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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.*



**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
20th February 2022**

All are welcome



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

Weekly Happenings

From Grahame

What does it mean to love our enemy?

In the passage of the gospel according to Luke we are reflecting on this week, Jesus gives an outrageous description of the love we are called to share. Love enemies, be kind even when others are unkind to us.

On a particularly beautiful day recently, I walked the streets of some of our towns and I felt as if, as they say, "I was on fire for the Lord!" I was sharing a kind word here, opening a door for a person with arms full of parcels there, helping the infirm and the frail, and by the time I had finished I was feeling pretty good about things. That is all fine. But had I done anything special? Had I done anything more than show basic courtesy to the people I met. Was I being a good neighbour or was I just not being a particularly mean one?

A little later in Luke Jesus tells the parable of the Samaritan who did a good thing. The Samaritan in the parable overcame cultural, ethnic, and religious divisions to do what was right for someone who could very easily have been an enemy. This is the Good News! This is an expression of love as God intends. Walking down the street I was not required to overcome any great barriers. Should I feel good about myself just because I wasn't mean to anyone? Should I take pride in that?

Make no mistake there are forces at work which would be happy if we were satisfied with just not being mean. I sum these forces up under the title 'the other guy'.



The other guy wants us to be comfortable with a mediocre love; to rejoice in it so that we will be satisfied with a love of diminishing returns, happy that no one is being mean to us. That is not the love of God! That is not the love

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

Sunday 27th February

7.30am	St Thomas's Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Martin's Mullumbimby
9am	St Paul's Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Friday 9.00am-1.00pm Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm
Mullumbimby	Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday 9.30am—12noon.

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 National Council of Churches **President** Bishop Philip Huggins

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Glenn Davies & Dianne, Bishop Michael Stead & Felicity, Bishop Peter Hayward & Julie, Bishop Chris Edwards & Julie, Bishop Peter Lin & Isobel, Bishop Gary Koo & Pearl, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Port Anglicans: The Venerable Stuart Webb & Michelle, **Families & Youth Minister** Miss Emma Webb,

Hospital Chaplain The Rev'd Leanne Smith & Cary.

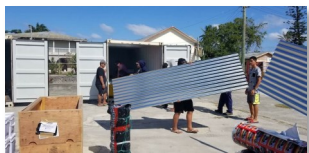
L,L,M Gary, Merry, Erica, Bruce, Ron, Robert, Wendy, Michelle.

Local Prayer Focus

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

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 February



ABM Tonga Emergency Appeal

An Appeal has been mounted for the people of Tonga following the Jan 15 earthquake and tsunami.



Jasmin Roberts Waka Waka

which caused Jesus to come among us and to die for each one of us so that in his rising from the dead we may rise as well.

Do not be fooled into accepting that any encounter which is not a negative encounter is a 'good' encounter. Jesus calls us to be so much more than this.

True love is not merely the absence of meanness, but a positive force and a far stronger one. May we not be fooled and may we reclaim basic courtesy, kindness and compassion as our starting point, a foundation for our communities. Then may we help build communities overflowing with outrageous expressions of God's love, as God intends.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Readings

20th February Genesis 45:3-11,15, Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50, Luke 6:27-38

27th February Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9: 28-36

Services

Sunday 27th February

7.30am St Thomas's Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby
9am St Paul's Byron Bay



Parish News



Wedding Anniversary

On Thursday 24th February Fae & George Flick will celebrate 60yrs of wedded bliss.

Anniversary Joke: Wife says "Where will you take me on our 60th wedding anniversary?"

Husband: We will go to the jungles of Africa!

Wife: Great!!! And what about our 65th anniversary?

Husband: That's when I'll bring you back.

Pastoral Visiting

The Good news this week is that Home Communion is coming to a place near you. This ministry is for everyone. If you or your family or someone you know would like Home Communion please let us know. We are looking for people to join the Pastoral Care team from across the parish to help with this valuable ministry. If you are interested please contact Anne: office@byronanglicans.org.au / 6684 3552. We will be offering this service once a month and ideally would have a team of two people to visit aged care and private homes.

Annual Report

The Annual report will be available for distribution on Sunday 27th February. Reports for inclusion are now due. Email to: office@byronanglicans.org.au



AGM & Parish Nominations

The AGM will be held on **Sunday 6th March** following the 4pm service in St Paul's. Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to nominate as a Parish Warden or Parish Councillor. Nomination

forms are available in the parish office or the churches. Completed forms must be returned to the parish office by 25th February 2022.

Orange Sky Laundry



Orange Sky Laundry is seeking expressions of interest for volunteer helpers so that they may provide their service in Bangalow on a Saturday. All training provided. Please contact Grahame on 0428866525 for further information.

Food Pantry



Donations to our food pantry are gratefully received. We are in need of cans of baked beans and spaghetti, long life milk, biscuits and sandwich spreads. Thank you for continued generosity.

World Day of Prayer



The Mullumbimby Uniting Church, crn of Dalley & Whian Streets Mullumbimby are hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March at 10am

Vocations Sunday

Vocations week is 20-26 February. You are invited to join the Bishop, the Diocesan Archdeacon and a panel for a discussion via Zoom about vocation to lay and ordained ministry in the Anglican Church. Contact: pa@graftondiocese.org.au for more information.

Lenten Study

If you are interested in participating in a Lenten Study please add your name to the list in the church or email office@byronanglicans.org.au