

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

**Rector:**

Rev'd Canon Grahame Yager  
6684 3552

**Associate Priest**

Rev'd Brenda Yager

**Administration Centre:**

**Office Manager:** Anne Wareing

38 Stuart Street

Mullumbimby

Phone: 6684 3552

Email: [office@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au)

Office hours: 9am – 4pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Facebook: Anglican Parish of Byron

Website: [www.byronanglicans.org.au](http://www.byronanglicans.org.au)

**Office Support:**

Sue Williams

14 Kingsley Street

Byron Bay

Email: [admin@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:admin@byronanglicans.org.au)

Phone: 6684 3552

Office Hours: Wednesday 9am-3pm

Friday 9am-12.30pm.

**Wardens** Patricia Ellis (Rector's Warden),

Ian White, Laura East.

**Acknowledgement of Country**

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

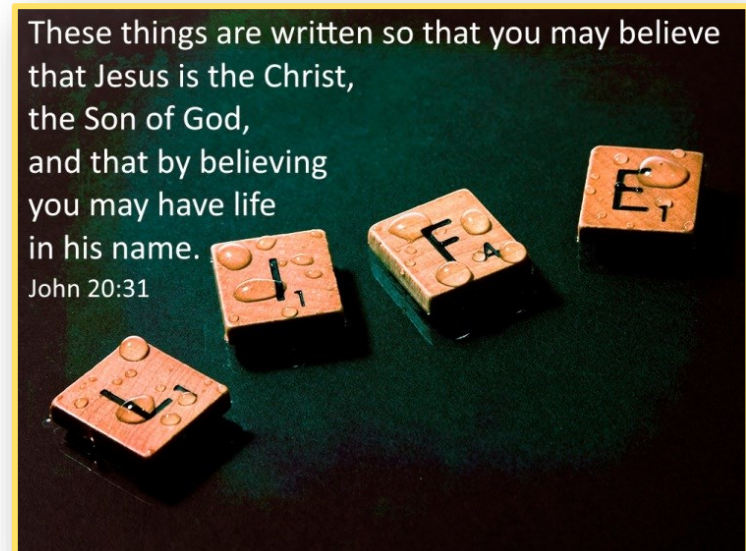
*We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



# Second Sunday of Easter

**7th April 2024**

## All are welcome



The Reflectory

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

## From Grahame

The Gospel according to John describes the encounter between the disciples and the risen Jesus differently to the other Gospel writers. John shows them more clearly as a group that believes they are beaten, hiding behind locked doors, in fear. They have just had their leader killed; the one they thought would conquer their oppressors. The disciples are in a bad way. This is not the way they thought it would be. When ever I reflect on this passage words from an Alex Lloyd song come into my mind "*we were never meant to fail*". Into this situation appears Jesus, alive, the risen Christ. Now Jesus tells them to get out and spread the good news, 'as the Father has sent me, I am sending you' (John 20.21). You can imagine them, you want us to go out there; or to place this in a more Anglican context perhaps - we've done that before and it didn't seem to work.

Jesus went out into the world and was killed. Jesus now calls his disciples to go out into the world - to be killed? This is why it is so important to worship on Good Friday and on Easter Day, it is too easy to focus on the cross as a sign of defeat and miss the victory. This is what that first group in the upper room were doing. We have the advantage of being able to look back from a future perspective, to shout at the disciples 'Christ is Risen Hallelujah'. Jesus transformed the cross, that most abominable of symbols, into a sign of hope. Jesus calls the disciples to go into the world with the hope of the resurrection, proclaiming a risen Lord and through faith in him draw others to share in the resurrection to eternal life.

Then Thomas arrives. We have an impression of faithful Thomas, as doubting Thomas because he dared to say aloud what everyone else was thinking. Just a little while ago he was the go-getter in the Lazarus encounter saying in John 11.16, 'let us also go, that we may die with him'. Where was Thomas that he had missed that first encounter with the risen Lord? He was not locked in the upper room.

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

## 7th April Second Sunday of Easter

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby

## 14th April Third Sunday of Easter

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

## Op Shop Opening Hours

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	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** The Bush Church Aid Society

**National Director:** The Reverend Greg Harris

**Regional Officer QLD/NNSW:** The Reverend Mike Uptin



## Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

## THE Diocese OF Bathurst

Bishop Mark Calder & Susan, Clergy and Laity

## The Parish of Casino

The Rev'd Canon Sally Miller & Ron, The Rev'd Ron Miller & Sally, The Rev'd Thea Archinal

## LLM

Robyn, Bev, Susan, Kerry.

## 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: Men's 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 Men's Shed is through grants and Fundraising so please help.

Was he the only one out doing something while the others justified their behaviour? Now he doubts. Thomas had been willing to die now he is being asked to live by faith and by doing so have life in the name of Jesus. Thomas had all his hopes and dreams invested in this ministry, now in the midst of his grief he is asked to believe again.

Sometimes I think we get so caught up in wishing things were different that we miss out on what we were actually working towards. Thomas with the others almost miss the point of all that had happened, the gift of eternal peace. As I said at the start the Gospel according to John sees things differently. John is different and that is alright with me. I particularly like John because he reminds me that it is alright to be different. Not better, not worse, just different. Thomas is different. When the rest were saying don't go to Lazarus or you'll be killed, Thomas says let's go. When everyone else is saying 'We have seen the Lord' Thomas for his own reasons as part of his individual journey, doesn't believe them. Jesus accepts Thomas's difference and appears again.

I have a lot of time for Thomas because there is a little Thomas in each of us. May we like Thomas say of Jesus, My Lord and my God, and go out as a people following a resurrected Jesus whose glory fills all creation. Peace be with you.

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

### 7th April Second Sunday of Easter

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

### 14th April Third Sunday of Easter

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

11am St Columba Ewingsdale

## Readings

### 7th April Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-22, John 20:19-31

### 14th April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-20, Psalm 4, 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6,

Luke 24:36b-48

## Parish News

### 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.

02 6684 3552, [office@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au)



### Easter 2 B

### Sunday 7 April 2024

Acts 4.32-37; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1 – 2.2; John 20.19-31

On this Sunday some years ago, I celebrated the eucharist for Iranian Christians in a refugee detention centre. The doors were locked because we had been made afraid of them. This place of torture was designed to keep out all signs of hope and

compassion. But guards and razor wire could not keep the risen Lord out. Bread was broken Christ had risen and was present with the world's most vulnerable people.

We pray for refugees, that that may find a safe home.

Give thanks for the work and witness of those people and organisations who help refugees and asylum seekers

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower, Director of Mission, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024