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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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

All are welcome



My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved
you
John 15:12

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

From Grahame

In our worship these weeks through Jesus' contemplations of the vine, we have an example of how we relate to God and to each other. By next Sunday in our pattern of worship we will have celebrated again the ascension of Jesus. So these are our instructions on how we live in the world after his resurrection and ascension, the last word if you like. For some this post ascension period means more waiting until Jesus will come again. For others this waiting period includes the realisation that we have been given something to do. God intends that our joy may be complete now.

In giving us our instructions, Jesus draws on imagery that relates in human terms. The vine keeper, the shepherd, the father, the mother gathering her chicks are all images that were relevant to those first disciples. What images do we have in our context? As the way families relate to each other has changed the imagery and role of mother and father in a family has changed. Shepherds do not as a rule watch their flocks by night. The tending of vines has become disconnected from our lives. What was once a community activity has become almost quarantined from us. What imagery speaks to us?

Our contemporary lifestyle appears to be preoccupied with maximum enjoyment for minimum effort. The more I have and the less I need to do to get it, the better my life will be. This is the promise of the advertisements we are bombarded by every day, almost everywhere we go. So, this joy of which Jesus speaks, this complete joy, what do I do to get that?

As we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Holy Spirit on God's people at Pentecost, it is timely to reflect that the Holy Spirit is not our tool or weapon to wield for our benefit; the Holy Spirit is God's guiding hand. We have all seen too much damage done as some try to bend the Holy Spirit to their will instead of bending to God's will by the Holy Spirit.

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

5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Paul Byron Bay

12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
11am	St Columba Ewingsdale

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 Overseas Aid
Chair Mr Thomas Craven

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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



THE DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

Bishop Rodney Chiswell & Jenni, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of The Bellinger

The Rev'd Anne Goode & Peter, The Rev'd David Morgan & Linda.

LLM

Dianne, Megan, Mike.

Local Prayer Focus

Jean Armstrong, 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:



Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Saving lives in our community!

What do we need to do? Jesus reminds us again this week – Love one another.

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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7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
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Readings

5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-12, John 15:9-17

12th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Parish News

The Anglican Parish of Eureka, NSW.

Christopher Gray has put together the history of the former Parish of Eureka and the five churches that at one time made up the Parish. For more information please see flier in each centre.

Cursillo Fire Day

Those who have attended Cursillo are invited to attend a **Fire Day** at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Tweed Heads. Saturday 11th May, 9.30am-3pm. The theme is "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 distributed.

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 @ 10am 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.



Amatori Choir

Amatori Choir are performing in St Martin's on Saturday 4th May 4.30pm and in All Souls' on Sunday 5th May 4.30pm. Tickets available at the door.

New Organ for All Souls' church



You may be aware that some months ago the organ at All Souls, which has served for many years in various locations, experienced a catastrophic failure. Parish Council has considered options and resolved to purchase A Clavis 224 digital organ from All Organs in Brisbane. The cost of the Clavis 224 is \$ 18 000.00 plus GST, with a 10 year warranty including lessons from All Organs on special features and follow up support from Brisbane.

If you would like to donate in support of this purchase, please use the parish direct deposit details using the reference 'organ' or contact Anne in the office to make other arrangements.

There is nothing quite like live music in worship. Thank you for your consideration.

Easter 6 B – Sunday 5 May 2024

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 15.9-17 or John 16.16-24

The believers accompanying Peter were astonished that the Holy Spirit was being poured out even on to the Gentiles who heard the word. This must have been truly shocking to them. When and how have we seen God throwing open the doors to the Church even wider in our own experience? How have we responded? In awe and wonder, or angry that God has done something new that we do not understand?

Pray for all whom the Church excludes, and pray that God will open the doors of our hearts and minds to be as welcoming as Christ would have us.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, remembering especially Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City.

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