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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 Advent
18th December 2022**

All are welcome



Image from Biblia

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

From Grahame

Just over 7 years ago, I had the privilege of travelling as part of the Cooee March 2015 Re-enactment, which marched from Gilgandra to Sydney. The motivation for the march was to honour the commitment of those who marched in 1915, responding to a call for help. The Cooee March was the first and largest of the World War 1 recruitment marches. By October of 1915 the marchers had heard reports from the warfront and had some understanding of what was being asked of them. Yet still they offered to help.

During the 26 days of the re-enactment march, we had many opportunities to reflect on those who had gone before us. We shared something of the love of the communities they passed through and something of the pain of the track. We shared new friendships and, since our return, have shared the heartache of farewelling some of our number. I am sure the re-enactment march meant many different things to each of us. For me it was one of the most physically and psychologically challenging things I have ever experienced and I would not have been able to do what I did without the support of the community which sent us out, and the community which formed on the track. Each day there were challenges but there was also encouragement and mutual support as we faced our personal and corporate trials and tribulations as community. I also had the confidence and reassurance that I was where God wanted me to be at that time.

As we make our final preparations for Christmas my prayer is that we may remember something of those who have gone before us, something of their sacrifice and commitment which has provided us with the opportunities of community, and may we take a moment to give thanks for the blessings we have received. There are many places throughout the world where it would not have been possible to gather and pray in public parks as hundreds did during the re-enactment march and in their thousands in Martin Place,

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Office
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm Mullumbimby Office

Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
9.00am	All Souls Bangalow
9.00am	St Paul's Byron Bay
11.00am	St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
9.00am	All Souls Bangalow
9.00am	St Paul's Byron Bay
9.00am	St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10am-2pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Bay Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday 9.30am-1.00pm

Mullumbimby 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: SOMA

Chair: Bishop Ian Lambert

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Riverina:

Bishop Donald Kirk & Camryn , Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Nambucca Valley:

The Rev'd Peter Shayler-Webb & Claire.

LLM: Noel, Maurice.

Local Prayer Focus

Liza, Gladys, Judith, Heather, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Sophie, David Williams, Sigrid, Karen, John, David, Shirley, 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

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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.



where the re-enactment group arrived as part of Remembrance Day commemorations. Each with differences but one in community. May we never forget the reason for our celebrations at this time of year is that a couple of thousand years ago a messenger announced "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." You can read more about what happened in Luke chapter 2.

May the Lord bless each and every one of us and draw us into an even greater realisation that we are where God wants us to be, and may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with us all in community together.

With every blessing, Grahame



Bible Readings

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

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Isaiah 62: 6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-8a, Luke 2:8-20

Services

Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
9.00am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
11am St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Saturday 23rd December Christmas Eve Eve

Family Worship, Holy Communion

6.00pm St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
6.00pm St Columba Ewingsdale

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Family Worship, Holy Communion

6.00pm St Paul's Byron Bay
6.00pm All Souls Bangalow
8.30pm St Martin's Mullumbimby

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
9.00am All Souls Bangalow
9.00am St Paul's Byron Bay
9.00am St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Parish News

Christmas Holidays Office Hours

The parish offices will close on December 23rd and reopen on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

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 Tree that Rev'd Rosie and so many people have been working to create will be unveiled. More pictures to come.

Amatori Choir & Orchestra



Present Bach Cantata BWV4
Saturday 17th Dec. @ 4.30pm
St Martin's Church, Mullumbimby

Sunday 18th Dec. @4.30pm
All Souls' Bangalow
All tickets \$15

Anglican Board of Missions Pew Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday 18 Dec 2022

Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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