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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.



Second Sunday of Easter
16th April 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

I pray your Easter long weekend was as amazing as mine which included gathering in five distinct communities of worship. This week in worship we reflect on a passage from the Acts of the Apostles and hear of Peter standing up with his mates to say something really important. In this period of our journey between our remembrance of the Resurrection of Jesus and that of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we have a foretaste in our passage today from the Acts of the Apostles. The context is the Day of Pentecost, the Jewish celebration of God's gift of the Law of Moses, and everyone had come to Jerusalem for the festival. God chose this day for the revelation, the revealing of the Holy Spirit, in order that the maximum number might hear the witness statements regarding God's reconciling act in Jesus, whom the Apostles now knew to be the Christ.

The resurrected Jesus had appeared to the inner group and then again to convince even Thomas. This group then shared their experience with others. There were many who had heard of Jesus, particularly after all that carry on with Pilate. In the witness testimonies of those living most closely through this experience, Jesus becomes more than a name and an item for gossip, people come to believe. When did Jesus become more than a name for you? When did you come to believe? Some remember it as a light bulb moment, some walk with Jesus a very long time before they acknowledge him beside them. Some are still seeking him. When did it happen for you and what was it in which you came to believe?

There is a tradition coming into our culture of examining religious beliefs in the context of how they support the living of a good life. This assumes our ultimate goal is to live a good life, the best life it is possible for us to live. Nothing wrong with this surely? If the inner group of Jesus had stood up in the assembly and said 'Jesus was a really good bloke who did some really good stuff, he lived a good life', and then sat down, if this had been their testimony, would we be here to-

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

16th April Second Sunday of Easter

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Paul Byron Bay

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
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Op Shop Opening Hours

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: The Anglican Men's Society
National Executive Chairman: The Right Rev'd Jeremy Greaves

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

The Diocese of North West Australia:

Bishop Darrell Parker & Elizabeth, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Mid Richmond:

The Rev'd Lenore Moules.

Local Prayer Focus

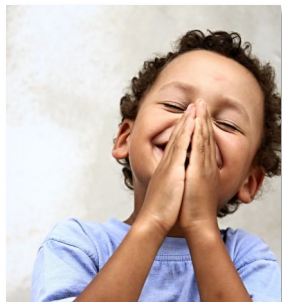
Geoff, Judith, Lil, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, Shirley, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Irene, Harper, Harley, Joe & Jade, June, Thea, Elaine, Ros.

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
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day? Peter stood up for Jesus, finally, and witnessed to his resurrection. All the miracles, all the good Jesus had done, the living of a good life were merely signposts pointing the way to this greatest of miracles, this central truth, that Christ is Risen!

If, instead we accept the good life as our goal, if this is our motivation, then a consequence of this is that we seek to encourage others to live this same good life and judge those who do not. We may see the result of this approach in the attitude of those that see Christian communities as judgmental places rather than places emanating God's grace forgiveness and love. With our reception of God's great gift, fully paid for by Jesus the Christ, we are transformed by God's love and then act in the world out of this great love. When we act out of God's love instead of our own tendency to rush to judgement we are true witnesses to the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the world sees in this something to believe in.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

16th April Second Sunday of Easter

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls' Bangalow
9am St Paul Byron Bay

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

9am St Martins' Mullumbimby'

Readings

16th April Second Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:1-12, John 20:19-31

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41, Psalm 116:1-4,11-18, 1 Peter 1:13-25,
Luke 24:13-35

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.

More than a Meal

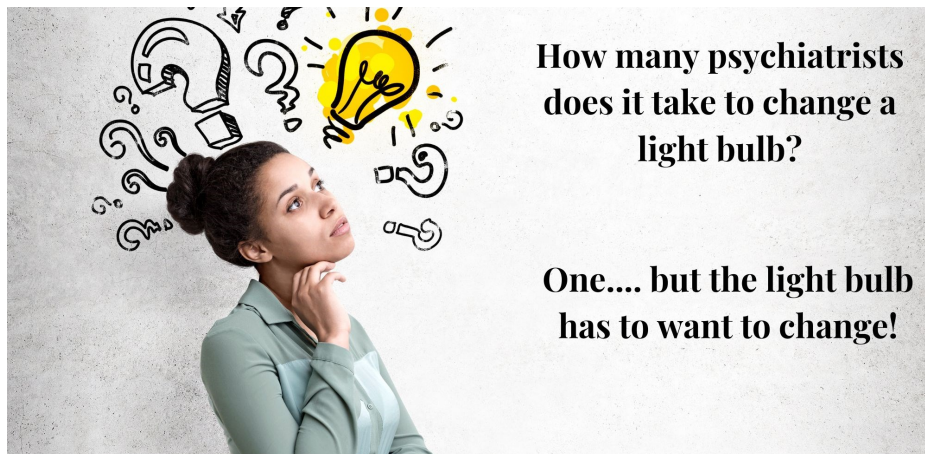


Thank you to all who have been supporting the More than a Meal program. We are in recess until after Easter. If you would like to be involved please contact Anne in the Parish Office.

Monthly Donations

Each month a donation is made from the Op Shop profits to local charities. Some of the charities that we help are: the Neighbourhood Centre Mullumbimby, The Liberation Larder, Fletcher Street Cottage and Refugee Legal.

To make you smile



The Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 16 April 2023

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.1-12; John 20.19-31
In this Gospel reading, it's interesting to note that Thomas wasn't present when Jesus first visited the disciples. He has often been referred to as doubting Thomas, but we see in this reading that the other disciples believed only after Jesus showed them His hands and His side. I wonder why Thomas has been signalled out as the doubter? Questioning is an important part of the faith journey. Brian McLaren shared how doubt has often been a tool of love, drawing him ever closer to the heart of God.

We pray that our doubts will draw us ever closer to God. Give thanks for the work and witness of Wontulp-BiBuya College in Cairns and Nungalinga College in Darwin.
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Mission of the Month

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

