# The Clergy, Wardens and Office welcome your enquiries and calls.

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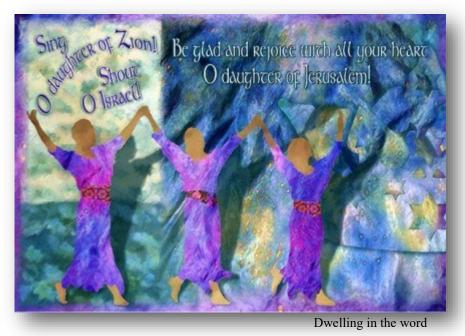
**Acknowledgement of Country** We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land. We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.





Sunday 12th December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

## All are welcome



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

## From Grahame -

Moving to the coast has revived memories of my childhood and early married life with Brenda. Our time here has also been filled with new experiences. It is good to have new experiences, it is good to experience the way other people live, to have our comfort disrupted if only to make us appreciate even more the place we call home.

Being people of God's mission means, by definition, that we are a people sent out. We are a people called to give up the security of what makes us comfortable to further God's purpose. God's central purpose for each of us is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist left all he knew for a wilderness life as an outcast, and the people came. One of the obstacles to our proclamation of the Gospel can be our fear that we will become outcast by those we deem our friends. If this is our fear about sharing something which is central to our existence, perhaps we need to rethink who it is we call friend. The reality is that it is more often only about our fear and once we take the step to share the most important thing in our lives, our faith, our friends may very well say 'yes, I have the same faith'. Or they may say 'I have a different faith which is central to my life'. In this process we deepen our relationship with each other and with God. Be bold in the name of Jesus who has already done for us what we could not do without him.

Being a disciple of Christ means being willing to go out in his name and then come back in to the community of faith, ideally, with someone you have met on your journey.

There is a danger in becoming too comfortable. There is a danger that we may become so comfortable that we forget what it was like to be an outcast and what it was like to be welcomed into God's loving embrace. We are called to be instruments of God's welcome as we testify to the reality of a baby in the straw who came to draw all people to God through him.

We go out and come in by God's grace.



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

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm RSL Life Communion 10am
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Advent Study St Paul's 1pm Cuppa & Catch up St Thomas' 3-5pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm 7pm Carols & Lessons St Paul's Byron Bay
SUNDAY 19th December 9am St Paul's Byron Bay	
Op Shop Opening Hours	
Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Wednesday Thursday & Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm
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

#### **Prayer Focus This Week:**

**Mission** St George College Jerusalem **Dean** The Rev'd Richard Sewell



Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

Jasmin Roberts Waka Waka

The Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey & Leanne, Clergy & Laity.

**The Parish of Lismore:** The Rev'd Christian Ford & Brenda, The Rev'd Alan Shaw & Sue, The Rev'd Rhonda Callander. **LLM** Dawn, Russell, Stephen, Ray, Ken, Anne.

#### **Local Prayer Focus**

Judith, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Marce Margaret Harvey, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Faith.

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless. The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre,

Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

#### **Mission of the Month**

#### **Angel Flight Helicopter**

Angel Flight Australia is a charity which coordinates nonemergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment.

#### Services

12th December
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby
19th December
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
26th December
9am All Souls Bangalow

#### Readings

#### Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20, A Song of Isaiah APBA p.391, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18 **Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent** Micah 5:2-5a, Song of Mary APBA p.31, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

## Carols by Candlelight 17th December @7pm

In the lead up to Christmas we invite you to take some time out to join us in a service of Carols & Lessons in St Paul's Byron Bay. This service is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the excitement and wonder of the joys Christmas brings to us all.

## **Parish News**

## **Church Services and Car Pooling**

Joan & Ian White have offered to take anyone from Byron Bay who would like to attend the services in our other centres . If you would like to take up this offer please contact Joan on 0419 020 705. It would be nice to see more of this because why travel alone when company makes the trips better.

## **Adopt a Family**

Once again we have the opportunity to spread a small amount of Christmas joy through he Adopt a Family and Liberation Larder to families that are doing it tough. The two chosen are a Mum with a 5mth old girl, a Dad with a 5yr old boy. We supply items for a hamper plus a present each. Items nonperishable, grocery only gift cards so they are able to buy fresh fruit, vegetables or meat. Also vouchers for visits to the Pictures, Swimming Pools ETC. In the past years these hampers have been greatly appreciated by the recipients. Please give lovingly for this cause. Items to be dropped to St Paul's or one of the other centres by Sunday 12th December.

## **Giving Envelopes**

Boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at each centre.

If you prefer to give electronically our bank details are: Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB**: 705 077 **Account**: 00041263

## Drop in Cuppa & Catch up

Wednesday 15th December 3-5pm at St Thomas', Brunswick Heads. Call in and say hello to the new Rector Grahame Yager. Share your stories and ideas for the future of **St Thomas'** 

## **Diocesan Ultreya**

Grafton Cathedral Saturday 15th January 2022 All welcome! Flyers available in each centre!



## **Christmas Service Times**

**17 December Friday 7 pm St Paul's Byron Bay** Lessons and Carols by Candlelight 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

## 23 December Thursday 6 pm Thursday, St Thomas' Brunswick Heads Holy Communion, Christmas Eve Worship a day early. Family Worship and Holy Communion

21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

#### 24 December Friday Christmas Eve 6 pm St Paul's Byron Bay

Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

## 7 pm All Souls Bangalow

Family Worship and Holy Communion 1 Ashton St, Bangalow

#### 9 pm St Martin's Mullumbimby

Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play 38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

## 9 pm St Columba's Ewingsdale

Family Worship and Holy Communion William Flick Lane, Ewingsdale

**25 December Saturday Christmas Day 7.30 am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads** – Holy Communion 21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

**9 am All Souls Bangalow** –-Holy Communion 1 Ashton St, Bangalow

**9 am St Martin's Mullumbimby** - Holy Communion 38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

**9 am St Paul's Byron Bay** - Holy Communion 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay