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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.





Seventh Sunday of Easter 21st May 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

During the week, Ascension Day came and went. In our tradition, Ascension Day is a time day of reflection on the reality that Jesus was born, died, was raised from the dead, and entered what we call heaven, completing the reconciliation of God's people to God. Well worth contemplating. In the following week we are then called to pray for reconciliation as we love God and love each other. We are also encouraged to pray for Christian Unity as we approach the great festival of Pentecost next Sunday, a day we particularly celebrate the Holy Spirit at work in and through each of us.

As we seek reconciliation, our hope is that we may find unity in community. Last Christmas I was pleased to be able to attend Carols on the Beach in Byron Bay, as different Christian groups contributed to a great night and an outward sign Christian unity. Christian unity is about working toward the goal of doing together those things which we do not need to do apart. Unity is different to sameness. Our different denominations have developed different emphases. These are part of our identity and part of the way we know God. Unity does not necessarily mean doing everything the same. Unity does include being mutually supportive and positive about the ministry each of us are called to. Unity is not sameness, and our diversity is part of God's great gift to the world.

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

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

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.

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 The Buttery **Chair:** Mr Sandy Lockhart

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Tasmania:

Bishop Richard Condie & Helen, Bishop Chris Jones &

Christine, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Port Macquarie:

The Rev'd Daniel Berris & Kerry , The Rev'd Leanne Smith & Cary.

LLM: Merry, Erica, Brodie, Bruce, Ron, Jack, Norman, Robert, Wendy.

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



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Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104: 26-36, 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13, John 20:19-23

Its **National Volunteers Week** and we'd like to say '**Hi'** to all our fantastic Op Shop Volunteers and Co-ordinators. Wherever you may volunteer, at the Op Shop or out in the community a huge thank you. Our Op Shops are unique and the services you provide have given our parish a wide and enviable reputation for care and compassion. Every minute you volunteer with us counts, whether it's 2 or 20 hours a week. With grateful thanks, Byron Anglicans.

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.



The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday 21 May 2023

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

In today's readings wait with the disciples – called by name – in the upper room, wondering how to make sense of Jesus' last words about receiving the Spirit and being sent as his witnesses to the far-flung corners of the world. We wait, and hear the wonderful exhortation of Peter to "cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you". And we reflect on Jesus the Master modelling for us what intimate prayer to his Father looks like, prayer in which we too are caught up as he prays for us. Let us remember, in these perplexing days, that the One who loves us has gone ahead of us to intercede for us, and that as our lips and hearts cry out, he cries out with us.

In your prayer today, place your anxieties and the things that bother you in God's gentle hands. Pray, confident that Jesus prays in you.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong.

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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.