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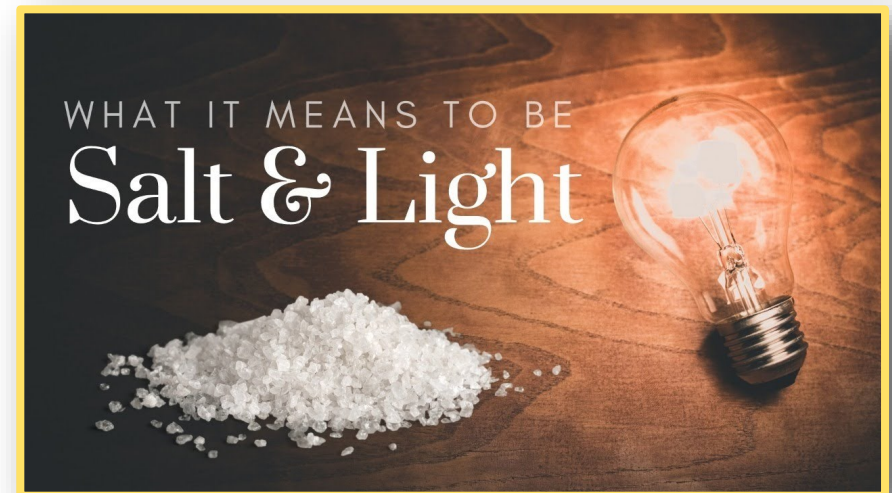
Acknowledgement of Country

*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
5th February 2023**

All are welcome



Cedar Run Community Church

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

From Grahame

Last week we reflected on the beatitudes, blessings from God. When people look at a Christian community such as ours, it is our hope they will see something of God's blessings at work in the world. Today we hear Jesus encourage us to live into the reality of these blessings, to be a help to others as they discern God's will; to not hide the light of Christ under a bowl or a bushel basket.

Jesus told the first disciples they were the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt and light are two basic elements, basic elements with a purpose, a mission. The mission of salt in the world is to be salty. To preserve and to enhance what is already present. Salt is also used to heal. The mission of light in the world is to reveal things that would otherwise be hidden; to show the path, to illuminate our endeavours. If salt and light are separated from their mission they are no longer really salt or light. The disciples then are to be one with their mission. They should no longer consider themselves as holding an identity separated from their mission.

Jesus did not say 'and therefore you are all going to be working 24 hour days'. This is not about working harder. It is about **being** more than doing and **being** complete. Witnessing to the truth of the Gospel is not a job, it is a way of life. Jesus did not give the first group a new job. Jesus called them into a new being, or more accurately, he called them into an expression of the being God had created in the first place. Where we get into trouble is when we try to put on our faith like a coat for particular events or situations and then take it off again. Jesus is telling the disciples that in responding and following him they are already salt and light to the world, now **be**.

The author, Phillip Yancey touched on this concept when reflecting in his book 'Just Wondering' on what made the Saints different. He suggests that what separated the Saints from others is that while your average person is concerned with trying to please many people, the Saints more fully lived

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 5th February 2023

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Sunday 12th February 2023

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9am-1pm
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 Bush Church Aid Society

Regional Officer: The Rev'd Mike Uptin

Diocese of Grafton Senior

Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Bathurst:

Bishop Mark Calder & Susan, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Casino:

The Rev'd Sally Miller, The Rev'd Ron Miller, The Rev'd Thea Archinal.

LLM Robyn, Dolly, Bev, Susan, Kerry.

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.

Mission of the Month

Bangalow Men's Shed

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552



into the reality of pleasing just one. I think the reason we put on and take off our expression of our faith has to do with who it is we are trying to please. Have we become separated from the mission Jesus has given us? Have we lost our saltiness? Are we trying to hide God's light under a bowl?

The Gospel is the incarnation of God's love for us. God is love and through the Gospel God's love is made known in the world. If we proclaim the Gospel we are proclaiming God's love. Why would we ever want to take this off?

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

5th February 2023

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

12th February 2023

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

11am St Columba Ewingsdale

Readings

5th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58: 1-9a, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2:1-13, Matthew 5:13-20

12th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Parish News

Christmas Tree



The remainder of the decorations will be available for \$5 each on Sunday 5th Feb after the service at St Paul's Byron Bay. Money raised will be donated to Hearts for Lismore.

Lenten Studies

Wednesday 22nd February @ 2pm St Paul's Byron Bay. Rev'd Grahame will be running the Lenten Study, for those interested please place your name on the list provided in each centre.

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

Parish Consultation

The next consultation opportunities will be **Saturday, 11 February at 2 pm in St Paul's Byron Bay and Saturday, 18 February at 2 pm in All Souls hall Bangalow.** Please take this opportunity for a cuppa and a chat about the future of the Parish of Byron.

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 left in the churches for collection by Merle.

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.

AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 5th March** following the 9am service at St Martin's Mullumbimby. Nominations for parish positions are now open. Nomination forms are available from Sue or Anne.

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.

Epiphany 5

Sunday 5 February 202

Isaiah 58.1-9a, [9b-12]; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13, [14-16]; Matthew 5.13-20

These readings present a call to authenticity, to live our own lives not a copy of others. Trying to meet the points of the law will not help because there is always more on the list; neither will wisdom nor learning do the trick. It is God's gift in each of us that allows us to be authentic:

be your authentic self, be one of God's gifts to the world.

Pray that you might recognise the shimmering diversity of God's people and use that to light a path in unity, not as an opportunity to judge and divide.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.