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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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8th 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

Week by week we have heard again of the mounting pressures placed on Jesus. Jesus had been having a very busy time and each time he attempted to find some peace and quiet, the crowds would find him. This week we hear of Jesus heading toward the coast for a time-out. Jesus had been ministering in rural communities and market towns, among primary producers, family enterprises and also those who had fallen through the cracks of community. Now he travels to an export community on the coast. Perhaps in this foreign land, as a stranger, he can lose himself in the crowds as just a regular person for a while. It was not to be.

Once we accept God's call on our lives, our lives are never the same again. There is no time-out from God. We do need time-out from our everyday pressures. We do need times of rest and renewal. From the very beginning of God's Holy Word we are set an example by God of times of activity and times of rest each week. But it can be hard. The temptation to be indispensable, like all the temptations of this world, is strong and superficially attractive, and like the temptations of this world the 'need to be needed' is inwardly destructive.

As we navigate the demands of 24/7 society it is ever more imperative for us to take our Sabbath rest. This does not need to be on a Sunday, but it does need to happen regularly. One of the corruptions of some interpretations of Scripture was the idea that if I go to Church on Sunday, God's Day, I have fulfilled my commitment to God and I'll have the other six days for myself, thank you very much. This led to the attitude of having a part of our lives with God when we put on our best clothes and our best outward appearance and do God type things, and then the rest of the time we would do what? Ungodly things?

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

8th September Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

15th September Seventeenth 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:

Mission Church Missionary Society Australia (CMS)

Executive Director QLD/NNSW: The Rev'd Mark Fairhurst

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF BENDIGO

Bishop Matt Brain & Rachael, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Coffs Harbour

The Rev'd Nathan Dean & Anita, The Rev'd Canon Zoe Everingham, The Rev'd Carol Ford & David, The Rev'd Kassimiro Yanga & Edina.

LLM Bob, Elaine, David, Jennifer, Allan, Gae, Rob, Bob.

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.



Once we answer God's call on our lives we see God in every part of our lives. Not because God suddenly popped up out of nowhere like the latest media hype, because God has been there all along. What has changed is us, our awareness of God. Once we accept this, once we acknowledge that we cannot keep God in a box, not even a God box, we are able to truly see that our Sabbath rest is not about switching over and serving God one day a week, it is about serving God every day and also taking regular time-out with God for genuine rest and regeneration.

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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11am St Columba Ewingsdale

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Readings

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

15th September seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 2:18-26, Mark 8:27-38

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.

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

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 23 B Sunday 8 September 2024

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7.24-37

'Mercy triumphs over judgement' – we need to write this out and put on our bedhead so that we begin the day and end the day with this God-message in our hearts. How quick we are to move into comparison of people to the ideal we would like to be ourselves! Have mercy, and watch the world change.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, your beloved.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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.