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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

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**25th August 2024**

## All are welcome



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

## From Grahame

This week in our Bible readings, Paul offers us a warning and some advice. The going may be tough so in our defence we should put on the whole armour of God. "Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God". You can picture the Christian soldiers putting on the armour. Remember the illustration of armour is a metaphor for God's protection of us. God wants us to rest in God's peace.

Many, many years ago while in the UK, I found myself spending quite a bit of time in the walled grounds of Canterbury Cathedral. I actually imagined that I would find fulfilment if I could retire as a verger at Canterbury Cathedral and spend my days just drifting about the buildings and the grounds, directing people to the right places and handing out orders of service. There is an atmosphere about the place that made me feel closer to God just being there. It is not just that it is a peaceful place in the middle of a busy city because I have been to St Peter's Basilica in Rome and many other city churches and not found the same peace. There was a sense of God's presence through the people living out their lives in the grounds, the staff, the people attending daily worship, the gate keeper the tourists and every one of them glad to be there. We say we are able to worship God under a tree and I agree with that and I have done that. We can also worship God in fellowship with other Christians, in a place dedicated to that purpose, and it can be very good. In Psalm 84, which is the Psalm set for this Sunday, we have the imagery of tough times in the dryness and we have the promise of life giving springs. Even when times are tough God is there. Psalm 84 is about

# 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

## **25th August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

11am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring and share Lunch

## **1st September Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

## **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 Buttery (Addiction and Mental Health rehabilitation centre)

**Chair:** Sandy Lockhart

**Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

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

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks



## THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Bishop Greg Anderson & Annette, Clergy and Laity

## The Parish of South Grafton

The Rev'd Aaron Coates, The Rev'd Jenny Parker & Ian.

## 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.

## Mission of the Month

### The Buttery



The Buttery assists people living with alcohol and substance misuse and mental health conditions to achieve recovery and rebuild their lives.

pilgrimage and the promise that at journeys end, as at every other stage of our pilgrimage, God is with us.

It would have been easy to stay in the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, the mother church of our branch of the faith, I could have claimed the authority of Holy Scripture for this, "better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere", but God called me back from a northern hemisphere winter into an outback summer and the worst drought in memory, and God blessed me, and God blessed those I met. Some are called to reflective cloisters for a time or a lifetime, most are called to put on the armour of God and model peace to a world in great need.

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

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Psalm 100:1-5, Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 9:35-10:8

### 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.

## 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.

While they are away LLM Laura East will be leading worship on the 25th August 11am in St Martins Mullumbimby and on Sunday 1st September LLM Mark Thornton will lead 9am in St Paul's Byron Bay.

### 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 morning from 9-11am for play for children and stimulating conversation for adults. Cost \$2 donation for morning tea.

## Ordinary Sunday 21 B Sunday 25 August 2024

1 Kings 8.1-6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;  
Ephesians 6.10-20 ; John 6.56-69

People have often said to me, in the midst of sorrow and struggle – how do people get through this, without faith? As Peter says in today's Gospel "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life".

We pray for faith to always turn to Jesus, everyday, in all things.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev'd Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev'd Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

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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.