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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 19th September 2021
Seventeenth 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

WELCOME REVERENDS GRAHAME AND BRENDA

Moving house is always traumatic! Don't some of us know that well? And I'm sure it has been no different for Grahame and Brenda moving from Gilgandra to Suffolk Park where they arrived during the week. But moving during a pandemic just increases the stress. With rules around requirements to isolate or not constantly changing, when moving from one Local Government Area to other, out of an abundance of caution, Grahame and Benda have graciously committed to going straight into isolation for 14 days to play it safe for all concerned.

Consequently, Grahame invited me to stay on until the end of this month until they come out of isolation. The silver lining here is that Grahame and Brenda will have the blessing of being able to settle into their new home and begin acclimatising to the parish without the normal exhaustive time of moving and commencing all at once. So, Grahame has now become Team Leader and Rector, albeit while in isolation for a fortnight in the Rectory. He will be on deck from the beginning of October. His actual Commissioning by Bishop Murray will be at a date to be announced.

THE BLESSING OF LOVE

Last Sunday at Byron Bay we congratulated and gave thanks for Jack and Hilda as they celebrated 62 years of Marriage. It reminded me of words in Hugh Mackay's Book "What Makes Us Tick?", as he reflected on the well know words from 1 Corinthians 13. He wrote, "the desire for love is the deepest of all our desires because love is our richest source of emotional security, personal serenity and confidence. When freely given, love is also our most enduring contribution to a better world".

God of course is LOVE, who lives in us, enabling us to be a Christian Presence in the community, living by faith, known by love, giving a voice of hope. May our worship honour and nurture 'God With Us'.

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 26 September

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am All Soul's Bangalow

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Wednesday - Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm
Mullumbimby	Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday 9am-12pm.

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 Vicar of Bangkok, Rev'd Tim Eady & Julie

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 Rockhampton Bishop Peter John Grice & Virginia, Clergy & Laity

Parish of Orara Valley Anglican Parish

Ministry Roster

LLM Ted, Gayle, Ian, Ruth.

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.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Meeting fortnightly in Bangalow with Gary Stanger, the group is enthusiastic in their reflecting on faith in God and Jesus in a new Millennium. While the group honours the traditional faith that we have inherited in the various ways that it is understood, Gary with his strong educational background and inquisitive mind, is offering the group opportunity to explore the gap between traditional church doctrine and the essential gospel message that is our Christian legacy. He notes that many of the of the images and ideas and much of the language we bring to faith questions today, belong to a worldview that is no longer relevant.

The Reverend Adrian Alker, a recently retired Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Sheffield in the UK has written of his experience of reshaping the life of the church in his book *Is A Radical Church Possible?* He calls for an honest look at the life of Jesus and the faith of the church. He passionately believes that the church must become more Jesus shaped and less concerned with its own structures and beliefs in order to have integrity in the 21st century.

"Today we are experiencing a serious breakdown of a church culture built around conformity, uniformity, blind obedience to authority, religious attitudes that border on superstition, notions that the sacred is separate from human experience, and strict control over people's thinking and acting." These are the words of Fr. Michael Morwood, talking about Tomorrow's Catholics.

The Reverend Dr. Sarah Bachelard, an Anglican Priest leading the ministry of the Benedictus Church in Canberra, similarly is encouraging, the practice of meditation and contemplative living, in her book *Experiencing God In A Time Of Crisis*. She is committed to sharing how we might genuinely encounter the reality of God in everyday life here and now.

These are all people bringing signs of hope for the future church in its mission to connect with the culture of today. What blessings await the Byron Parish with creative and faithful people being open to Emmanuel, God With Us!

Services

Sunday 19th September

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Sunday 26th September

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am All Souls Bangalow

Readings

Sunday 19th September

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

Sunday 26th September

James 5:12-20, Psalm 124, Mark 9:38-50

Parish News

Celebrations and Farewells

On Sunday Jack & Hilda Richards celebrated 62yrs of wedded bliss. The congregation of St Paul's were blessed to be able to share part of the day with them.



Archdeacon Greg was presented with a hamper in appreciation of all the hard work and friendship he has shared with this parish during his time as locum Minister

BCA Boxes

If you have a BCA box it is now time to bring in the boxes for counting. Please bring them to any of the centre churches or take to the office in Mullumbimby.

Parish Council meeting delayed until next month due to the change over period between ministers.



Please help share some joy into the hearts of homeless women.

CWA Bangalow are calling for donation of women's personal items. These can be delivered to the CWA Rooms, Bangalow Newsagent or Rev'd Rosie. Products such as toothpaste & brush, wipes e.g. baby wipes, deodorant, insect repellent, sanitary items,

liquid soap. These items will be packaged in October and handed out to the homeless women in Bangalow.

HELP WANTED

Do you want to help put a smile on the face, and joy in the heart of a child? - Easy!!- please give a little of your time to help us make "care bears". These will be distributed to families in need or children in trauma situations. I have dozens of bears in the making. Will you sew, stuff them, and put smiles on the bears faces? I will supply—knitted bear form, the yarn to sew them, the stuffing to fill them, the ribbon for their bow tie. You supply your time and love. Contact Joan Davis 66853287, 0418663214 or see me in church.

COVID

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

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 running very low on supplies. Any donations would be gratefully received.