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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

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st September 2024

## All are welcome



The Reflectionary

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

## From Grahame

Over the past weeks Jesus has been speaking to us through our Sunday readings, of the close relationship God wants to share with us. A closeness, in relationship terms, as close as the food we eat is to our bodies, absorbed by a body and fueling everything our bodies do. Jesus says his flesh and blood has become the fuel for our reconciled relationship with God – for ever. You may not remember, but the lead up to that statement was the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, which came about after Jesus and the 12 had left home because of the crowds who formed as Jesus and the disciples tried to catch up with each other about what had been happening. Today we are back at a meal, another opportunity to catch up on all that had happened and refuel for the next adventure.

The local Pharisees had been joined by the big guns, scribes from Jerusalem, who came looking to find fault. They attempt to discredit Jesus according to the Law. But Jesus knows the Law far better. It is not the Law which is in question but the interpretation of the Law which had been twisted to keep some in power while others were pushed aside.

Some of the concepts we read of in the Holy Scriptures each week are so alien to the lives we see lived out each day that it would be easy to ignore them, and we often do. The Pharisees and the scribes had become so inward looking that they failed to see the truth right in front of them. They had developed activities, rules and interpretations which made it impossible for the average person to be included. They had become obstacles between God's people and God. In response to this exclusiveness Jesus proclaims God's love. James Chapter 1, describes acts of love for one another as the *perfect law*. If we follow God's perfect law of love then even our self-serving base instincts may be turned to the good. We live in times when we are encouraged to focus on ourselves and do the best for ourselves at the expense of others. This is at best short sighted because the joy we find in this self-promotion culture is short sighted and short lived. In accepting into ourselves, and following, the perfect law of God's love we may

# 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 AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 12noon—2.30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

## 1st September Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

## 8th September Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC)

**Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

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

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks



## MINISTRY WITH THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Bishop Chris McLeod (Susan)

Aboriginal Clergy and Laity

## MINISTRY WITH THE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Torres Strait Islander Clergy and Laity

### Prayer

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other,  
You made us in your likeness,  
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.

He has given us forgiveness from sin.

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,  
together as your body, your church, your people.

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled, healed, forgiven

sharing you with others as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one

**Amen**

### Local Prayer Focus

Brett, Greg, Jean, 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.

at the same time do what is best for ourselves and for others, offering and receiving kindness and care. This is a Kingdom culture for eternity.

In living life according to God's perfect law, we become partners with Christ as God's reconciled people, encouraging all God's people to a better way. By living lives of love, loving ourselves and actively loving our neighbours, we act as signposts pointing the way to God, become part of God's timetable rather than just our own

Live lives which show God's love for all creation; be a signpost pointing the way to God through Jesus the Christ.

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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11am St Columba Ewingsdale

## Readings

### 1st September Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Songs 2: 8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-27,  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

### 8th September Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10,14-17,  
Mark 7:24-37

## Parish News

### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Want to give the gift of Christmas to a child who might not get anything? Shoe boxes can be filled with items for the child. Ages from 2yrs-14yrs boy or girl. Ideas for the shoe boxes are: something to wear, something to love, something special, something for school, or to play with and toiletries. If you are interested there are shoe boxes in St Paul's or use shoe boxes with a lid no bigger than a A4 sheet.

### Annual Leave

Rev'd Grahame and Brenda will be on annual leave from Monday 19th August. Rev'd Brenda will be attending this years NATSIAC Conference (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) in Cairns. This will be her first time as the Diocese Representative.

### AOK (Arts or Kraft) St Paul's Byron Bay

AOK group meets each Thursday in Byron Bay from 12pm starting with lunch.

### 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)

### Bangalow Playgroup

Playgroup started at the church hall in Ashton St Bangalow this month. Anyone with a preschool child is welcome to attend on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am for play for children and stimulating conversation for adults. Cost \$2 donation for morning tea.

### BCA Boxes

September is BCA Box month. Please bring in your boxes for Collection and counting.

## Ordinary Sunday 22 B Sunday 1 September 2024

Song of Songs 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

How do we keep ourselves "unstained by the world"? Through prayer and listening to Christ's voice above all others, especially the voices of the world that tempt us away from the voice of our Lord.

Make clean our hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us that we may seek to serve you in joy and gladness.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South-East Asia.

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"Hope25 is a project of the [Anglican Church Australia Mission and Ministry Commission](#) is to plan a season of Parish-based evangelism in 2025. **Hope25 – Hope in an Uncertain World** is that project."

We are being called to plan at least one intentional outreach event or activity as part of the HOPE25 national campaign, between Easter Day and Pentecost 2025. Now is the time to begin planning for this and is just one of the exciting things which will come out of our Ministry Area gatherings.

### Mission of the Month Bush Church Australia



BCA has a heart for people living in remote & regional Australia. Since 1919 staff & supporters around the country have been going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.