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Acknowledgement of Country

We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.

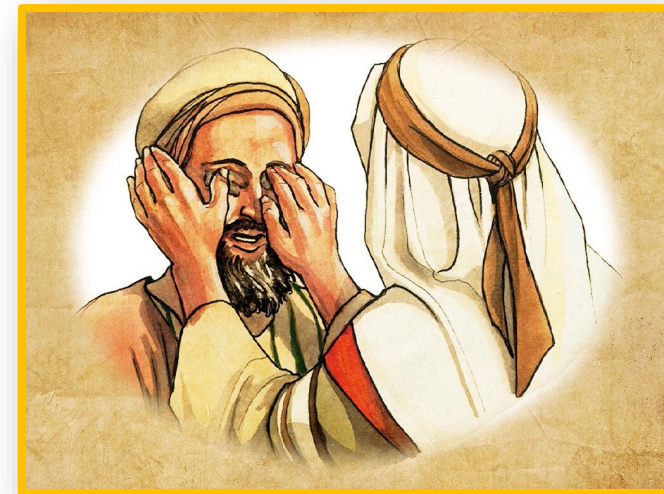
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.



Byron Anglicans
We are one

Fourth Sunday in Lent
19th March 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.*

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

From Grahame

Much of Jesus' teaching involved a physical act. This week in John chapter 9, Jesus heals a man blind from birth. In the time Jesus originally spoke into, blindness and other disabilities were seen by many as punishment for sin. The disciples with Jesus probably shared this view. One of the customs which developed around this prejudice was to spit in the presence of the blind as a protection, to prevent the negative aspects of the blind person's sin being transferred. Jesus, as only Jesus can, took this act of rebuttal and turned it into an act of God's healing grace, by spitting in the dust and making a paste to restore the man's sight.

In a legalistic way of deciding what could and could not be done on the Sabbath one of the prohibitions concerned the act of kneading such as kneading dough. When Jesus made a paste of mud, some interpreted this as an act of kneading. On the issue of the actual healing the community and the Pharisees are divided within themselves. They are divided over whether the man who can now see is in fact the same man who was blind since birth; they are divided over whether Jesus is from God. Out of fear even the man's parents' distance themselves from the argument. Following Jesus repenting, having a change of mind and decided to go a different way, was and is a serious decision. One of the consequences for those who recognised Jesus' messianic status was to be excluded from fellowship. It may be hard for us to truly comprehend what this meant. To be put out of fellowship meant being cut off from family, friends and livelihood. The power the Pharisees held over who was in and who was out, could have immediate consequences for the family of the man who had been healed.

You would think for God's people to be welcoming and inclusive would be a given. Sadly, this is not the case. The disciples who witnessed the healing of the man born blind were challenged, we continue to be challenged to use the gifts

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Meditation 10am All Souls Bangalow
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Lenten Study St Paul's Byron Bay 2pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
Sunday 19th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	
7.30am	St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Paul Byron Bay followed by Parish Council
Sunday 26th March Fifth Sunday in Lent	
11am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads followed by a light lunch
<u>Op Shop Opening Hours</u>	
Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 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: Vicar of Bangkok
Vicar: The Rev'd Matthew Fitter

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

The Diocese of Rockhampton:

Bishop Peter Grice & Virginia, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Northern Beaches Anglicans:

The Rev'd Simon Reeve & Alison, The Rev'd David Hanger & Leone, The Rev'd Pam Stone.

LLM Stephen, Christine.

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, Ros.

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



we have been given to love and care for each other without counting the cost. As it was for the first disciples, we are challenged to act against our usual instinct as instruments of God's grace.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Services

19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Paul's Byron Bay followed by
Parish Council @ 11am

26th March Fifth Sunday in Lent

11am St Thomas Brunswick Heads, Centenary Celebration

Readings

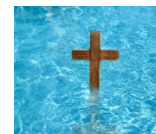
19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.

Baptism



This morning we welcome JB who comes to be baptized. We welcome too his family, Godparents and friends.

Parish News

Palm Crosses

Come and join us in the fun of making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Friday 24th March @10am in St Paul Byron Bay. Training will be given if you can't make them.

Knitting for those in need



With winter on the horizon it is time to start knitting for those in need. 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 Centenary of dedication

26th March @ 11am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads.

There will be a light luncheon following the service. If you are able to bring a plate of food to share please contact Merle Siwicki. All welcome.

Faithfulness in Service Workshops

Faithfulness in Service is the code of conduct for the Anglican Church of Australia. It is a Diocesan requirement that the following people must participate in a training course every 3 years: Clergy & Licenced Lay Ministers, members of parish Council, paid employees, all leaders or coordinators of parish ministry eg: MU, Op Shop, People contact ministries eg: office volunteers, Op Shop workers, hospital and aged care visitors.

We will be holding two courses in the Parish:

All Soul's Bangalow Friday 24th March 1-3pm

St Paul's Byron Bay Saturday 1st April 1-3pm

If these dates do not suit you Ballina Parish are holding courses which you are welcome to attend:

St Mary's Ballina Saturday 18th March 1-3pm

St Mary's Ballina Thursday 23rd March 12-2pm

Application forms are available in the churches and from Anne and Sue. Please return completed forms to the office.

BCA Boxes

It is now time to bring in your BCA box for counting. They can be left in any of the centres.

Mission of the Month

ABM Appeal for victims of the earthquakes in Turkiye and northern Syria.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday 19 March 2023

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

A few weeks ago, I got off the tram to walk down to the shops, in his usual spot was a homeless man, whose name I'm ashamed to say I don't know. While I gave what change I had I was reminded of Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need ..." (GNB) is, at times difficult to reconcile when confronted with the problem of homelessness endemic in many large cities. For me, Psalm 23 reminds me that God's love is for all, pulling me out of the self-absorption and apathy that's all too easy for us to fall into this time of year and to try to find ways to love my neighbour practically. For me this reading reminds me that while I'm loved by God, 'he' loves all of his creation, and calls on us to act with love for all our neighbours helping them and acting with love and charity for those most in need.

Give thanks for the love of God, the protection and guidance provided by 'him', even if not always obvious and pray that we as a society and church can do more to help those in need

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

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