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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.



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

15th October 2023

All are welcome



Pieter Brueghel the Younger (1564–1638)

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

From Grahame

This week we hear again a passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians. The Church in Philippi had some problems. The community was a blend of historic Greek culture overlaid with the culture of the Roman conquerors who had decided to settle and stay. Into this came the emerging Christian Way. Paul, writing from prison, attempted to deal with some of their problems by keeping the people focused on Jesus. But could the early Christians of Philippi be expected to rejoice always when they had two members at each other's throats in the middle of the congregation? At times like this Paul reminds us that the joy we know through the love of God in Christ Jesus is greater than our disagreements. These two particular members were acknowledged as being called by God to be elders of the church, to act as instruments of God's all embracing love.

But rejoicing always does not mean there will not be challenges. It does not mean that Euodia and Syntyche should ignore their differences. Rejoicing in the Lord always, is about acknowledging our being in Christ and acknowledging that the Christ in each of us is better than the alternative. It means that when two alternative views come together the discussion is kept on topic and does not degenerate into soul destroying personal slanging matches or violence. Sharing the sign of God's peace, as we do when we gather in worship, came about as an alternative to sharing the peace of the Roman Empire. The Emperor's peace, was brought about by force and accepted as being better than the alternative of chaos.

God wants so much more for us than peace which is the absence of war. The Christian way of life came into existence as an alternative to life under the Emperor's peace. God's way, the way of Christ is different and needed now more than ever.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

THURSDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

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

15th October
7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Pauls Byron Bay

22nd October
9am All Souls Bangalow

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 Anglican Cursillo Movement
National Lay Director Mr James Warland
National Spiritual Director
The Rev'd Jane Lamont

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

The Diocese of North Queensland

Bishop Keith Joseph, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Maclean

The Rev'd Kay Hart & Alan, The Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan TSSF, The Rev'd Grant Sparks & Tiffany.

Local Prayer Focus

Marjory, 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, Ann.

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

15th October

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

22nd October

9am All Souls Bangalow

Readings

15th October

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6,20-24, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

22nd October

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-33

Parish News

Back Packs for Kids

We have the opportunity to partner with the Mullumbimby Neighbour Centre to supply back packs filled with essential items to those children escaping Domestic Violence. Further details to follow.

Advent Study

Advent starts on Wednesday 6th December at St Paul's at 2pm. There will be a list in each centre for you to put your name down if you are interested in attending..

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 10.30am in St Paul's following the 9am service on the 15th October.

To Make You Smile



Ordinary Sunday 28 A [Pentecost 20] Sunday 15 October 2023

Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24;
Philippians 4. 1-9 [10-23]; Matthew 21.1-14

Today the Psalmist tells us that those who act according to justice, who at all times do the right are blessed by God. Each day we are given many opportunities to make decisions. Some of them will be of no great consequence, such as the answer to 'Should I go to the shops today or tomorrow?' But some decisions do have serious consequences with answers that are clearly right or wrong – to take an extreme example, 'Should I murder my spouse?' Sometimes decisions can seem morally grey. But the Psalmist's injunction to always act justly and to do the right thing is helpful. Which answer brings the most justice in a particular situation? That is the answer we should always prefer.

Lord, help me to act justly in every situation.
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 Parish Pantry



This is a valuable part of the parish out reach. It helps supply food to those in our community that are less fortunate. It is supplied out of the office in Mullumbimby.