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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.

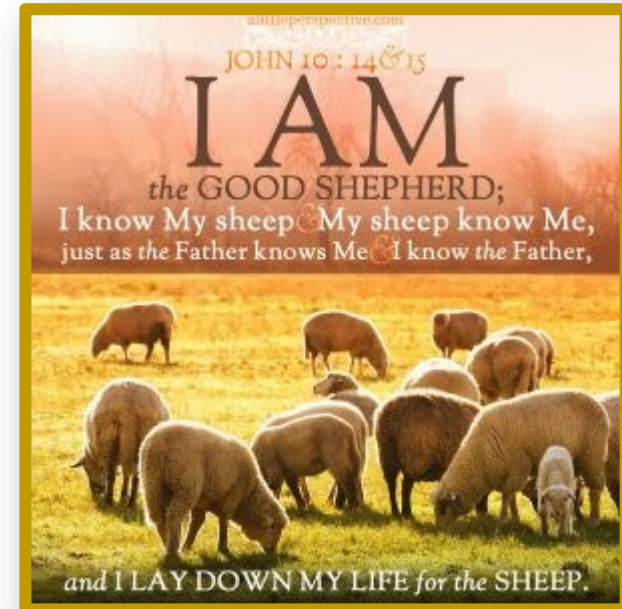


Byron Anglicans
We are one

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st April 2024

All are welcome



A little perspective.com

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

From Grahame

What is driving you away from Jesus? What is preventing you from living into the life God has called you to live? What is it that draws you to Jesus? What is encouraging you in your faith journey?

This week the context of our gospel passage is pre-crucifixion. We have gone back to listen to Jesus again for advice about our lives of faith in a post resurrection world. Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd and describes a rather extreme understanding of the role of a shepherd in laying down his life for the sheep. We are part of that flock. How does it feel? How does it feel to know that the Good Shepherd has laid down his life for you and for me? Is that part of what is driving you away from Jesus or is it drawing you into a deeper relationship with God through him? How does it feel to know that Jesus knows you and calls you by name?

In the time the gospel was written it was likely that when the sheep were penned up there would be more than one shepherd's flock in an enclosure, and this worked because each shepherd knew their sheep and the sheep knew their shepherd. The shepherd knew their sheep so well they could have almost named them. The leaders of that time, even in the face of all the evidence they themselves had gathered in regard to Jesus, did not know him. They did not know their own sheep and they failed to recognise the Good Shepherd when he arrived.

In this week's 'I am' statement, Jesus is confronting the onlookers, forcing them to make a decision about who Jesus is for them. Who is Jesus to us? Who is it that we are looking for? What wolf is trying to scatter you and drive you away from the love of God in Jesus the Christ? These wolves may not look like wolves. They may not have masses of hair and sharp pointy teeth. The wolves that would drive us away are more subtle and they are rarely the things we expect. They are things like spending more time on possessions than on people; going along with the crowd when your heart is telling you it is wrong; being more con-

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

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter
9am All Souls Bangalow

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter
11am St Martin's 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 Vicar of Bangkok Vicar:
The Reverend Matthew Fitter & Guen

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

THE Diocese of Rockhampton (Central Queensland)

Bishop Peter Grice & Virginia , Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Northern Beaches Anglicans

The Rev'd Simon Reeve & Alison, The Reverend Pam Stone

LLM

Stephen, Christine.

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.



cerned with appearances than real relationships; maintaining
some invented set of standards at the expense of love.

Jesus knows his sheep and call's them by name, they listen and
follow him. Jesus does not just call us once. Jesus is continually
calling us into relationship with God through him. Are we
listening to his call, are we taking the time to listen? There are
times and places when we may feel we have lost our Good
Shepherd, this is a sentiment echoed today in many of our
communities as people seek direction in the face of tragic
events. God has not deserted us. Jesus continues to call us by
name, we just need to take the time to listen.

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

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am All Souls Bangalow

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Readings

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.

It is getting time to give the out the beanies & gloves if you have any please get them to Sue Williams so they can be divided up.

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 and 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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Biggest Morning Tea



On Friday 24th May we will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea in St Pauls Byron Bay. We need people to volunteer on the day to help set up/pack up, serve, wash up. We will also like people to bake goods as well. If you are interested please let Sue know. More information to follow.



Easter 4 B

Sunday 21 April 2024

Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

As we follow Jesus, we go with him to the synagogue to hear his teaching as he reveals wisdom and authority. We see Jesus answer cries to be made whole as unclean spirits depart obeying the Holy One of God. We walk with Jesus and continue to grow in knowledge that we may speak the words of God.

Lord, help us to move beyond words to actions. Amen. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.

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