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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.*



Christmas Season

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 Grahame

In recent weeks our worship has focused on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepared to celebrate again the coming among us of Jesus. Now Christmas is upon us. Our journeys through this year may have been very different and so our experience of Christmas will be different to each other and that's okay. For some there may be a sense of relief at having reached the end of another year. For others perhaps a sense of achievement. Widespread rain has brought a record harvest for some and flood and heartbreak for others. In the pandemic world we are seeing an easing of restrictions, maybe the singing of carols for Christmas, if we behave, if we do the right thing.

In these hectic days of more work to do and more opportunities to gather, what is it we are taking with us from our time of isolation and restriction? I hope we may have realised how independently strong each of us are even as we recognise our interdependence on each other. What hurts one of us diminishes all. The ever-present danger is that we may become too inward focused, believing we don't need anyone else, believing we are better off alone. When we are able to lean on each other in our need and offer this same gift to others, we increase resilience and build stronger communities together.

Another danger is that we may enlarge even further the gulf between the 'haves and the have nots', suggesting that our success or otherwise is all about being prepared. But how do you prepare for occurrences such as a pandemic, the like of which has not been known for a century and that, with contemporary means of travel, might show up anywhere within hours? How do we prepare for situations which have never happened before?

It is my hope that we will take into this new beginning a memory of some of the challenges of our experience and an increased sense of empathy for others, an increased love for one another, and through this our amazing community might

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office Closed
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Closed
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office Closed Mullumbimby Office Closed

SUNDAY 26th December
9am All Soul's Bangalow

SUNDAY 2nd January 2022
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

SUNDAY 9th January 2022
9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Closed 22nd—27th Dec 2021,
1st, 3rd, & 5th Jan 2022

Byron Bay Reopens 12th January

Mullumbimby Reopens 17th January

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 Anglican Cursillo Movement
National Lay Director Mr Jim Warland

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

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, 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 non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment.



Jasmin Roberts Waka Waka

become even better. Some fear this description of community and the sharing of God's love may lead to a lowering of standards and a rise in antisocial behaviour. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is through participation in and the sharing of a community of love and understanding that we safeguard those things which are most important to us. Personal abuse and abuse of power thrives where individuals and groups are marginalised and isolated by those in positions of power. Our safeguard against this is to seek community, to seek opportunities to share our lives with each other in positive ways as God intended.

As we move with understandable reservation into a future with the promise of more freedoms, may we take with us a greater understanding of what it means to be isolated and shut out, may we be more grateful for the gifts we have received and more willing to share them.

May you know God's hope, peace, joy and love today and always.

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

26th December

9am All Souls Bangalow

2nd January 2022

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

9th January 2022

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Readings

Sunday 26th December First Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17,
Luke 2:41-52.

2nd January Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7,10-14,
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.

9th January The Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-22

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.

Change in Office Hours over Christmas

Anne & Sue would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing New Year. The Parish offices in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay will be closed until 11th January 2022.

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
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Op Shop Christmas Closing Times:

The Coordinators and volunteers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We thank you for your support throughout the year and look forward to next years trading.

Byron Op Shop

Reopens Wednesday 12 January

Mullumbimby Op Shop

Reopens 17 January

Bangalow Op Shop

Will be closed 22, 25, 26, 27 December, and 1, 3, 5 January only.

Christmas Service Times

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

To Make you Smile

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

Deep pan, crisp and even!

