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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.*



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8th May 2022**

**All are welcome**



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

## From Grahame

Staying positive can be hard sometimes.

Last week in our pattern of readings we heard of Peter deciding to go fishing. In the turmoil of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, Peter returned to what he knew best. Today in our reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of Peter healing and bringing the dead back to life in the name of Christ, just as Jesus had commanded. What a wonderful testimony to the transformative, reconciling power of God in Christ Jesus.

Peter made a choice. He could have stayed with the fishing boats and the empty nets and perished or he could respond to his master's call. It would be nice to think Peter would not have needed to be reminded, but in the continual challenges Peter faced we see something of our own journey, because staying positive can be hard sometimes. Peter was called to more than empty nets and so he responded to God's call again.

People walking past our churches today and hearing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm could be excused for believing we were having a funeral service, on a Sunday. Often the things we do can seem confusing to others. Why would we be reading a funeral reading on a lovely Sunday morning? Of course, we know that we are reflecting on the great hope of our faith and there is no better time than a crisp Sunday morning in Byron Parish to do that. Of course, that is also what we are doing when we read or sing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm at services giving thanks for the life of a loved one. We don't listen to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm in misery but in our confidence in Christ. With the Lord as my shepherd I am not alone. With the Lord as my shepherd I need not be afraid. With the Lord as my shepherd my grief at the passing of friends and family is a temporary thing which is more about me than about them. We come back to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm again and again because staying positive can be hard sometimes.

# Weekly Happenings

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

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm RSL Life Communion 10am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm SRE Byron Primary 12noon
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm

## **Sunday 8th May Easter 4**

7.30am	St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
9am	St Paul's Byron Bay
9am	St Martin's Mullumbimby
9am	All Soul's Bangalow
11am	St Columba's Ewingsdale

## **Sunday 15th May Easter 5**

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

## **Op Shop Opening Hours**

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm  Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Wednesday, Friday 9.00am-1.00pm Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday 9.00am—12noon

## **Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.**

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

## Prayer Focus This Week:

### Mission

Anglican Women of Australia

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks



**The Diocese of Bunbury:** Bishop Ian Coutts, Clergy & Laity

**The Parish of Grafton:** The Rev'd Sally Miller, The Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan TSSF, The Rev'd Grant Sparks & Tiffany,

**LLMs** Robert.

## Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Heather, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Sophie, David Williams, Matthew, Sigrid, George, Faith, Axel, Ann.

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

## Our Community impacted by the current flood event.

### 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](mailto:admin@byronanglicans.org.au)

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and our Gospel reading takes us to a time pre-crucifixion to remind us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The imagery of Jesus as the Good Shepherd reminds us of why it is so important to remember context in reading and interpreting Holy Scripture. We would be most familiar with sheep mustered by dogs or motor bikes. This imagery is at odds with what Jesus describes. The shepherds 2000 years ago slept in the fields with the sheep. In some cases, the flock might only be half a dozen and on a chilly winter morning they may have spent the night inside to keep them and in turn the family warm.

When the shepherd called to the sheep they would respond and follow. This is the context Jesus speaks of. Without context we may think we were meant to be sheep dogs for Jesus, snapping at peoples heels and jumping on their backs where necessary, in order that they should do what we think they ought to do. Jesus describes a gentler way. Rather than drive people into his body the Church, Jesus comes among us, encouraging us to welcome all in his name. We are called to model this behaviour and do our best to reflect God's love to all we meet. This is the call of the Good Shepherd.



## Readings

### 8th May Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10: 22-30.

### 15th May Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

## Services

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## Parish News

### Children's Books



Due to the floods, the local primary schools are collecting books to help restock libraries in schools that have lost everything. If you have books suitable for Kindergarten to Year 6 in good condition please drop them into Byron Public School or Bangalow Public School.

### Knitting for the Homeless

With the weather getting cooler it is now time to start giving out the beanies, gloves, etc. Please bring them in to Sue Williams in St Paul's so they can be disturbed around the shire.

### Mission

Anglicare North Coast FLOOD APPEAL Donate Now- Please reference your deposit '**Lismore 2022**'. Navigate to [www.anglicarenorthcoast.org.au](http://www.anglicarenorthcoast.org.au) and click on 'donate here' Or use the following details to deposit from your bank account.

**Anglicare North Coast BSB:705 077**  
**Account: 00041320**

# Alstonville Anglicans Mother's Day Fete Saturday 7th May 8am - 1pm



Craft  
flowers  
plants  
face painting  
clowning  
cakes  
food  
entertainment

6 The Avenue  
Alstonville

