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**Acknowledgement of Country**

*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.*

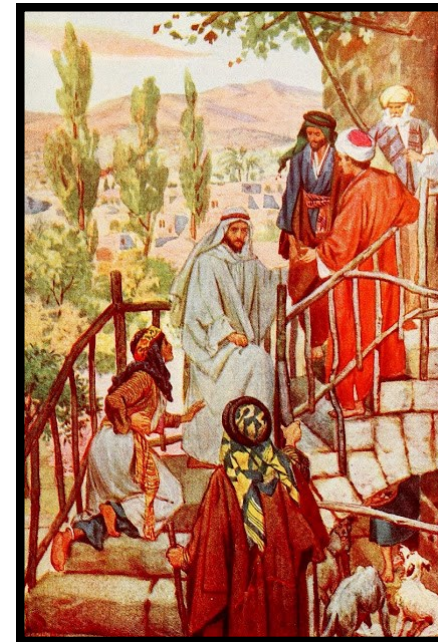
*We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



**Byron Anglicans**  
We are one

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**20th August 2023**

**All are welcome**



Jesse Lyman Hurlbut (1843-1930)

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

## From Grahame

This week we hear through Matthew of a Gentile woman of Canaanite heritage who refused to take no for an answer. The society Jesus worked in was dominated by men. Jesus was on a mission to the people of Israel, the chosen people. Here before him he finds an outsider, a Gentile and a woman. At first Jesus does nothing. The disciples urge Jesus to take action – ‘we don’t need the negative publicity. Send her away’. Jesus acts, but not as the disciples intend.

Perhaps drawing out the scene for the benefit of the disciples, Jesus does what he does so well and sums up the situation according to the law. The understanding of his mission to that point was the reconciling of Israel to God. To this point, ministry to the Gentiles is irrelevant because ‘why would they even be interested’, they are on a different journey. The Canaanite woman answers back, which is in itself remarkable given her standing in relation to the group. In talking back to God this woman has joined the tradition of Abraham, Moses and Job, and as if this was not enough she acknowledges Jesus as Lord. Her prayers are answered.

Our Christian communities fight the temptation to exclude people every day. It is too easy to become comfortable with certain ways of doing things and interpreting things a certain way. Every day we see examples of people excluded from doing certain things because of who they are, where they are from, their gender, any excuse to not confront our prejudices and theirs? It is not always obvious. Sometimes it is wrapped up in politeness but it is no less objectionable to God. We, the church, need to reclaim and redefine a role in the wider community. We need to explore new expressions of what it means to be instruments of God’s grace. We need to embark on a voyage of rediscovery of what it means to be church. We need to work out what God is doing in our community and what we are called to be and do as a part of that work.

# 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

## 20th August

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads  
9am All Souls Bangalow  
9am St Martin Mullumbimby

## Change of Venue

### 27th August

11am St Paul Byron Bay followed by a bring and share lunch

## Op Shop Opening Hours

**Bangalow** Monday—Friday  
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.

Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB:** 705 077 **Account:** 00041263

## Prayer Focus This Week:

**Missions** National Council of Churches  
**President** Rev'd John Gilmore

**Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

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

**The Diocese of Sydney**

Archbishop Kanisha Raffel & Cailey, Bishop Chris Edwards & Belinda, Bishop Peter Hayward & Julie, Bishop Gary Koo & Pearl, Bishop Peter Lin & Isobel, Bishop Malcom Richards & Elizabeth, Bishop Michael Stead & Felicity, Clergy & Laity

**The Parish of Orara Valley**

The Venerable Zoe Everingham, The Rev'd Ruth Pobjoy & Stan.

## 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

### 20th August

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

### 27th August

**11am St Paul's Byron Bay** followed by a bring and shared lunch.

## Readings

### 20th August

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

### 27th August

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

## 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 Sisters and Brothers in Christ at their place.

## 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 If you wish to attend P: 6642 2844 or

E: [parishoffice@graftoncathedral.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@graftoncathedral.org.au).

## Change of Venue

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

## St Mary's Music Program

**Organ Duet Concert** featuring Hamsa Arnold and Marius Mulder. **Sunday 27th August 3pm**, 38-42 Norton St Ballina, tickets \$20 or \$15 concession.

## Vigil for our Earth

Alstonville Anglicans is hosting a Vigil for our Earth.

**Wednesday 30th August 8am - 6pm.** Come any time and unite in quiet mediation and prayer for our Sacred Earth.

## Ordinary Sunday 20 A Pentecost 12 Sunday 20 August 2023

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32 [33-36];  
Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Today the Psalmist exhorts us to unity. Sometimes parishes are, sadly, riven with division and disunity. Sometimes there's an in-crowd and a not-so in-crowd. Sometimes it's the congregation against the beleaguered parish priest. It's shameful stuff. How can we be uniters and unifiers, helping to replace division with unity?

I pray, Lord, that you can use me to be a uniter and unifier in my parish, or home, or workplace – wherever there is division.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Province of Myanmar

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## Mission of the Month

### The Buttery



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.