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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.

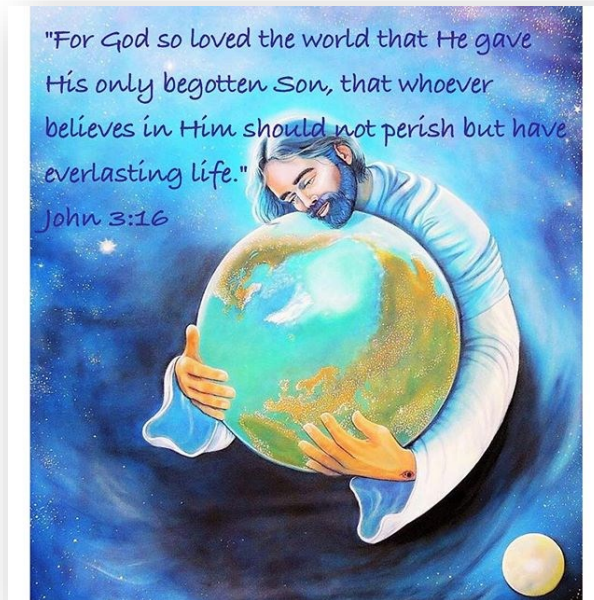


Byron Anglicans
We are one

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10th March 2024

All are welcome



Finwise

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

From Grahame

As we know well, our season of Lent is a time of intentional self-examination, when we may identify those things in our lives which separate us from God. Our readings this week provide some excellent examples of people placing obstacles between themselves and God.

In our Old Testament reading from Numbers, we have a good example of the old saying 'some people are never satisfied'. Delivered from Egypt and fed, now the people with Moses complain there is not enough variety in their diet.

In the gospel, Nicodemus had come under cover of darkness to question Jesus. Nicodemus, a teacher of the law had experienced something through his encounter with Jesus, but wondered 'can these things really be'? Jesus makes reference to concepts which, as an expert in the Law, Nicodemus should be able to understand. Just as the people with Moses were told to look to a pole to show their faithfulness and be saved, God now shows God's faithfulness by walking among us and being hoisted on a pole unto death, to die for us and rise again to show the way to life eternal.

Paul reminds us the way to eternal life cannot be earned through good works; the way of Jesus cannot be earned through good works, it is a gift by faith. By living into the life of faith to which God calls us, we may show the fruit of our faithfulness.

Our journeys of faith are not intended to be static. We are transformed by our pilgrimage and this should be encouraged. If our faith is not being transformed it is static and becomes like the jumper we wore to Sunday school on a cold winter's mornings when we were children. When it no longer seemed to fit anymore it was pushed to the back of the cupboard, maybe brought out every now and then to reminisce about, but not really put on for fear it may tear, or constrain us and stop us from doing what we really **want** to

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm RSL Life Care Communion 10am
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm Lenten Study All Souls Bangalow 11am Lenten craft 12noon St Pauls Byron Bay
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Meditation 11am All Souls Bangalow Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

10th March Lent 4

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow

17th March Lent 5

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday - 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

Prayer Focus This Week:

MISSION

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 and Laity

The Parish of Grafton Dean: The Very Rev'd Naomie Cooke & John, The Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan TSSF, The Rev'd Grant Sparks & Tiffany.

Local Prayer Focus

Greg, Janie, Marjory, Geoff, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Thea, 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



do. Or maybe it has been thrown out altogether, thought to be of no further use.

The expression of our faith needs to be always transforming, overcoming those nasty little sharp bits that threaten to wear a hole. It needs to be able to accommodate some things and withstand others. After all our faith is a living thing. Because if it is not a living thing it is adead thing. So, we each have this living, transforming faith which is expressed in differing ways with bits which stick out here on some and out the other side on others; we have some who have taken their faith out of the cupboard to see what it looks like and give it a stretch, and others who are content in their faith. Every now and then all these people find themselves together. So, there are the people with the bits that are sticking out and the old Sunday school jumper out for the day and they meet together. This is what we call community.

This Easter talk to your friends, talk to your enemies, and see if we can each take our faith for a bit of a walk and give it a stretch in community. Don't be afraid, if you approach the task with a fair dinkum attitude it won't break.

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

10th March Lent 4

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow

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Readings

10th March Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22,
Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21.

17th March Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-14,
John 12: 20-33

Parish News

Knitting for the Disadvantaged

How can you help this important ministry?

- 1) You can help by knitting or crocheting Beanies and fingerless gloves. These will be given out to those in need though the Neighbourhood Centre in Mullumbimby, Fletcher St Cottage & Liberation Larder Byron Bay and the Op Shop in Bangalow. These are gratefully received by those in need.
- 2) If you have any left over wool or acrylic wool please consider donating it as it always needed.

BCA Boxes

It is time to bring in your BCA Boxes for counting. They can be left in any of the centres.

Lenten Craft Group



This week we made rain sticks to remember Jesus Baptism. We were joined by Peter who happened to pop in.

Mission of the Month: Angel Flight

Angel Flight Australia, works with a team of generous volunteers to coordinate free, non-emergency flights and transfers so people living remotely across Australia can access specialist medical treatments.

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Sunday 10 March 2024

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10;
John 3.14-21

The joyous proclamation of the Christian faith is that the reality and capacity of God's love and grace are not hidden from the world nor beyond our ability to see and know. Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, put aside the divinity and glory of heaven to be one of us, to be a visible part of this world and to invite the world into a journey of enlightening us to God and God's love. Naming Jesus as Lord begins our journey, and if you know nothing or everything of the bible, these words of Jesus recorded by John will continue to invite you, like Nicodemus, to seek to know how his life, death and resurrection is the power of God's love for our redemption and to eternal life.

Pray that God's endless love would transform the darkness of our world to light – transforming hatred to forgiveness and freedom, conflict to peace and joy, fear to hope and faith, death to life.

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

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