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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.*



Sixth Sunday of Easter
14th May 2023

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

Following, even during, worship in Westminster Abbey last Saturday, I heard commentators refer to the role of King Charles III in the Church in a variety of ways. Some were also surprised and a little confused about the religious nature of the ceremony. Perhaps some gathered in the Abbey that day wondered as well. What essentially happened was a service of Holy Communion which included the Coronation, much like what happens for the Confirmation of believers by a bishop in our local diocese. I think some of the confusion comes from our individual world views, informed by our experience.

From my own world view through my Christian formation, I have always understood Jesus to be the head of the Church as stated by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1.18. Growing up in the Anglican Church of Australia I became aware of the existence of local bishops and later successive Archbishops of Canterbury. My understanding of the Archbishop of Canterbury is being the *first among equals*, in the worldwide Anglican Communion, equal to other bishops yet with a specific role. Throughout my early life, in school assemblies at ANZAC Day and other occasions, I have sung God Save The Queen due to her position as Australia's head of state at the time. The late Queen Elizabeth was also described as Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith in relation to the Church of England. King Charles III has now taken up these roles.

So, to avoid confusion I like to remember that Jesus is *the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything*. In this way I may avoid confusion about who I am following.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
Meditation (in recess)

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

THURSDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

FRIDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter—Mothers Day

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
11.00am St Columba's Ewingsdale

21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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:

Missions MU Australia

Provincial President: The Rev'd Anne Kenndy

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Newcastle:

Bishop Peter Stuart & Nicki, Bishop Charlie Murry & Melissa, Bishop Sonia Roulston, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Lower Macleay:

The Rev'd Katie Peken, The Rev'd Michael Bain & Donna.

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 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au



All through this day dear Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for you, and every life I touch please bless by your Holy Spirit, whether through the words I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live; so shall your kingdom come on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Adapted from the daily prayers of
Mary Sumner founder of Mother's Union and Brother John Dent Martyn BGS

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter– Mothers Day

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

11.00am St Columba Ewingsdale

21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

28th May Day of Pentecost

11am St Martins Mullumbimby

followed by a bring and share lunch

Readings

14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter–Mothers Day

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:7-19, 1 Peter 3:8-22,

John 14:15-21

21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 5, John 17:1-11

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 training

Saturday 27th May 9.30am-12pm in St Paul's Byron Bay. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office. Some forms have also been emailed out.

Parish Consultations

The next consultation opportunities will be **Saturday, 20th May at 2 pm in St Columba Ewingsdale and Saturday 27th May 2pm in St Thomas' Brunswick Heads**. Please take this opportunity for a cuppa and a chat about the future of the Parish of Byron. Bring along your questions and ideas. This is your chance to have your say.

To Make you Smile



The Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 14 May 2023

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21

Commandments in John's writings are more than moral precepts but involve a whole way of life in loving union with God, through Jesus his Son. Keeping God's commandments is maintaining our relationship with God, initiated and maintained by the very gift of God himself to us through the sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, we know the Father and receive Jesus his Son. We can then live because Jesus lives in us.

We give thanks for the gifts from God through the sending of the Holy Spirit: knowing God, living in God, living in the life which is in Jesus.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon.

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Mission of the Month



A homeless hub in the heart of Byron Fletcher Street Cottage is a welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are doing it tough can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find meaningful connections and access broader support to get back onto their feet.