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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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

22nd September 2024

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

When things aren't going the way we think they should, there is a temptation to turn on each other.

Things which in the good times we would normally not even think about become more important than they should. But the love and the grace of God in Christ Jesus is made particularly for the tough times. The disciples are no different to us in the way they react – after all they are regular people just like us. In our focus gospel passage this week, Jesus finds the disciples arguing over which one of them is the greatest. At one level this is understandable. Jesus had just announced he would die soon, so they are concerned about who will take over. They could argue that they were only engaged in responsible succession planning. But Jesus is still there, he is still among them and in their minds, they have already had the funeral and the wake, and moved on. They completely miss the world changing event which is taking place in front of them.

Jesus doesn't get angry. He explains about the importance of children. Again, context is important, crucial. Without context the creation changing Gospel of Jesus Christ becomes a feel-good story about being kind to children. In our, at least superficially, children centred culture it is hard to believe that children were the equivalent of the least. It would be inconceivable to us to feed ourselves and allow children to go hungry. But this was the reality. Jesus explains a contemporary example of the least in the culture of the time. An example so far outside the experience of most of us that we cannot even picture it. So, what is this all about? By bringing children to the centre stage, Jesus is including everyone. God's love is not just for the in crowd, the powerful or the trendy. God's love is for all.

For us this means asking who the marginalised and the powerless are in our culture, who are the ones Jesus would place in the centre of the group today?

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 12noon—2.30pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
22nd September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay
29th September Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
11am	All Souls Bangalow followed by a bring and share lunch.

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 Council of Churches
President: The Reverend John Gilmore

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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



THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Archbishop Kanisha Raffel & Cailey, Bishop Chris Edwards & Belinda, Bishop Peter Hayward & Julie, Bishop Gary Koo & Pearl, Bishop Peter Lin & Isobel, Bishop Malcom Richards & Elizabeth, Bishop Michael Stead & Felicity, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Orara Valley Anglicans

The Rev'd Ruth Pobjoy & Stan

LLM Susan

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



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.

Going the distance

Jesus went on to be killed as a dissident, a rebel, a nonconformist. Being a Christian is about welcoming God into our lives through Jesus the Christ every day. It's about placing Jesus at the centre, the dissident, the rebel, the nonconformist. When we welcome the marginalised, the poor and the homeless into our communities and into our lives we welcome Jesus and we welcome the God who sent him. Whether we admit it or not, we are people with power and means. We are looked to as people of influence. Jesus reminds us to be humble, to respond as if we were the marginalised, without power, and in that find the humility to serve our communities.

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

22nd September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

29th September Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11am All Souls Bangalow followed by a bring a share lunch

Readings

22nd September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:1-12, Mark 9:30-37

29th September Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:12-20, Mark 9:38-50

Parish News

Bishop's Visit

We are excited to welcome Bishop Murry Harvey on Sunday 29th September for his yearly Pastoral visit to the Parish. We will be having a bring and share lunch after the service. Please come and join us for this occasion

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.

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

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

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.

Parish Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donates food to the Parish Pantry. We are able to help around 10 people each week. Please keep the donations coming!

Ordinary Sunday 25 B Sunday 22 September 2024

Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37

What are you afraid to ask God for? As Jesus explained to the disciples He already knows about your worries, be accepting of this, just as children are.

In our prayer we reflect on the woman from Proverbs who has strength and dignity on her clothing, opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Text: Pamela Davey and the Rev'd Sr Jan Crombie SSA (ABM Board) © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024



*"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.