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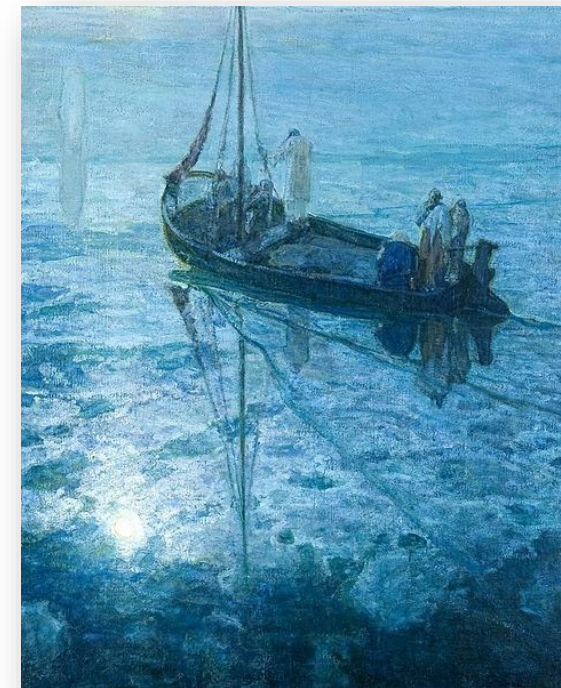
Acknowledgement of Country

*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
13th August 2023

All are welcome



Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937)

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

From Grahame

In Matthew this week we hear that following the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus retired to pray and sent the disciples across to the other side of the sea. I wonder how they thought he would meet up with them. Some writers suggest the storm the disciples endure in Matthew's account is speaking of the persecutions they will endure in Jesus' name as members of the new movement. The problem the disciples faced, which was greater than the threat of persecution from outside the group was their doubt, including their self-doubt. The group now in the boat have just come from the feeding of the five thousand they should have been on top of the world. When things aren't quite right in the boat, when an unfavourable wind springs up, I think we can assume some might have thought to pray to God to save them. They have just been with Jesus during a miracle surely, they could have another? But perhaps it is all a bit too much for them because when Jesus appears walking on the water, perhaps in response to their prayer, they are terrified. They have their prayers answered and they are terrified. How would we react if our prayers were answered? Would we be able to give up our complaints or would we just find something else to complain about? Peter speaks for the group throwing out a challenge to Jesus 'Lord if it is you command me to come to you on the water', then his commitment lets him down, literally and he begins to sink. Again, I think we can assume as he is stepping out of the boat in that storm he is praying God don't let me drown. He had his prayers answered, it was his commitment which was lacking. Peter was always ready to profess with his lips while Jesus was around; it was his heart that was playing catch-up. But at least he got out of the boat. There is an old saying - before you can walk on water you have to get out of the boat. At least Peter had a go. If we had our prayers answered would we be willing to have a go?

When we pray we are talking to God. When people tell me, they don't know how to pray I suggest they imagine they are talking to a mate and just start a conversation. Imagine having a best mate you didn't talk to. Doesn't make sense does it. Talk to your mate; take your day to the Lord in prayer. Confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord; believe in your heart God raised him from the dead. Talk to your other mates about what it is like for you when you pray, start a prayer group. Get out of the boat; you might just walk on water.

Loving God, mate, help us to acknowledge our relationship with you through Jesus, in all that we do and say. We pray our eyes may be opened to see when our prayers have been answered and that we might not be afraid. Amen.

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

THURSDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

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

13th August

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Paul Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

20th August

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

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

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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Prayer Focus This Week:

Missions Mission to Seafarers

Chaplain The Rev'd Onofre 'Inni' Punay

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Melbourne

Archbishop Philip Freier & Joy, Bishop Genieve Blackwell & John, Bishop Kate Prowd & Roger, Bishop Paul Barker, Bishop Bradley Billings & Karen, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Liston

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, 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

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Readings

13th August

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, Romans 10:4-15, Matthew 14:22-36

20th August

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:13-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Parish News

Combined Service

On Sunday the 3rd of September @ 9am we have been extended an invitation to join with the Uniting Church Cnr Dalley and Whian Street Mullumbimby. This is a opportunity to meet with our Sister and Brothers in Christ at their Church.

Knitting for those in need



I wish to thank all who contribute to the beautifully knitted beanies and gloves. These have made a lasting impression for who received them. We encourage all who are able to knit to help contribute.

Parish Pantry

The Parish Pantry is run from the office in Mullumbimby and gives food to those who are in need. Donations of food can be left in each of the centre churches or at the Mullumbimby office. Donations of long life milk, cup of noodles, spreads, tins of tuna, baked beans and spaghetti with ring pull, cereals, muesli bars, etc are always needed.



Quiet Day



A Quiet Day will be held in the Grafton Cathedral on **Saturday 26 August - 9.30am for 10am start – 2pm.**

Facilitators The Rev'd Rosanne Stower, The Rev'd Lyn Dunn. To register contact Linda at the Cathedral Parish Office P: 6642 2844
E: parishoffice@graftoncathedral.org.au.
if you wish to attend.

Parish Council 20th August 11am All Souls Parish Hall.

Change of Venue

Sunday 27th August 11am service will in St Paul's Byron Bay followed by a bring and share.

Ordinary Sunday 19 A [Pentecost 11] Sunday 13 August 2023

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

Today the Psalmist encourages us to remember the wonders that God has done, and in the second part of the portion, he rehearses the story of Joseph as an example of God's marvel making power. Where can we see the wonders of God in our lives?

Lord, help me not to be oblivious to the wonders you do in my life. Help me not only to see them, but to be grateful as well.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

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Mission of the Month

The Buttery



The Buttery is a not-for-profit charitable addiction and mental health organization established in 1973. We deliver evidence based long and short-term residential rehabilitation and outreach programs to support people living with alcohol and substance misuse and mental health conditions to achieve recovery and rebuild their lives. The organisation also provides a unique counselling support program for families and carers.