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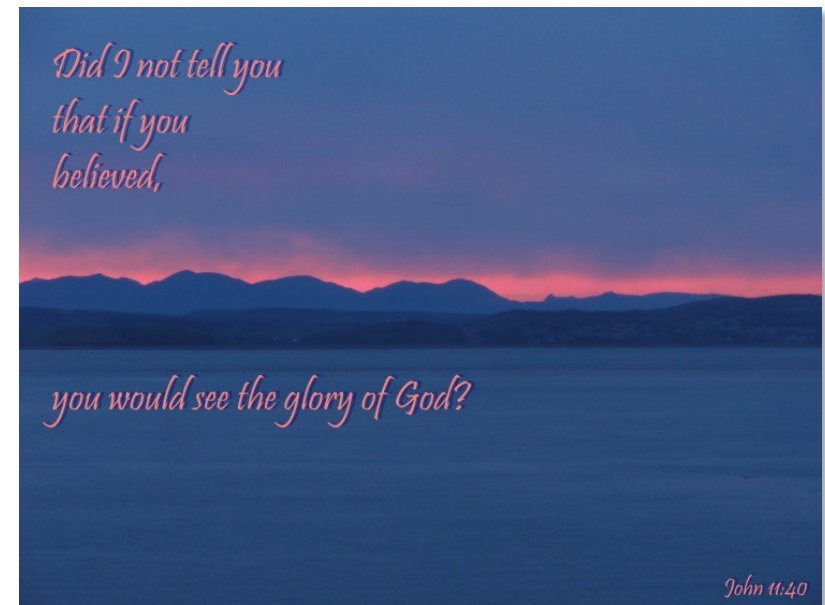
Acknowledgement of Country

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



Sunday 31st October 2021
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome



The Reflectionary

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

From Grahame

We all know our Bible sisters Mary and Martha. They were good friends of Jesus and known to many associated with the group following Jesus about. Mary and Martha were different to each other in many ways. They were different people and responded to situations in differently. Just before Mary's encounter with Jesus in John, which is our focus for All Saints this Sunday, Martha had already rushed out to meet Jesus and debate with him about the resurrection. Mary waited for Jesus and when he arrived knelt at his feet. Two things Martha and Mary shared were their faith in Jesus and their pain at the death of Lazarus. The grief is almost overwhelming. Even though through their faith they have confidence that Lazarus is in God's hands, they feel the searing pain of separation. Even with their belief the pain of being separated from Lazarus was almost more than they could stand.

Every human has experienced the pain of being separated from a loved one. We each deal with this pain in different ways. Some look to God for comfort while others blame God. Today we are reminded not to lose sight of the resurrection of Jesus, which is God's commitment to us that we are reconciled to God by faith and will be reunited through Christ in love. I think each of us at some point in our journey share Martha and Mary's Lazarus experience, a time when we could not see the way forward and in the end it was only by our faith that we were carried through. Like the suffering of Job which we have been reflecting on these past few weeks, when others could not understand how Job continued, Job's faith carried him on.

My father died about 3.10 PM on the 29 th of April 1990. In the days and weeks which followed my family and I had to come to terms with knowing my father in a different way. He had been a father, a grandfather, my boss, a workmate and a friend to me and to many others, including a friend I have known since 1st class. This mate was the sort of bloke you could go with out talking to for six months and then take 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 7th November
9am

Op Shop Opening Hours

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

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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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

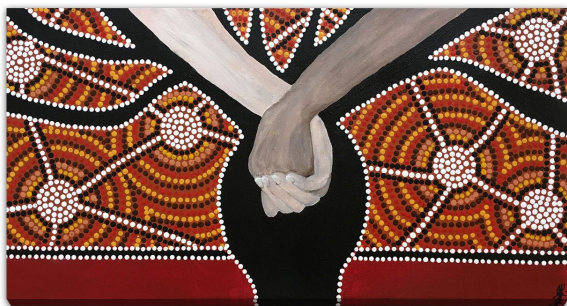
Mission of the Month

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 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council
Chair The Rev'd Gloria Shipp.



Jasmin Roberts Waka Waka

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

Dean The Rev'd Dr Greg Jenks

Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia Bishop Chris Mcleod & Susan, Aboriginal Clergy & Laity.

Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia Torres Strait Islander Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Bellinger: The Rev'd Anne Goode & Peter.

LLM Dianne, Leonie, Mike.

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.

where you had left off without explanation. This mate and I had much in common but one of the main differences, apart from about 8 inches in height, was as strongly as I had been brought up in the Church he had been brought up outside it.

One evening not long after my father's funeral I remember we were sitting by a lake, there may have even been some fortified refreshment involved, and my mate turned to me and said 'Grahame I don't know how you do it. I can't come to terms with the loss, I'm having trouble coping but he was your father it must be so much harder for you. How do you get by?' Without thinking I replied, 'If I didn't know Dad was in a better place I probably couldn't go on.' With the perspective which time gives from that event I can now more clearly state that it is my faith in the promise of God of eternal reconciliation which has kept me going through that and many other Lazarus experiences, times when the only way forward was and is, with and through Christ.

This Sunday we are celebrating All Saints a little earlier than we would usually. With all that we have been through, our physical separation from those we love and the constant changes to the way we go about our lawful occasions, I really thought we needed a party. Rejoice in every opportunity to form community. Focus on what we are able to do and never lose faith in God's love for each and every one of us eternally.

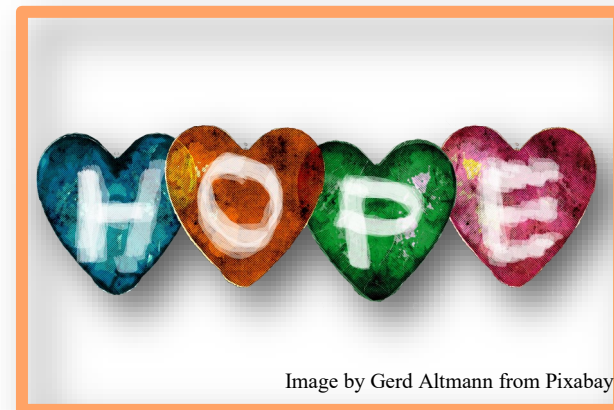


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With every blessing,

Grahame

Services

Sunday 31st October

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Sunday 7th November

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
11am St Columba's Ewingsdale

Sunday 14th November

9am All Soul's Bangalow

Sunday 21st November

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Sunday 28th November

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Readings

Sunday 31st October

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

Sunday 7th November

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:3-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:23-28,
Mark 12: 38-44

Parish News

All Souls Service

Tuesday 2nd November there will be a service in All Souls Bangalow at 10am. All Soul's is the day we celebrate the lives of departed loved ones. Included in the service will be a reading of the names of the departed you wish to be remembered. There will be a sheet at the back of St Martin's this Sunday for you to add names. Names can also be rung through to Rev Rosie 0419 209 201



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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. The study will begin Wednesday 17th November at 1pm in St Paul's Byron Bay.

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.



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Ring Out for Climate Change

On Saturday 30th October at 6pm The Anglican Parish of Byron plan to participate in a global initiative to draw attention to the 'Climate Crisis' ahead of the COP 26 UN Climate Conference in Glasgow. The bells of All Soul's Bangalow, St Paul's Byron Bay and St Martin's Mullumbimby will be rung for 10 minutes. A big thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the bell ringing.



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Combined Service 31st October

Sunday 31st October 9am St Martin's Mullumbimby. One service only in the Parish. Bring and share morning tea after the service.