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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 after Epiphany
15th January 2023

All are welcome



Image from He Qi , from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,

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

From Grahame

What is our place in God's plan? John the Baptist was called to a mission far beyond any he could have imagined, acting as a signpost for the salvation of humanity. In the end, John was in no doubt about his place. Although many were confused and encouraged him to be more than God intended for him; he understood his place. John was not the messiah. John was a signpost. The Gospel tells us that on hearing the testimony of John, and finding Jesus, the first thing Andrew did was to take off and find his brother. Andrew was not the messiah. Andrew was a sign post, an evangelist spreading the Good News, first to his brother Simon and then to the generations to come.

Whatever else we are called to be in our lives, we are each called to be witnesses to the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. What is the greatest obstacle in our efforts to spread the Good News? Is it complacency or over confidence? Is it fear of failure or arrogance? Is it that we don't think we are able to make a difference?

I think most people love a good superhero story. Particularly when the superhero is an underdog. The central premise of Superman is that most times he could be one of us, just another mild-mannered worker. But he came from something special and found a purpose which was far greater than his colleagues working alongside him at the Daily Planet imagined. Jesus started out in obedience to his family but was from something special and was given a purpose far beyond the carpenter's shop. We are also from something special and called to be more than we could imagine. We are each called to be like John the Baptist pointing the way to Jesus; we are each called to be Andrew, so filled with the Good News of the Gospel that the first thing we want to do is share it.

As we pray for the new year ahead, I hope we include prayer that others may come to know the truth which we have found.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

SUNDAY 15th January 2023

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Sunday 22nd January 2023

9am All Souls Bangalow

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.

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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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission MU Australia, Provincial President: The Rev'd Anne Kennedy

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

The Diocese of North Queensland

Bishop Keith Joseph, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Maclean:

The Rev'd Kay Hart & Alan, The Venerable Judy Edwards, The Rev'd Hope Bennett & Alan, The Rev'd Stephen Clarke & Fiona Boyes, The Rev'd Lenore Parker.

LLM Elizabeth, Ross, John, Cristina, John, Gwynne, Gay.

Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Lil, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Faith, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, Shirley, 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.

Mission of the Month

Bush Church Australia



BCA has a heart for people living in remote & regional Australia. Since 1919 staff & supporters around the country have been going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.



I hope we come to realise we have a part to play as signposts. I also hope we are ready for the blessing when our prayers are answered. I hope we are ready when the opportunity comes to us of someone asking "what can you tell me about all this Jesus stuff?" Be ready, be willing and God will put you in the place God wants you to be.

Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. In seeking to learn more about the Messiah, Simon was named Peter and began a journey of self discovery, of working out his place in God's plan. We know Peter often got things wrong and so will we. Don't be afraid. God has called us by name.

With every blessing,
Grahame

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43.1

Services

15th January 2023

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

22nd January 2023

9am All Souls Bangalow

Readings

15th January Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

22nd January Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1-10, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

Parish News

Christmas Tree



Now that the Christmas tree has been dismantled it has been decided to sell the decorations from the tree. They will be available for \$5 each on Sunday 22nd Jan after the service at All Souls Bangalow. Money raised will be donated to flood recovery in Lismore.

Giving Envelopes

Boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at each centre. If you prefer to give electronically our bank details are: Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB:** 705 077 **Account:** 00041263

Annual Report



Reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are due on 14th February. Please email them to Anne at office@byronanglicans.org.au. Thank you

More than a Meal Cooking Program



MTAM cooking program has recommenced each Thursday morning 10.30am -12pm in St Martin's hall. We are in need of additional volunteers. You will be involved in basic food preparation assisting a Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre staff member. Please contact Anne if you are able to help.

JANUARY SERVICE TIMES

January 15th	St Paul's Byron Bay	9am
January 22nd	All Souls Bangalow	9am
January 29th	St Martin's Mullumbimby	9am
February 5th	St Paul's Byron Bay	9am

Epiphany 2 Sunday 15 January 2023

Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9;
John 1.29-42

In today's Gospel reading, John tells us about the calling of the first disciples. We are told that one of them was Andrew, and for this reason he is known by the Greek Church as Πρωτόκλητος, Prōtoklētos which means the First-Called. Jesus' invitation to him is a simple one - 'Come and see'. How can we invite others to 'come and see' what being a believer entails? How can we invite others to 'come and see' what God is doing in our lives? How can we invite others to 'come and see' what God is doing around the world?

Lord Jesus Christ, may I never be afraid to invite other to come and see you.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.

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