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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 after Epiphany
22nd January 2023**

All are welcome

Follow Me

**They immediately followed
leaving behind the boat
and their father.**

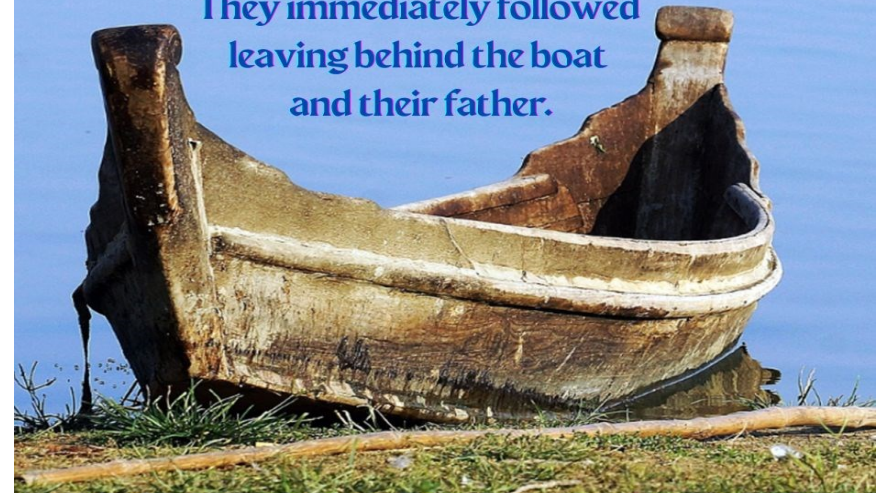


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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

From Grahame

Who does God welcome? Who is it God calls?

In the readings set for this week we are again reminded the Good News of Jesus the Christ is the fulfilment of prophecy. The first readers of Matthew were trying to cope with change from their traditional Jewish ways to something which was far different, but at the same time, the fulfilment of the prophecy of their faith. It was what they had been waiting for. The equivalent for us would be if someone came to worship on Sunday and proclaimed they were the second coming of Christ. This happens more regularly than you may realise, but one day it will be true. How will we cope with that, are we prepared for that?

Isaiah prophesied of God's people being in darkness yet seeing a great light. What is our darkness? For some it may be floods or drought, for others, bushfires; it may be family tension or grief; it may be illness. The prophet is speaking into a time when Israel was being invaded and coming under oppressive military rule, with everything which that means. Into this the prophet speaks of light, of hope with God.

Whatever our particular darkness, remember the way darkness works is to isolate us, to make us feel alone and without hope. To move into the light is to find hope, which may come in the way we least expect it. But we need to be willing to move from darkness to light.

With the arrest of John, the Baptist, his public ministry came to an end and the public ministry of Jesus began. Jesus appears to take up where John left off, proclaiming the need to repent and teaching that the 'kingdom of God has come near'. In literal translation, to repent means to have a change of mind. As with everything else about Jesus it means so much more than this. It means to change direction and face another way and go in a new direction. To become a follower of Jesus means to fundamentally change the way we view the world and the way we act in it. It means to move from darkness to light.

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 22nd January 2023

9am All Souls Bangalow

Sunday 29th January 2023

9am St Martins 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

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 The Buttery **Chief Executive Officer:** Ms Leone Crayden, **Chair:** Sandy Lockhart.

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

The Diocese of Murray

Bishop Keith Dalby & Alice, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Sawtell/ Bonville:

In Transition

LLM Geoff, Trevor.

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, June.

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.



In this time between our great high festivals of Christmas and Easter it would be easy to slip into a trough, into darkness, to forget that the kingdom of God is here for us. Our challenge in this new year of 2023, is to discern what this means for us. What does it mean to hear that the kingdom of God has come near? For those first called by Jesus it meant to acknowledge Jesus as the one sent by God without knowing where he would take them, that's faith. It meant placing God first in their lives so that whatever challenges they faced they knew they were never alone. By faith in the light we may pass through challenging darkness. It can be hard but we can do it. We can do it when we stick together and most importantly when we stick with God.

Who does God welcome? Everyone. Who is it God calls? All of us.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Services

22nd January 2023

9am All Souls Bangalow

29th January 2023

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

Readings

22nd January Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

29th January Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Handbags



We are seeking used handbags in reasonable condition to be used to create dignity bags for women in need. The Rotary Club of Mullumbimby put these together and donate them to the Neighbourhood Centre. If you have any bags you are no longer using they can be given to Merle Siwicki.

JANUARY SERVICE TIMES

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

Epiphany 3 Sunday 22 January 2023

Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1-10; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18;
Matthew 4.12-25

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew tells us about the beginning of Jesus' ministry and how he calls people to repent because the kingdom of God is near. He taught in synagogues, proclaimed the kingdom and healed various conditions. How can we – the Church – effectively teach, proclaim and heal in our time and place?

Lord Jesus Christ, may I support the Church's educational, evangelistic and healing ministries as best as I am able.
Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

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