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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

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8th October 2023**

**All are welcome**



Image from 'Sermons for Kids'

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

## From Grahame

Do we have a contradiction this week, as we reflect on the 10 Commandments and yet hear that the way of the law is death? This is a similar conundrum to the two commandments. How may I love God more than my wife who is the love of my life? Isn't that being less than faithful to my wife? As we grow in faith we realise it is by loving God first that I am able to love my wife in the way she deserves to be loved.

Paul reminds us we have tried life by the law and it didn't work for us. It is only through God's supreme act of love in Jesus the Christ, and in and by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may complete the task before us. Life in the Spirit is not part of an either/or situation. Life in the Spirit is the way we meet the Commandments of God with anything other than failure. God gives us the victory through Christ!

It would be easy, and has been done often, to see Paul's warning to the Church in Philippi as yet another reason to be careful about who are let into the fellowship of the Church. Nothing could be further from the truth or Paul's intention.

Paul warns against dogs and evil workers. These were terms the community had heard often from the mouths of their religious leadership. It was the way they described those outside the Jewish faith, the Gentiles, each of us. It was a description used to exclude some from the love of God by defining them as the 'other'. There was an attempt to bring this attitude into the early Church, to bring in a rule that all new believers must first be accepted as followers of the Law, before they could be accepted as followers of Jesus, to go through the law before they could live by faith. Doesn't really make sense when you say it aloud does it? Life by faith is the only way we may meet the Law of God and survive.

# 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

## 8th October

**7.30am** St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

**9am** St Martin's Mullumbimby

## 15th October

**7.30am** St Thomas Brunswick Heads

**9am** St Pauls Byron Bay

## 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 Women of Australia

### **Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

### **The Diocese of Bunbury**

Bishop Ian Coutts, Clergy & Laity

### **The Parish of Grafton**

The very Rev'd Naomi Cooke, 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

### **8th October**

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

### **15th October**

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

## Readings

### **8th October**

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

### **15th October**

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

## **Parish News**

### **Regener8**

Grafton Diocese Cursillo Movement are holding a mini weekend 21-22 October. Theme is "The Seed of Life" Venue [Grafton Cathedral Parish Centre](#). Registration forms are available in the centres. Cost \$50 to cover meals.

## Blessings and Farewell

Last Sunday saw a very special experience in All Souls Bangalow. We joined with our sisters and brothers from the Uniting Church, as God's creatures were welcomed and blessed. This was a fitting final worship for Reverend Rosie to organise and lead as her love for all God's creatures and community have been central to her ministry with us. We now release Reverend Rosie from her ministry here, that she may be ready for what God has next in her story. We wish her every blessing for the journey ahead.



## "Don't Stress, SAY YES!"



It was wonderful to sit with representatives of the Yes23 group on Saturday, to listen, ask questions and reflect. During our reflection we came to a point of realising that what we are being asked to consider comes down to – "Do you think Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander peoples should be included in the Constitution? Do you think Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should have the opportunity to contribute to decisions which affect them?" We were then offered a gift of the gathering held in Lismore that morning – "Don't Stress, say yes". Say yes to inclusion, say yes to listening, as we journey together.

## Ordinary Sunday 27 A [Pentecost 19] Sunday 8 October 2023

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Either Philippians 3 or Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

The final verse of Psalm 19 is a familiar prayer often used by preachers as they begin their sermons, 'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer'. I imagine we have all heard it, perhaps in the '... and the meditations of all our hearts' version. It's a prayer that shouldn't be restricted to preachers because it is a beautiful, simple and easy-to-remember prayer that we can all pray each day, perhaps when we first awaken. Give it a try – it'll set you up for a God focused day.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Give thanks for the work and witness of CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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

## 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.