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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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

29th September 2024

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

Our focus passages of Scripture this week are two of my favourites. In James 5 - "let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no", and in Mark 9 - "Whoever is not against us is for us."

In a world where everything seems to be spin, half-truth and an almost pathological avoidance of responsibility, how refreshing would it be to be able to trust yes and no? The kingdom way of life calls us to prayerfully consider a situation, make a decision, and then to honour that decision to the best of our ability. In the Church's Sacrament of Baptism there is a moment called 'the Decision' where we publicly acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. If yes is the decision we make then our times of prayer become opportunities to reflect on our honouring of that decision. We then have an opportunity for some personal fine tuning and to seek guidance.

It seems the Church spends far too much time arguing about second order issues. John comes to Jesus, upset that someone else was exercising the ministry of Jesus without being part of the core group. This is a very telling episode because we have read in Mark chapter 9 verse 18 that the disciples had failed to do what an outsider had just done in the name of Jesus. Perhaps the disciples were too concerned with the group rules and not focused on the ministry to which they were called. There may have been some sour grapes involved here or simply that if they, the 'in crowd', could not get the job done, an outsider should not be allowed to even try. The disciples had made a decision to follow Jesus but were still working out how to live into their decision. They were still questioning. There is nothing wrong with asking questions. I believe to ask questions is healthy. The sad thing is when we become so caught up in questioning that we they lose the very faith we are proclaiming, and our faith is very definitely a first order issue. Don't waste time being so caught up in keeping

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 In recess.
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

29th September Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11am All Souls Bangalow followed by a bring and share lunch. Come have lunch with Bishop Murray.

6th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Martins Mullumbimby

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:

Diocesan Schools

Bishop Drutt College Coffs Harbour

Chair: David Ford

Principal: Canon Nick Johnstone

Chaplain: The Reverend Lisa Williamson

Clarence Valley Anglican School Grafton

Chair: Phillip Bonser

Principal: Karin Lisle

Chaplain: The Reverend Nicole Hagon

Emmanuel Anglican College Ballina

Chair: John Bryen

Principal: Robert Tobias

Chaplain: The Reverend Richard Browning

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Terranora

Chair: Dominique O'Neill

Principal: Stuart Marquardt

Chaplain: The Reverend Constantine Osuchukwu

St Columba Anglican School Port Macquarie

Chair: Heather Norton

Principal: Allan Guihot

Chaplain: The Reverend Jon Cornish



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.

the wrong people out that we place ourselves out instead.

Jesus called ordinary people. The journey of these ordinary people shows us that we too may be called by Jesus. The comfort of the Gospel is that if they can do it, so can we. The twelve had a rocky road, Peter himself took time before his 'Yes' could mean 'Yes'. In their defense they didn't know how things would turn out. We have the witness of the resurrection and we are able to empathise because that same struggle continues today, between holding on to judgement and punishment instead of living into the fulness of God's love. Let us hold God's love in ourselves, and be at peace with each other, being God's love for others. Without God's love we are like salt which is not salty. What good is that?

May all that we do and say be a help to the ministry Jesus calls each of us to and not a stumbling block. May our lives be a witness to the decision that we have made to accept God's love and follow Jesus. May we follow Kingdom values over worldly values and may our efforts always be undergirded by prayer as instruments of God's grace.

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

6th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Parish News

Bishop's Visit

We warmly welcome Bishop Murray and Leanne Harvey who join us for worship Sunday 29th September. We will be having a bring and share lunch after the service. Please stay and join us for this special occasion.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Want to give the gift of Christmas to a child who might not receive 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

In recess until the 17th October.

Ordinary Sunday 26 B Sunday 29 September 2024

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

Jesus encourages us to be aware of our own failings and do something about them rather than look to others' misdeeds. We are also encouraged to pray for one another, as a source of healing – for ourself.

We pray that we do have "salt in ourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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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.