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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.*



**Byron Anglicans**  
We are one

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**26th February 2023**

**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

This week we have begun the season of Lent. On Wednesday some gathered in worship at Bangalow, acknowledging our need to be humbly repentant as we seek God. Many dramatised stories on our screens depict a world where the default position of humanity is portrayed as the pursuit of power, material accumulation, greed and self interest. A scan of our news feeds promotes a similar real world view. We are tempted to see this as normal. The repentance we are asked to consider, particularly during the season of Lent, is a different way. To repent in the context Jesus brings is to have a change of mind, a change of heart, to welcome a different way of living where all are valued, where resources are shared, and safe communities are encouraged to flourish and thrive. Jesus asks us to be our best selves and look for the best in others. To acknowledge the living Christ in us and in others.

The season of Lent is a few short weeks each year when we are particularly encouraged through our readings, hymns, and prayers to contemplate our lives of faith, to correct the way we are living if correction is called for. It is about a time of being honest with ourselves because often when we think we are fooling someone else, the only person being fooled is ourselves and we pay a price for that.

The path leading us away from God is not always marked by a sign post and a 90 degree turn. It is more often marked by the many little lies we tell ourselves. Just as we may turn our face more fully toward God by the decisions we make every day, we must remember the cost if we should choose the wrong path. Even Jesus had to resist temptation. Through Lent we have the opportunity to ensure that all our striving is not in vain.

With every blessing,  
Grahame

# Weekly Happenings

**Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Lenten Study St Paul's Byron Bay 2pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

**Sunday 26th February 2023 First Sunday in Lent**  
11am St Paul's Byron Bay

**Sunday 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent**  
9am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by the AGM.

## Op Shop Opening Hours

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & 9am-1pm for February
<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:** Anglicare

**Chair:** The Right Rev'd Chris Jones,

**Executive Director:** Kasy Chambers

**Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks



**The Diocese of Willochra:**

Bishop Peter Jeremy James & Lynne, Clergy & Laity.

**The Parish of Wauchope:**

The Rev'd Canon Angela Dutton, The Rev'd Clyde & Linda, The Rev'd Chris Elliott & Jennie, The Rev'd Duncan McArthur & Jennifer.

**LLM** Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy.

## 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, Thea, Elaine.

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

## Services

**26th February 2023 First Sunday in Lent**

11am St Paul's Byron Bay, followed by a light lunch

**5th March 2023 Seconded in Lent**

9am St Martins Mullumbimby, followed by the AGM

## Readings

**26th February First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-21, Matthew 4:1-11

**5th March 2023 Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

## Parish News

### Knitting for the Disadvantaged



With winter on the horizon it is time to start knitting for the disadvantaged. There are patterns for beanies and fingerless gloves in St Paul's plus spare wool. Please send all finished items to St Paul's for distribution.

### St Thomas Century of dedication

A service to celebrate the centenary of the Church of St Thomas' Brunswick Heads will be held on 26th March at 11am. A planning session will be held on Wednesday **8th March @ 5pm St Thomas' Brunswick Heads**. All welcome

### Meditation

The meditation sessions being held in All Souls Bangalow will be in recess until the 7th March when Rev'd Rosie returns from her much needed holiday.

## AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 5th March** following the 9am service at St Martin's Mullumbimby. Nominations for Parish positions have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a form.

## Members of Parish Council

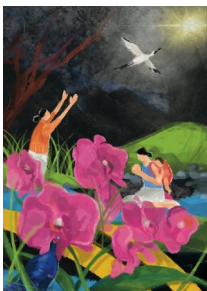
**80.2 Each member of Parish Council shall comply with any requirement set by Bishop-in-Council for compulsory checks or training for professional standards purposes. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of their membership of Parish Council. Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 (as amended 2022)**

These requirements include the completion of Faithfulness in Service and Safe Ministry Training and holding a current Working with Children Check.

We are also beginning a new 3 year cycle, which means we will be electing new Synod Representatives and Parish Nominators.

Please contact Rev Grahame if you have any questions or would like to discuss the roles and requirements any further.

## World Day of Prayer



The Presbyterian Church 104 Stuart St Mullumbimby is hosting a World Day of Prayer service 3rd March at 10am. Everyone is welcome. "I Have Heard About Your Faith" was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan

## Diocesan Ultreya

Saturday 25th February Grafton Cathedral. 9.30am morning tea, 10am Eucharist. "Christ in you, the hope of Glory". BYO lunch, tea, coffee and slices will be provided.

## Mission of the Month



### Bangalow Men's Shed

The Men's Shed provide an opportunity for men to connect with community in a caring and supportive environment.

## The First Sunday in Lent Sunday 26 February 2023

Genesis 2.15-17; 3. 1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-21;  
Matthew 4.1-11

The fall of humanity into the sin of disobedience was engineered by Satan through the temptation to acquire the forbidden power of knowledge and wisdom. The psalmist tells us that the burden of sin is relieved by prayer and trust in God, accepting instruction and counselling obediently, but humanity is still doomed to live as sinners. The gift of grace is offered by the one man who was able to resist the temptation to power and whose obedience to God's will ensured that death no longer had dominion.

Pray for the humility to live in obedience to God's will, and to accept with gratitude the gift of grace offered by our Saviour.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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