play in connecting with those around us. It is not our job to 'fix' people's problems or to counsel them, however it is our job to ask, listen and encourage the people around us. Love your neighbour!

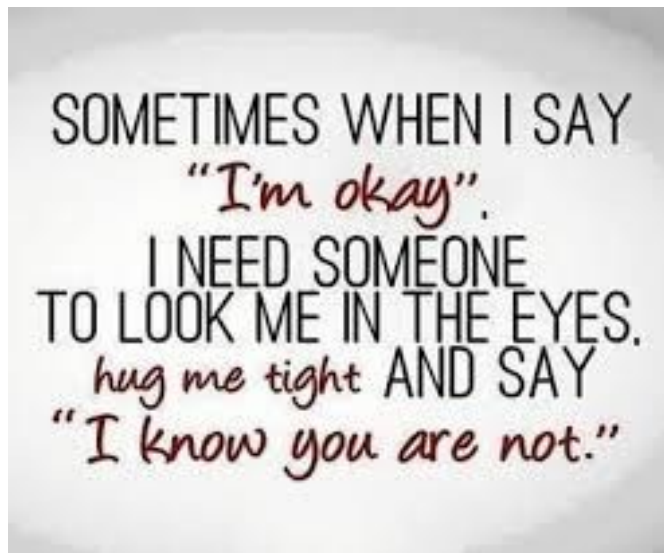
Will you take a moment this week to consider the people around you and how you can encourage and support them? If you are struggling with issues or fear, take up an offer of a cuppa and chat with a person you feel safe to talk with – it might just be the turning point to resolution and hope. And remember your clergy are always here for you.

Prayer

God of grace and wisdom, stir us into action to be alert, and respond to the needs of others, with compassion and a listening ear.

Stir up within us too, the humility and vulnerability to trust another, when the going gets too tough to handle by ourselves.

Thank you generous God for your Spirit in each one of us, desiring our wholeness, hope and love. Amen.



Parish News

COVID Lockdown

Lockdown restrictions are lifting at midnight Friday 10th September. We are once again able to celebrate worship together and our Op Shops and halls can reopen. We are required to follow the NSW Health regulations which include the 4sqm rule, mask wearing and no singing in church.

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

Parish Roll Update

Parish roll forms can be sent and returned via email. If you require a form please let Anne know by emailing office@byronanglicans.org.au. It would be helpful to have current and up to date information to assist Rev Grahame in connecting with our Parish community.

Feeding the Community

Donations of non-perishable food items e.g. Baked Beans, tinned fish, tinned spaghetti, pasta, rice, biscuits etc. are always gratefully received. We are continuing to offer outreach during lockdown.

Farewell to Archdeacon Greg and Del We would like to offer heartfelt thanks to Archdeacon Greg for his kindness and devotion during his ministry amongst us. We appreciate the time he has given to supporting us as we journey forward as an amalgamated parish.