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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.*



**Second Sunday of Advent
4th December 2022**

All are welcome



The V Cestello Annunciation Sandro Botticelli 1489

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

From Grahame

Have you noticed, over the last couple of years, the resurgence of an old marketing ploy which attempts to create a sense of urgency so as to increase our commercial consumption in the lead up to Christmas? It is called - "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The premise is that as we count down the final days leading to Christmas we will be motivated to spend more and rush more and consume more, not necessarily to our benefit.

Of course, the term Twelve Days of Christmas refers to the period between the birth of Jesus into humble circumstance, and recognition of this birth by of the Magi, signifying the witness of the world to this history changing miracle. The Twelve Days of Christmas culminates with the celebration of Epiphany on the 6th of January. Far from being a call to spend, rush and consume, it is an invitation to reflect on the significance of the birth of Jesus. An invitation to find reconciliation and peace.

This year the gift of the Church of England is a series of short devotions for this period titled "Follow the Star". If you would like to join this journey there are a limited number of booklets available. Please don't delay in getting in touch with Grahame for your free booklet. You may also download the App at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/follow-star-great-invitation>

With every blessing, Grahame



Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

11am St Paul's Byron Bay followed by a BBQ

Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads,
9.00am All Souls Bangalow
9.00am St Paul's Byron Bay
11.00am St Columba Ewingsdale
11.00am 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-1.30pm
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: The Church Army Australia

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

The Rev'd Grahame Yager, The Rev'd Rosie Wynter, The Rev'd Brenda Yager.

LLM: Laura, Merle.

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



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 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72: 1-7,18-21, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

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

Services

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

11am St Paul's Byron Bay Bishop's Pastoral Visit followed by a BBQ.

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Parish News

Pastoral Visit

This morning we welcome Bishop Murray Harvey who will be presiding at morning worship. Please stay to share the BBQ. The Parish will supply the meat and parishioners the salads and sweets. Please let Sue know what you are bringing.

Commissioning

The Ballina Parish has extended an invitation for us to join them in the commissioning of Reverend Catherine 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.

Save the Date

Sunday the 18th December @ 5pm the Uniting Church has extended an invitation for us to join them in a Carol Service. Rev'd Rosie has been collecting drift wood off the beach after the floods the hearts are in response to the floods in Lismore. The Men's Shed in Bangalow have been putting the driftwood together. At this time the Christmas Trees will be unveiled.



More than a Meal Cooking Program



Thank you all the volunteers who helped with this important ministry Thursday 1st December was the last till next year. If you would like to volunteer please contact Anne 6684 3552.

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.



SRE Christmas Service

On Thursday 8th December @12.10pm approx. we will be bring over from Byron Primary School the children who have been attending SRE for the year. You are welcome to come sit in the back of the Church.

Anglican Board of Missions Pew Reflection

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday 4 December 2022

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21;

Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Mission of the month for December

Liberation Larder Byron Bay

The Liberation Larder supply meals for the disadvantaged out of the back of the Community Centre.

