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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.*



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**4th September 2022**

**All are welcome**

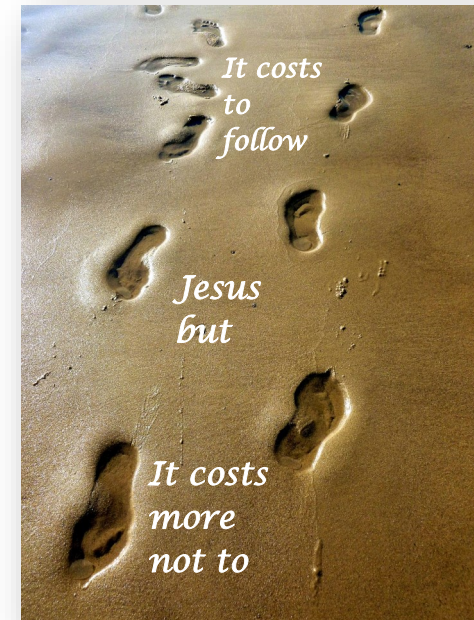


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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,  
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

## From Grahame

As we continue to journey with Jesus through Luke 14, you have to feel for the rollercoaster ride of the inner group who followed Jesus some 2000 years ago. In one passage Jesus is quoted as saying we must welcome the unwelcome, next he says this will mean hating those we hold most dear. The good news Jesus brings is consistent. If we want to be reconciled to those on the journey with us, be reconciled to God first; if we want to know how to love each other, love God first and the way to love each other will be revealed. If instead we try to hold on to our relationships and our very important things and then see what is left for God we will fall by the way. This is the cost of discipleship, and Jesus is upfront about it. If we follow in the way of Jesus we may lose much. What we will find will make what we have lost as if it were nothing.

I can empathise with those on that apparent rollercoaster ride with Jesus. One of the callings of the ordained minister, and all disciples, is to live a life of reflection. Reflect on the Scriptures, reflect on the world, reflect on God's people, and very importantly, self-reflection. Then out of all this reflecting, discern God's will, not only for yourself but for those you are called to gather.

As I attempted to reflect on the past few days my first reaction was that they were hell. In honest reflecting we must not stop at first impressions. We need to look deeper. In the midst of all the mess there were also great blessings. There was ministry which was so clearly of God, even as there were attacks undoubtedly trying to hide God's purposes. There were potential relationship breaking encounters and there were seemingly subtle relational encounters which I know were transformative and will continue to be.

On many pulpits there are written the words "We would see Jesus please". What a challenge, what a two-edged sword. If we respond in what we may intend as humility, 'don't look at me if you want to see Jesus', we may in fact be turning our back on the call Jesus places on his disciples, each of us, to take up our cross as his followers. The other edge of the sword is if we stand up and say 'look at me if you want to see Jesus', we may be led into the trap of pride and believing we are better than those we serve. It is in our

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm
	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm

## Sunday 4th September

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

## Sunday 11th September

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

## Op Shop Opening Hours

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

## Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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## Prayer Focus This Week:

### Mission

The Church Army: **Chair:** Vacant

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

**The Diocese of Ballarat:** Bishop Garry Weatherill, Clergy & Laity

**The Parish of Byron :** Rev'd Grahame Yager, Rev'd Rosie Wynter, Rev'd Brenda Yager.

**LLM:** Laura, Merle

## 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, Irene, Harper, Harley, Joe & Jade, Brother Howard

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

## Mission of the Month for September

### Westpac Rescue Helicopter

The Community's Own Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service proudly provides emergency aeromedical services 24-7 for the people of Northern NSW, including search, rescue and inter-hospital transfers.



surrender to God that these apparent conflicts are resolved. Being forever mindful of our call to point people to God through Jesus in the example of the lives we live, while never forgetting this is a privilege we have not earned, it is a gift we have received.

Every day is our Father in Heavens Day. Some of these days we are able to gather as community to give thanks for all our heavenly Father has provided for us. This Sunday is also an annual day of potential celebration for all fathers. Being a father carries with it the potential to also be a two-edged sword. What a humbling experience to have new life placed into your care, what a responsibility, what a privilege. The other edge of the sword is the potential to abuse this privilege, to see our offspring as our property for our benefit; to manipulate for our own purposes. On this Sunday, our heavenly Father's day, we give thanks and pray for an increase in the gifts of compassion, justice, mercy, forgiveness and love.

If we want to know what God is like we should look to Jesus. If people who don't know Jesus want to know what God is like they will look to his disciples and that is all of us as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends. God's people are looking for answers as never before and those of us who know Jesus, and God who sent him, have the answer. What a humbling thought, what a responsibility. Thankfully we do not act in our own strength. We act in God's strength through the working of the Holy Spirit. If we get caught up in the idea that it all depends on our own strength we will surely fail with terrible results for those who love us. Our protection is in God who draws us into relationship. I am grateful to be able to honestly say I have never converted a single person, never saved a single soul. Thankfully that is a responsibility I do not need to carry. We do not convert people, we do not save people, we are not the saviours of the world. Jesus saves. God holds out an opportunity for all people, to be convicted by the truth of God's good news, and in the power of God's Spirit, to live into the most beautiful creations God has made us to be.

It is through letting go of what we believe to be important our conflicts are resolved, finding what is important to God, only to find it is what we were searching for all along. Happy Father's Day.

With every blessing, Grahame

## Readings

### 4th September

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139: 1-5,12-18, Philemon 1-25,  
Luke 14:25-35

### 11th September

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-19a,  
Luke 15:1-10

## Services

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## Parish News

### Shoe Boxes



The Samaritan's Purse offer gift boxes to Underprivileged children. We have been contacted again this year to contribute. What is needed is a toy, some clothes, a book, toiletries, pencils, for boys and girls from the age of 5yrs. If you are interested please see Shan Fleming.

### 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](mailto:rector@byronanglicans.org.au). Please include in your email the church you usually attend. Let's sing our favourite hymns together.

## BCA Boxes

September is the month for counting the BCA Boxes. Please bring them into your centre for collection. Thank you.



## SCAMS

Be aware that there are some email scams circulating at the moment. These usually take the form of requests for money or personal information. <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>.

### Protect yourself:

1. Don't be pressured into making a decision.
2. Scammers often try to create a sense of urgency through short deadlines, fake emergencies or threats of legal action.
3. Be suspicious of requests for money – even if they sound or look official.
4. Government departments will never contact you asking for money upfront in order to claim a rebate.
5. Scammers will often ask you to use an unusual payment method, including preloaded debit cards, gift cards, iTunes cards or virtual currency such as Bitcoin.
6. Verify the identity of the contact by calling the relevant organisation directly – find them through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. Do **not** use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.
7. Don't respond to phone calls or emails offering financial advice or opportunities – just hang up or delete the email.
8. Always do your own research before you invest money and check the company or scheme is licensed on ASIC's [MoneySmart website](#).
9. Be wary of people you meet on social media or online dating sites who after just a few contacts profess strong feelings for you and try to move you away from the site and communicate via chat or email.
10. Be suspicious of unexpected emails or letters advising you how to claim an inheritance or competition prize. Never give out your personal details and seek advice from an independent professional.
11. Be aware of and understand your [consumer rights](#).