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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.*



**Third Sunday of Advent  
11th December 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

There is a Christian fiction series called Left Behind and also a motion picture starring Nicholas Cage. The premise for these is that the faithful have been taken up in the Parousia at the second coming, but some have been left behind. Those left behind witness the disintegration of society and creation itself. Some of the left behind begin to realise what has happened and you have all the ingredients necessary for a rip-roaring action thriller, with Nicholas Cage.

John the baptiser, proclaimed the coming of the messiah. He shouted from the river at those who had corrupted their authority – who warned you? John spoke of the signs of what was coming and when Jesus came asks – are you the one? Jesus responds – John, the greatest prophet of all time is not greater than those who saw the signs and just believed. All that is required is simple faith in what has been done for us. Everything else flows from that. We like to dress it up, but really everything else is just tinsel on the tree.

Even the great prophet John had not perceived the enormity of the sign which was to come. John had gone to glory before the resurrection. We are a post resurrection people. We have the witness of those testifying to what has already happened as we move toward even greater things to come. We are people who live in God's Spirit which is God's reign now. We live in this time of tension when we may still opt out if we wish. We still have free will to choose another path.

Too often we focus on a particular challenge and place all our energy into it at the exclusion of all else. Most often this is when relationship breakdown happens, the breakdown in our relationship with God and with each other. We fool ourselves by saying we will come back and fix this relationship later, we will come back to God later, we will treat each other with respect later. But then there is another challenge, and another until our relationships get left behind and maybe someday we realise that is we who have been left behind.

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 10am Meditation All Souls Bangalow
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm 1pm Advent Study St Paul's Byron Bay
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm Mullumbimby Office

## Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
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## Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

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9.00am	St Paul's Byron Bay
11.00am	St Martin's Mullumbimby.

## Op Shop Opening Hours

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9.30am-1.00pm
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	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:** The Anglican Board of Mission  
**Executive Director:** The Rev'd John Deane

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

### The Diocese of Gippsland:

Bishop Richard Treloar & Dr Leanne Habeeb , Clergy & Laity.

### The Parish of Kyogle:

The Rev'd Leslie Fotakis & Peter.

**LLM:** Noel, Maurice.

## Local Prayer Focus

Liza, Gladys, Judith, Heather, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Sophie, David Williams, Sigrid, Karen, John, David, Frank, Faith, David & Val, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Irene, Harper, Harley, Joe & Jade, Karen Christofferson.

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 recovering from the floods.

**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



Love God, love each other, acknowledge the gift which God has given us in Christ Jesus and be set free from the fear of being left behind so that you may begin to live the Kingdom life now.

With every blessing, Grahame



## **PARISH CONSULTATION**

I have spoken for some time of a vision for a 10 year plan for the parish, and the consultation process necessarily leading to this. The first of these consultation sessions will be at **St Martin's Mullumbimby, 2 pm Saturday 10 December.** There will be other sessions throughout the parish at a later date. Please speak with Grahame if you have any questions.

## **Bible Readings**

### **Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-10, Song of Mary APBA p. 9, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

### **Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

## Services

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## Parish News

### Commissioning

The Ballina Parish has extended an invitation for us to join them in the commissioning of Reverend Cathy Ridd who will be commissioned as the Priest in Charge of the Anglican Parish of Ballina (Rector) on Sunday 11 December 2022 at 6pm. Reverend Cathy and members of the Anglican Parish of Ballina cordially invite you to be our guest on this special occasion as we begin this next phase in our Christian journey.

The service will be at St Mary's Anglican Church, Corner of Norton and Burnet St Ballina. Supper will be served following the service.

### Christmas Hampers



With Christmas approaching there are families who will struggle to celebrate Christmas. With that in mind we are in conjunction with the Neighbourhood centre in Mullumbimby putting together food hampers. We are in need of non-perishables e.g. bon bons, sweets, tin hams, fruit, beetroot. Donations can be left at the Parish office in Mullumbimby, or at any of the centres. Let's together add some joy to peoples lives.

## Uniting Church Carol Service



Sunday the 18th December @ 5pm the Uniting Church has extended an invitation for us to join them in a Carol Service in Bangalow. At this service the Christmas Trees that that so many people have been working to create will be unveiled. More pictures to come.

## Anglican Board of Missions Pew Reflection

### The Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday 11 December 2022

Isaiah 35.1-10; *Song of Mary* (APBA, pp 31, 435);  
James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Πρόδρομος – *Pro-dromos* – *the Forerunner*. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world.

Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

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## Mission of the month for December Liberation Larder Byron Bay



The Liberation Larder supply meals for the disadvantaged at the back of the Community Centre in Byron Bay.