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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.



Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

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

What does it mean to us to be called 'children of God'? For me it means that I am healed, forgiven, restored. I still have physical aches and pains, I still make mistakes, I still have times when I question, and God has healed me; God has forgiven me; God has restored our relationship through Jesus.

A person came to our home once and as I walked up to them, before they spoke, I told them I had no money to give them. The person was familiar to me, had met me in several towns previously seeking assistance. A bit like the apostle Peter, I was tapped out, silver and gold, I had none. Once they recognised me as the same person from other towns we talked. Not just the usual justification for why they should receive financial support, something more. In this I had the opportunity to offer counsel which they had not been open to hearing before. Advice that has the potential to be life changing for that person. They didn't go away leaping but perhaps a bit lighter.

The context for our reading from The Acts of the Apostles is that Peter had just acted as God's instrument in bringing miraculous healing into a person's life. The crowd of witnesses were amazed. As you know miracles are signs and signposts pointing to something far greater. This particular signpost points to the continuing authority of Jesus beyond his death and resurrection. The healing witnessed during the earthly ministry of Jesus continues in the apostles. The crippled beggar was not without resources. He had friends. These friends would take him to the Temple precinct so that he could seek financial assistance through the generosity of those going to and coming from the Temple. The friends and those that gave to him, helped keep the crippled man alive, they helped maintain him where he was. Peter arrived without money because he had given it away to live for the common good of his community and offer so much more. Peter acted as God's instrument to restore the man to fellowship so that he could enter the Temple. By faith he was made strong.

Miracles continue to happen. Miracles still point to something far greater. The healing witnessed during the earthly ministry

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

14th April Third Sunday of Easter

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay
11am	St Columba Ewingsdale

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am	All Souls Bangalow
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28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am	St Martin's Mullumbimby
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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 St George's College Jerusalem
Dean: The Very Reverend Richard Sewell

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

THE Diocese of Grafton

Bishop Murray Harvey & Leanne, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Lismore

In Transition, The Rev'd Rhonda Callander,
The Rev'd Geoffery Foley & Audrey, The Rev'd Alan Shaw & Sue.

LLM

Carol, Dawn, Stephen, Ray, Ray, Ken.

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, Wayne & Robyn Elliot.

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre, Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

Mission of the Month: Mens Shed Bangalow

Is a place where men from all backgrounds and ages can come together to talk, share skills, learn new skills. The Men's Sheds have been proven to help many men overcome many hurdles they have to deal with. Funding for the Bangalow Mens Shed is through grants and Fundraising so please help if you are able.



of Jesus continues through the Apostles and in a few short weeks at Pentecost we will be reminded that this same healing power has gone out from them also. Gone out through

God's love is so great that Jesus came among us, to point the way to God and then become the instrument by which God's people may be reconciled to God. In working this through we are presented with a call to repentance and the call of God's love. One is not conditional on the other. God loves everyone, now. God wants to be in right relationship with everyone now. Jesus came as the supreme act of love to make this possible.

We get confused. We get confused thinking there is some list of things we need to repent of before we may be in right relationship and when this seems too hard, or worse, when we think we have managed to complete our list, we start judging what mistakes others should be repenting of and we miss what is right in front of us, our unbelief. If we would only repent of our unbelief in what the signs are all pointing toward, which is God's reconciling love in Christ Jesus, everything else falls and would fall in to place.

My friend at our home was literally chasing his tail when all he really needed to do was stop. We get so caught up trying to make it hard that we miss the simplicity of the statement of Jesus after all we put him through - 'peace be with you'. Stop, and receive God's love.

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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Readings

14th April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-20, Psalm 4, 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6,
Luke 24:36b-48

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:26-32, 1 John 4:7-21,
John 15:1-8

Parish News

Cursillo Fire Day



Those who have attended Cursillo are invite to attend a **Fire Day** at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Tweed Heads. Saturday 11th May, 9.30am-3pm. Theme "Letting Go"

Knitting for the Disadvantaged



How can I help in this important Ministry?

1. You can help by knitting or crocheting Beanies and Fingerless gloves.
2. If you have any left over wool or

acrylic wool please consider donating it as it is always needed.

Parish Pantry

Thank you for your continuing support of our Parish Pantry. We are in need of long life milk, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned fish, cereals, spreads.

Confirmation

Confirmation in the Anglican Tradition will be offered in the second half of 2024. For more information and to book for preparation, please contact us as soon as possible.

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Faithfulness in Service Course

There is a Faithfulness in Service Course being held in Alstonville on Saturday 20th April 9am-12pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Anne 6684 3552,

office@byronanglicans.org.au

Easter 3 B

Sunday 14 April 2024

Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

The Psalmist assures us that knowing Christ's presence takes away shame and brings a refresh, gladness and peace. Today we are reminded that Jesus stood among his disciples and helped them to see his truth. As his witnesses, we stand among others who are disbelieving and still wondering and we show them the presence of the risen Jesus in the world through our transformed lives.

Lord, help us to welcome your transforming presence in our lives and give us the courage to make you visible to a suffering world.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith

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