# The Clergy, Wardens and Office welcome your enquiries and calls.

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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.

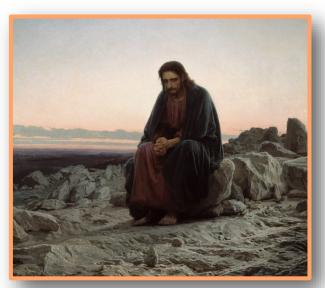




# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

4th February 2024

### All are welcome



Christ in the Dessert Painted by Ivan Kramskoi (1837-1887),

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

#### From Grahame

Jesus came to bring good news for all people. Jesus came with the authority and power of God and nothing could stand in the way of God's reconciling work in Jesus the Christ. Crowds were drawn to the healing and preaching ministry of Jesus. The crowds became so great that he was pursued in his attempts to find spaces of solitude for reflection. Jesus could have stayed. Jesus could have planted a mega-church and done some really good things, healing and preaching in Capernaum. Instead Jesus continues on his pilgrimage, his journey with a purpose, Mark 1.38 "Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

At that time there was turmoil in the community. There was a mood for revolution. There were strong forces and temptations acting to try to divert the ministry of Jesus for their own ends; for their own desires. Jesus came for one reason. To preach the gospel of God's love and reconciliation and be the instrument by which this would be accomplished; a healing more miraculous than the relieving of physical affliction; the healing of an eternal relationship.

As we journey toward the season of Lent again, may we seek times for reflection and renewal, and may we be ready for what God does next.

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

# Weekly Happenings

#### Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

**TUESDAY** Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

**WEDNESDAY** Byron Bay 9am-3pm

**THURSDAY** Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

**FRIDAY** Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm

Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

#### 4th February Epiphany 5

9am Combined Service St Martins with the

**Uniting Church** 

#### 11th February Epiphany 6

9am Welcoming for Rev'd Brenda St Pauls

Byron Bay. This is the only service for

the Day.

#### **Op Shop Opening Hours**

**Bangalow** Wednesday - Friday

10am - 2pm

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Byron Bay** Monday - 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

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#### **Prayer Focus This Week:**

**Mission** The Church Army

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



#### **Diocese of Ballart**

Bishop Garry Weatherill, Clergy & Laity

#### The Parish of Byron Bay

The Rev'd Grahame Yager, The Brenda Yager, **LLM** Laura, Merle.

#### **Local Prayer Focus**

Greg, 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.



On Wednesday 31st January a much loved recent member of our congregation passed away peacefully. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

R.I.P Scruffy

#### **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

#### **Services**

#### 4th February Epiphany5

9am St Martins Mullumbimby combined worship with our sisters and brothers from the Uniting Church.

#### 11th February Epiphany 6

9am St Paul's Byron Bay Commissioning of Rev'd Brenda

#### Readings

#### 4th February Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 1 Corinthians 9;16-23, Mark 1:29-39

#### 11th February

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1: 40-45

# Sunday 4 February 2024 – Ordinary Sunday 5B [Epiphany 5]

Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39

Healing Hands Our hands can be used for many things, including healing and prayer. Dr Ben Carsons is a brilliant and renowned neurosurgeon with Gifted Hands, but without the love of his mother and her faith in him, his life would have been very different. Without Jesus using his hands for healing and prayer, Simon's mother-in-law and those who are sick or possessed by demons would not have been healed of the things that afflicted them. How can we use our hands to bring comfort and healing to others? How can we use our hands for prayer? In the words from Jesus' hands were kind hands by Margaret Cropper, "Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you ... till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you."

Pray for all who use their hands to bring healing and wholeness to others or to pray for others.

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

Text: The Rev Nicole Baldwin, Cessnock Parish, Diocese of Newcastle  ${\mathbb C}$  Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

#### **Parish News**

#### **Upcoming events:**

#### **Welcome & Commissioning**

Sunday 11th February @ 9am in St Pauls Byron Bay we will welcome our new associate priest Rev'd Brenda Yager. We look forward to Rev'd Brenda sharing her many gifts with us. This will be the only service in the Parish on this day.

#### **Shrove Tuesday**

(Pancake Tuesday) 13 Feb @ 6 pm in the grounds of St Martin's Mullumbimby. Bring your favourite topping. Pancakes supplied.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

14 Feb. Service of morning prayer with imposition of ashes. 10 am in All Souls Bangalow.

#### **Lenten Craft Group**

Rev'd Brenda will be commencing a Lenten craft group on Thursday 15th February @ 12noon, in St Paul's Byron Bay. There will be a different craft each week. Please contact Sue if you are planning to participate

#### Meditation

Rev David Brown will be leading Meditation in All Souls Bangalow commencing Friday 16th February 11am.

#### **AGM**

The 2024 **AGM** will be held on **Sunday 18th February 10.30am** in **All Souls' Hall Bangalow**.

**Nomination forms** are available in all centres and from the parish offices. Please complete your form and return to office@byronanglicans.org.au as soon as possible.

#### **Lenten Study**

All Souls Hall Bangalow commencing Wednesday 21 Feb from 11 am to 12 pm. Add you name to the list provided. Please contact Grahame for more information.

#### **World Day of Prayer**

We are hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March 10am at St Martin's Mullumbimby. There will be a morning tea following the service. If you are able to bring a plate to share please contact office@byronanglicans.org.au.

#### **Diocesan Ultreya**

Cursillo is celebrating 40yrs in the Grafton Diocese on Saturday 2nd March 9.30am for a 10am Eucharist

#### Mission of the Month

The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc (MDNC) is a locally based, community managed organisation that listens to its communities and works with them to deliver services to meet community needs as well as build individual and community capacity. The MDNC provides access to a diversity of funded and unfunded services and programs including but not limited to Community Support/Emergency Relief, parenting support, specialist domestic violence services, support for homeless, financial counselling, Food Recovery programs, community meals and social inclusion activities.

#### **Mission Involvement in the Community**

Through our weekly mission giving we are able to help community organisations.

#### **Byron Bay**

Fletcher Street Cottage, Community Centre, Liberation Larder

#### **Bangalow**

Buttery, Men's Shed

#### Mullumbimby

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre, Parish Pantry

Anglicare, Angel Flights, Westpac Helicopter, ABM (Research projects), BCA (Research projects)

If you are interested in giving to our weekly mission use the mission side of the weekly giving envelopes.