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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 after
Pentecost
3rd July 2022
All are welcome**

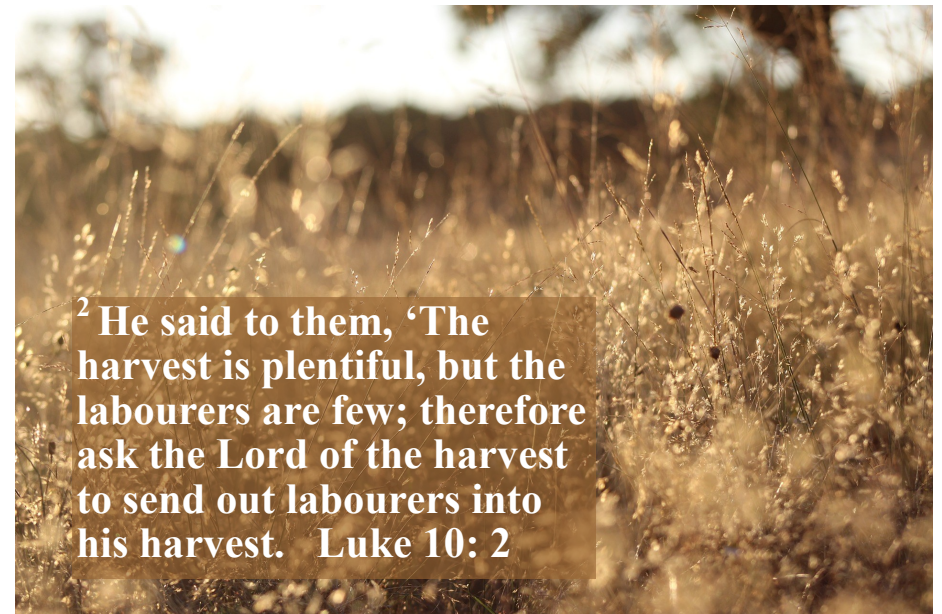


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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

From Grahame

The latest national census data has been released this week and commentators have wasted no time in reporting the perceived decline in those identifying as 'religious'. From over 90% in the 1960s the figure has now plummeted to below 50%. Some say this shows the irrelevance of those identifying with something greater than their own self interest. Others suggest this reinforces the need to strive ever harder to convince others to return to faith by various programs and seminars. Still others will use these statistics as proof of the need to return to the good old ways (of the 1950s and 60s).

I was immediately uncomfortable with each of these suggestions. Would we really want to return to the assumptions, attitudes, processes and practices, which allowed the marginalisation of whole sectors of our communities to make others feel more comfortable, while hiding from view the atrocities which led to multiple Royal Commissions? Or do we really believe there is a new program which will finally make people come to their senses?

One commenter, Natasha Moore, writing for the Centre for Public Christianity resonated with me. Natasha pointed out that 30% of millennials had identified as Christian in the most recent census. While I know many who will lament what they may consider to be a low percentage, Natasha sees things differently. How many millennials do you know? That is, how many people aged 26 to 41 do you know? One in three of them identify as Christian. Interestingly this age range has long been recognised as the missing generation from places of worship. What a marvellous opportunity for conversations. Not to convince others to do as I do, but to seek to understand other ways of being a follower of Jesus in the 21st century.

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

Sunday 3rd July

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

Sunday 10th July

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

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am-1.30pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Mullumbimby	Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday 9.00am—12.00pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission

Anglican Overseas Aid.

Chair Mr Glenn Scott

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



The Diocese Armidale: Bishop Rodney Chiswell & Jenni. Clergy & Laity

The Parish of The Bellinger:

The Rev'd Anne Goode & Peter

LLM Dianne, Leonie, Mike.

Local Prayer Focus

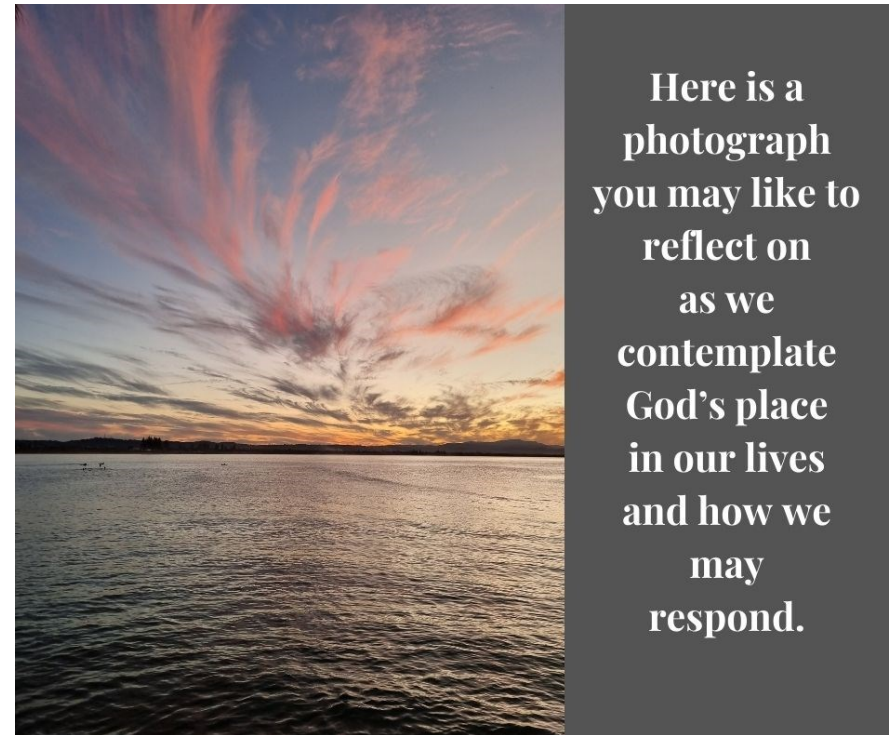
Gladys, Judith, Heather, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Sophie, David Williams, Sigrid, Karen, Faith, Axel, David & Val, Carol, Karen, Fran.

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



Readings

3rd July

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Galatians 6: 7-18, Luke 10: 1-12, 17-24.

10th July

Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Services

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Parish News

Knitting for those in need



For those of you that have been busy knitting, Sue has got hold of more wool. Please come and collect it from St Paul's.

Sing your Favourite Hymns



What hymns do you love to sing? You will find hymn suggestion boxes in all our centres. Put your favourites in the box or email to rector@byronanglicans.org.au. Please

include in your email the church you usually attend. Let's sing our favourite hymns together.

More Than A Meal Cooking Program

This program has recommenced in St Martin's Hall every Thursday 10.30am - 1pm. Representatives from the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre and volunteers from our parish and the wider community including the Rotary Club meet to prepare food for frozen meals that are given out at the Centre. **60 meals were added to the freezer at the Centre after the cooking last week.** If you would like to volunteer your time and be involved please let Anne know and we can add your name to the roster.

Mission Bush Church Aid



The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. They are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week **celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.** NAIDOC Week is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. On Wednesday 6th July 11am - 3pm The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is celebrating NAIDOC Week. Rev Brenda has been approached to run a children's craft activity. All are welcome to join in the fun.

