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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.



Advent 3

17th December 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

I was reminded again recently of the importance of prayer. In the Anglican tradition of Christianity, we have a liturgy of the Daily Office, which is a short set of prayers and readings to begin and end each day. At times this may seem a chore in the midst of so many worldly, important things for us to be getting on with. It may start to become routine, yet routine need not mean unimportant. When our reality is challenged to the very foundation by the failings of humanity, prayer has the power to bring us back to a centre where we may find again Jesus the Christ, who has been with us all along.

As we approach Christmas, there will be many celebrations and gatherings. There will also be some for whom this season emphasises loneliness and grief. Especially at this time of year may we be kind to each other and mindful of the needs of others while not neglecting our own. There will be nine opportunities to gather across the parish this Christmas Eve and Christmas day, opportunities to connect in community just as a young family did with shepherds and others all those years ago.

The Hymn of the Word

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God:
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him:
and without him, was not anything made that was made.
In him was life:
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness:
and the darkness has not overcome it.
He was in the world:
and the world was made through him
yet the world knew him not.
He came to his own home:
and his own people received him not.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Advent Study 2pm St Pauls Byron Bay
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

17th December Advent 3

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow

24th December Advent 4 / Christmas Eve

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay
11am	St Columba Ewingsdale
6pm	All Souls Bangalow

25th December Christmas Day

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

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday—Friday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Tuesday— 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 SOMA

Chair Bishop Ian Lambert

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

Diocese of Perth

Arch Bishop Kay Goldsworthy & Jeri, Bishop Kate Wilmot, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Murwillumbah

The Rev'd Lyndon Mulholland & Anna, The Rev'd John Tyman & Penny

LLM David, Madeline, Iona.

Local Prayer Focus

Greg, Rev Gloria Shipp, Janie, Jean, Marjory, Geoff, Judith, Lil, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, 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.

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



But to all who received him who believed on his name:
he has given power to become children of God;
Who were born not of blood
nor of the will of the flesh:
nor of the will of a man but of God.
And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;
We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father.
And from his fullness have we all received:
and grace upon grace.

John 1.1-5, 10-14, 16

With Every Blessing
Grahame

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

Services

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7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls' Bangalow

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Readings

17th December Advent 3

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11, Song of Mary APBA p.9,
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, John 1:6-8,19-28.

24th December

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 9, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Parish News

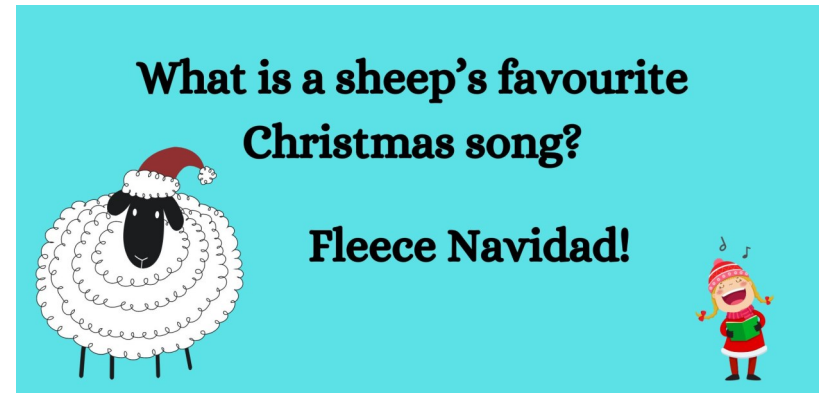
Back Packs for Kids



On Wednesday we packed backpacks ready to be taken to the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre in Mullumbimby. Thank you to our wonderful Op shops who gave some items and all those who donated to this worthwhile cause. Come the new year, we will continue to help the Neighbourhood Centre in this worthwhile endeavour.

Parish Pantry

Thank you to all who donate to our Parish Pantry. The demand for support has been very high. As we approach Christmas we would like to include some Christmas items in the food bags. Things like mini Christmas puddings, mince pies, tins of ham or Christmas sweets are always very much appreciated.



Advent 4 B Sunday 24 December 2023

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; either Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 or Song of Mary; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

Today we hear how Mary prepared for the coming of the Lord and her 'yes' to God. She is a vital part of our salvation and she wonders how she can be a part of it. Her questions become ours when we consider how we give birth to the Incarnation. Only with the Holy Spirit and willingness to be part of God's saving work among us is the impossible made possible.

God, I say yes to you: may your salvific presence be born in me.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth © Anglican Board of Mission, 2023

Mission of the Month Liberation Larder

The Larder provides material aid in the form of hot lunches, bags of fresh produce as well as emergency frozen meals for singles and families in financial distress.