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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.*



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

31st July 2022

All are welcome



The Parable of The Rich Fool
Luke 12:13-21

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

From Grahame

In worship this week we are reflecting on the parable of the rich fool found in Luke Chapter 12. This is one of my very favourites and my earliest clear memory of the teachings of Jesus, which has stayed with me always.

Interestingly, as I grew I was able to maintain my love for this passage as I dreamed of becoming a millionaire by the time I was thirty, at that stage, an unimaginably long time in the future. I find it fascinating the way we are able to maintain two potentially mutually exclusive concepts blissfully unaware of the conflict.

Of course, being wealthy is not a sin. God wants the best for us and it follows that by God's grace we may find ourselves in positions of wealth or power for God's purposes. Being successful is not the problem. Being blessed by God is not the problem. The problem arises when we begin to believe we are God; when we begin to believe our own publicity, which fools us into thinking we have made it on our own. The problem is when wealth becomes the goal in place of being in right relationship with God and with each other. Turning from these relationships leads into all those bad behaviours we hear Paul speak of in Colossians chapter 3 like anger, malice and slander to name a few.

If our barns are full might we not consider sharing with the poor and the outcast? The rich fool could not see beyond his own needs and was arrogant enough to believe, having built his empire alone, he would be left to enjoy it for a period of his choosing. How foolish can you be?

A few years ago, for some light-hearted relief, planned a funeral service, mine. I chose the music and made a list of suggestions about various jobs people may like to do. I had the opportunity to discuss with my family the appropriateness of this or that aspect and of course let them know they could do what they like because I will not be in a position to criticise. It is my hope that having done this, when the inevitable happens there will be no time wasted worrying what Dad would have wanted and more time spent thanking God for taking me home. The process has also been a helpful reminder that the time to be in right relationship with God and with each other is now. It is no



Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Mullumbimby Office (Anne is on leave)
WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm
THURSDAY Mullumbimby Office (Anne is on leave)
FRIDAY Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm
Mullumbimby Office (Anne is on leave)

Sunday 31st July

11am St Paul's Byron Bay. Followed by High Tea.

Sunday 7th of August

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

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

Church Missionary Society Australia
Executive Director The Rev'd Mark Fairhurst

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Bendigo: Bishop Matt Brain & Rachael, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Coffs Harbour: The Rev'd Carol Ford & David, The Rev'd Kassimiro & Edina.

LLM Bob, Elaine, David, Allan, Gae, Rob, Bob.

Local Prayer Focus

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

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 recent 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



accident that when we gather in worship we have the opportunity to do both these things.

I wonder why it is that the one thing we know for certain will happen is not talked about in our culture? Is it that we, like the rich fool, think we are God. Do we believe if we just earn a bit more or work a bit harder we will avoid that day? The next time you feel you just need to do that extra shift or squeeze in that extra activity, why not consider inviting some family and friends around for a chat, and if you can do it without upsetting everyone, why not talk about the type of gathering you would like to take place as your loved ones give thanks to God for you.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Readings

31st July

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9,43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

7th August

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16, Luke 12:32-40.

Services

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Parish News

Home Communions

It can be hard for those of us who are unable to come to church and receive communion and the companionship that it offers. For those in that position you are able to receive communion at home. If you or someone you know would like this please contact Anne on 6684 3552 or Sue on 0412 755 481.

Parish Pantry

This runs out of the office in Mullumbimby and is providing food to those in need. When doing the shopping please consider buying a few extra items. There are baskets in each of the churches for the items to be collected.

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. **More meals were added to the freezer at the Centre after the cooking this week.** The need for food support in the community is extremely high as the impact from the flooding and housing crisis continues to be felt. If you would like to volunteer your time and be involved please let Anne know and we can add your name to the roster.

Sing your Favourite Hymns



favourite hymns together.

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



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. We have been distributing the beanies and scarfs from the parish Office to people who come looking for food support.



Mission of the Month for July 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.