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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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**26th March 2023**

**All are welcome**



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

## From Grahame

This week we are reflecting on a portion of John 11. During a debate about whether to visit a sick friend, the disciples warn against returning to an area where Jesus has been under physical threat. Thomas enters the scene., "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Some in the group questioned whether Jesus should risk going at all, they suggested his life could be put at risk. In the response of Thomas is solidarity of purpose - well if that is what it takes then we will stand by Jesus even if it means our lives. Not usually the image we have of Thomas. A faith so strong it could face even death. Thomas, an extraordinary follower of Jesus. Thomas didn't have a problem facing death, Thomas had a problem with what comes next. A response to this challenge would take a little longer to grow in him.

In one of my year 6 SRE classes a few of years ago, the home work I set was to consider, "does God still call ordinary people to do extraordinary things or are we just talking about something which happened in ancient history?" It was interesting to see the group go away, discuss then come back with the answer that God continues to call ordinary people like you and me to do extraordinary things. Thomas was just an ordinary bloke who by faith was able to face extraordinary situations.

This week we celebrate and remember 100 years since the dedication of the Church of St Thomas in Brunswick Heads. Over one hundred years ago a group of ordinary local people caused a church to be built, a place to gather for prayer, a place to mark significant moments of the community and give thanks to God. By God's grace, ordinary people continue to do extraordinary things.

With every blessing,  
Grahame

# Weekly Happenings

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

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Meditation 10am All Souls Bangalow
<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 March Fifth Sunday in Lent**

11am St Thomas Brunswick Heads followed by a light Lunch

## **Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday**

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads  
9am All Souls Bangalow  
9am St Martins Mullumbimby

## **Op Shop Opening Hours**

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-1pm
<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:** Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
The Most Rev'd Justin Welby & Caroline

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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



### The Anglican Church of Australia:

**Primate Archbishop Geoffrey Smith & Lynn**, General Secretary Anne Hywood, General Synod Office Staff, The General Synod and Standing Committee.

### The Parish of Alstonville:

The Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman & Marius Mulder, The Rev'd Doug Bannerman & Anne, , The Rev'd John Kidson & Chris, The Rev'd Geoff Vidal & Carol.

**LLM** Barbara, Susan, Charlie, Mark, Anne.

## 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

## Services

### 26th March Fifth Sunday in Lent

11am St Thomas Brunswick Heads, Centenary Celebration

### 2nd April Palm Sunday

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

## Readings

### 26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

### 2nd April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31:9-18, Philippians 2:5-11,

Matthew 26:14-27,66.

## St Thomas' turns 100!

This morning we welcome Bishop Murray Harvey as we join with the congregation of St Thomas to celebrate the 100yrs of ministry in Brunswick Heads. Please stay and enjoy refreshments after the service.

## Daylight Saving

Daylight Savings finishes on Sunday 2nd April @3am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

## Parish News

### 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.

## **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 courses in the Parish:

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

**There will be a course in Mullumbimby at a date to be confirmed.**

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

## **Seven Centuries of Choral Music**

**Vox Caldera** sings Ockeghem, de Wert, Schütz, Bach,

Bruckner, Ligeti, Gjeilo

with **Belinda Manwaring**, cello

**Hamsa Arnold**, keyboard

directed by **Nicholas Routley**.

St Mary's Anglican Church, Burnet Street, Ballina.

**Sunday 2 April 2023 3pm**

Tickets at the door \$25 | \$20 child/student/concession

## **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 Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday 26 March 2023**

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

John 11: 1-45 includes two noteworthy things that may be overlooked. First, Jesus was compassionate. He felt deeply for those affected and acted decisively to help. Second, Jesus interacted with a woman who recognised that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, as Peter did in an exchange with Jesus reported in the synoptic gospels.

A study of the earliest available Greek text and pertinent early literature by Elizabeth Schrader indicated that the woman was not Martha, but actually Mary Magdalene, the first witness to Jesus' resurrection (Harvard Theological Review, 110, 3, July 2017, pp. 360-392; reviewed and summarised by Diana Butler Bass at <https://dianabutlerbass.substack.com/p/mary-the-tower>).

Let's pray for God's gift of compassion and give thanks for His conferment of equal standing on all people. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.

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