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Acknowledgement of Country

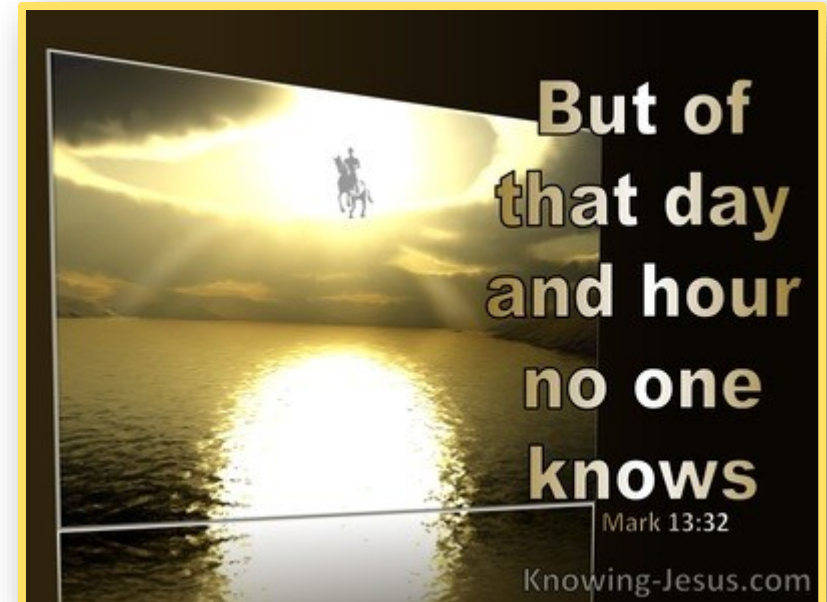
We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.

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



Advent 1

3rd December 2023



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

From Grahame

I recently had the privilege of attending an art exhibition, presented by a local NDIS provider. A number of the artists were in attendance and able to speak about their art. During the evening we were treated to a performance of the group's signing choir. All those I was able to speak with, agreed about the uplifting nature of the evening. In the challenges we may face let us continue to make the most of such opportunities.

This week we begin the Season of Advent. As we wait for the coming of the Lord in glory, it is possible to be weighed down by the challenges we face or the challenges we hear of others facing. Yet there is still joy to be had, there remains much to be thankful for as we carry our hope into the future.

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



Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
Advent Study 2pm St Pauls Byron Bay

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

THURSDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

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

3rd December Advent 1

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

10th December Advent 2

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

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 Anglican Overseas Aid

Chair Mr Thomas Craven

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



The Diocese of Armidale

Bishop Rodney Chiswell & Jenni, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Bellinger

The Rev'd Anne Goode & Peter, The Rev'd David Morgan & Linda, The Rev'd Lisa Williamson & Mark.

LLM Dianne, Megan, Mike.

Local Prayer Focus

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

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Services

3rd December Advent 1

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

10th December Advent 2

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

11am St Columba Ewingsdale

17th December Advent 3

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls' Bangalow

Readings

3rd December Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7,17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

10th December Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8.

Parish News

Blessing of the Ballina Labyrinth

Saturday 9 December at 9.30 am, St Mary's Ballina

You're invited to the community blessing of the labyrinth at St Mary's Anglican Church, Ballina. Walk the labyrinth, and be part of the blessing with water and bubbles. Music by the Threshold Choir. Refreshments available from the Coffee Cart Bring a hat/umbrella/sunscreen, and a picnic rug or chair to sit on. Bring your kids and grandkids too!

Back Packs for Kids

We have the opportunity to partner with the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre to supply back packs filled with essential items to those children escaping Domestic Violence. Donations can be left in the Parish Centres. If you prefer you may give money and the goods will be bought. Just place the money in an envelope marked backpacks and place on the offertory plate.

Advent Study

Advent starts on Wednesday 6th December at St Paul's at 2pm. We Look forward to you joining us for the study.

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.

Ewingsdale Community Christmas Party

Sunday 10th December 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Advent 1 Sunday 3 December 2023

**Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37**

Advent is the season of waiting and preparation. There will be many signs for us, sometimes as obvious as eclipses and new growth on fig trees, other times more abstract in clouds and angels. We do not know exactly when. Jesus reminds us
always to be ready and prepared. Keep awake!

God, may I always be ready for your coming.
Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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.

BEN GOODGER
BRAZILIAN SEVEN STRING GUITAR COMPOSITIONS
with special guests
PETER HUNT JAMES JABLONKA
St Martin's Church, Mullumbimby
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER
7PM
\$25 TICKETS
ON THE DOOR
AND THROUGH
HUMANITY

Ben and his guests are performing in St Martin's Church on Thursday 7th December at 7pm.