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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 24th October 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

Freedom! Some commentators have suggested that the current global pandemic is our generation's world war. Some headlines this week may have led us to believe that the 'war' is over. With a change in restrictions, some are holding 'freedom parties' as they welcome friends and family for the first time in a long time. Some are not. The easing of restrictions is not for everyone.

Pray without ceasing. Remain strong in your faith. In our Bible readings set down for this Sunday we continue to journey with Job. Job does not understand why he has suffered, yet by faith his encounter with God is transformative. Job is able to continue in faith and hope. In Mark chapter 10, Bartimaeus, a blind man by the roadside, recognised Jesus' place in history. It is Bartimaeus who publicly acknowledged Jesus as Son of David and received one last act of healing, prior to the ultimate healing of the cross. Bartimaeus sees Jesus even through his physical blindness and then follows. Sometimes being faithful can be challenging. Job persevered in prayer and faith and God was faithful. Perhaps this may encourage us to not give up on our conversations with God through prayer.

In our prayers to God, we have an opportunity to be reminded how faithful God is. Only when we acknowledge God in our lives and most especially through our prayer lives may we fully appreciate the fruits of our endeavours which are made possible through the love of God in Jesus the Christ.

Through prayer we have the opportunity to clarify our hopes and our intentions, and to align these with what God has in store for us. Prayer helps us to remember what is important and to guide our actions. Prayer helps us to live more fully into our lives of faith. Bartimaeus had faith and his faith and persistence were rewarded. The crowd wanted Bartimaeus to be silent. Perhaps some thought their needs should be met first. Maybe it seemed unfair that the ones who always do what they see as the right thing miss out with Jesus and the fringe people get the attention. Many people find this really

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 31st October

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Op Shop Opening Hours

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

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB:** 705 077 **Account:** 00041263

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

Care Flight Helicopter

Care Flight's helicopters are used for rapid response missions, inter hospital transfers and search and rescue operations.

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission Anglicare Australia **Chair**
The Rev'd Chris Jones **Executive**
Director Kasy Chambers
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 Wangaratta Bishop Clarence Bester & Michelle, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Wauchope: The Rev'd Angela Dutton.
LLM Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy.

Local Prayer Focus

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

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

All Soul's Service

10am Tuesday 2nd November, All Soul's Bangalow.
Please pass on names of love ones you would like remembered to Rev Rosie. 0419 209 201 or rosieawynter@hotmail.com

hard. All this business of the first shall be last and the humble shall be made great. Where is the incentive in that? Some in the crowd probably thought they would be first in line for any special treatment, the same argument put forward last week as James and John sought to claim the seats on the right and left of Jesus in his kingdom. They forgot the essential ingredient. They forgot but Bartimaeus didn't. "Jesus Son of David", Bartimaeus acknowledged Jesus as the one they had been waiting for, "have mercy on me", he further acknowledged this in presenting his need for forgiveness and mercy. We call this repentance. In declaring his need for mercy, Bartimaeus acknowledged his need to be transformed. Being a disciple of Jesus is about transformation. It is about entering into a relationship with Jesus. In relationship with Jesus, we experience God's love and God's love is transformative.

Too often we attempt to transform God to conform to our understanding rather than allowing ourselves to be transformed into who God would have us be. Too often we fall into the trap of James and John, seeing God's kingdom as some heavenly corporation with Jesus as CEO and themselves as the senior vice presidents, one on the left and one on the right, having earned a place as directors in God's corporation. Instead, I suggest that Bartimaeus saw God as a gracious and loving God, offering forgiveness to all who would receive it.

Pray without ceasing. Remain strong in your faith. Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. May we never take them for granted. Pray for those who face the inequities of this age. May their faith sustain them, and may we always be ready do our part in bridging the gap.

Vaccination Update

Due to the current CoVid-19 restrictions introduced on 11 October, we will not be able to gather for worship in our church buildings until at least 25 October. In the meantime, please take the opportunity to explore some of the options for online worship available through links on the Grafton Anglican Diocese website www.graftondiocese.org.au and press on the tab that says

services online to find links for the churches offering services online.

With every blessing, Grahame

Services for October COVID permitting

Sunday 31st October

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Readings

Sunday 24th October

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:21-28, Mark 10:46-52

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Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

Parish News

Farewell to Archdeacon Greg and Dell

A farewell and thank you afternoon tea for Archdeacon Greg and Dell will be held Saturday 30th October at 2.30pm at Bangalow. Bring a plate to share if you are able. For more information contact Patricia 0416 242 355.

Combined Service 31st October

Sunday 31st October 9am St Martin's Mullumbimby. One service only in the Parish.

Earth Vigil

Alstonville Anglicans are hosting an Earth Vigil Wednesday 3rd November 8am - 8pm. A day of meditation and contemplation, united in a fierce love for our sacred Earth. All people of all faiths are invited to participate.



Advent Study

Christmas will be here before you know it. With that in mind Rev'd Rosie will be starting an Advent Study. If you would like to take part please put your name on the list provided in each of the Churches.



CWA outreach for women

The CWA extend a big thank you to the Parish for their kind donations and for Rev'd Rosie's help in bagging up the overwhelming amount of donations. We managed about 120 bags last Friday.

Prayer Service

There will be a prayer service in memory of Tony Kibblewhite on the 26th October @ 11am in All Souls Bangalow. For more information contact Joan Davis on 66853287.

Shoebboxes

If you have been collecting items for the Samaritans Purse shoe boxes you can drop them into St Paul's next Wednesday and Shan Fleming will deliver them to Ballina. For more information contact Shan on 0439 481 613.

Ring Out for Climate Change

On Saturday 30th October at 6pm The Anglican Parish of Byron plan to ring the bells of All Soul's Bangalow, St Paul's Byron Bay and St Martin's Mullumbimby for 10 minutes as part of a global initiative to draw attention to the 'Climate Crisis' ahead of the COP 26 UN Climate Conference in Glasgow.



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We need volunteers to ring the bells. If you are able to assist please call Rev Rosie on 0419 209 201