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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.

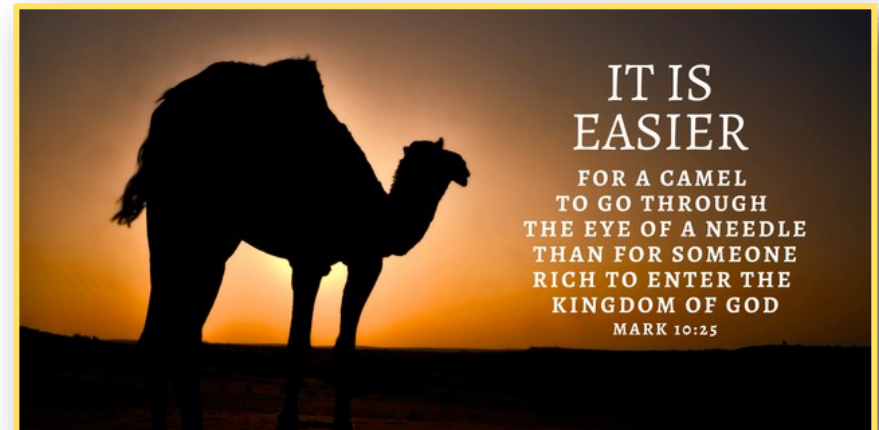


Byron Anglicans
We are one

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

13th October 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, our readings bring into focus our perception of God's presence and absence. Job is tempted to believe God to be absent at his most challenging times. The man questioning Jesus in Mark 10.17 is confronted by how God's presence impacts the way he had chosen to live his life. In the end the man, who had so much, rejected God's way and turned his back on Jesus; he turned his back on the one thing he needed before all else. This was a time very much like today. There were plenty of people who would tell you what you needed to do to have a better life. Today our media is full of people telling us their product will give us a better life. Our telephones buzz uninvited with people telling us we need their product to have a better life, and they can get quite annoyed if we don't agree with them.

The rich man of our gospel passage thought Jesus could provide easy answers to his problems, perhaps he thought Jesus would provide a way of getting around God. Jesus immediately brought focus back to God as the giver of all good things. After some preliminary questioning, Jesus invites the man into the circle of disciples. This is too much for the man, who was probably really just trying to pass the time until the market opened so that he could get some more new things. The man turned away.

God calls us into a discipleship which is sacrificial. It involves offering sacrificial hospitality to others.

The disciples were a little exasperated by Jesus' suggestion that more must be given. They believed they had done enough. I was like that. I was born at Dunedoo Hospital, baptised at the Anglican Church in Wellington, confirmed, and married in the Anglican Church, we had our children baptised and confirmed in the Anglican Church at the accepted times. I thought I was doing enough. I could see others doing more but I was okay, I was doing enough, until one day my Job experiences began. All these things seemed to happen to me and to my family for no good reason. How could God let these things happen? I was like the rich man who had done what

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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| TUESDAY | Mullumbimby closed until 22 October RSL Life Care Communion 10am |
| WEDNESDAY | Byron Bay 9am-3pm |
| THURSDAY | Mullumbimby closed until 22 October AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 10am |
| FRIDAY | Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby closed until 22 October |

13th October Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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| 9am | St Pauls Byron Bay |
| 11am | St Columba Ewingsdale |

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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| 9.30am | Parish Council St Pauls Byron Bay |
| 11am | St Pauls Byron Bay |

Op Shop Opening Hours

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| 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

The Anglican Board of Mission

Executive Director: The Reverend John Deane

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



THE DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

Bishop Richard Treloar & Dr Leanne Habeeb, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Kyogle

In Transition

LLM

Noel, Maurice.

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 - *This comes from the mission side of your tithe envelopes or if you direct deposit, please indicate in the reference. This month goes to:*

Liberation Larder. Since 2009, Liberation Larder has impacted the lives of thousands of people and our whole community by reducing waste and providing nourishment and support to our community's most vulnerable people, creating a better future for all.

was expected. I secretly thought I had done pretty well in the piety and works categories. I was alright so how could these things be happening to us?

Faith and commitment. The book of Job is about the ultimate example of faith and commitment. Jesus encounter with the rich man is about the same thing. When we have our Job times we have two choices, we may turn toward God or away. To turn away from God is death, it leads to eternal death and I have been to the edge of that abyss and looked in. To turn toward God means life eternal and I give thanks every day that Jesus led me to the decision to turn to God and choose eternal life.

It is in accepting the proposition that we may be last that we may be equipped to be first. The way of Jesus is sacrificial by the standards of this world. Why would anyone choose it? Because in being willing to give up what seems like riches we see them for what they really are, baubles and trinkets that will never satisfy. With our hands then emptied of these encumbrances we are free to reach out and accept God's all-embracing love through Jesus.

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

13th October Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

9am St Pauls Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Parish Council St Pauls Byron Bay
11am St Pauls Byron Bay

Readings

13th October Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9,16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-16,
Mark 10:17-31

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, Psalm 1-10,26, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10: 35-45

Parish News

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.

If you feel you are unable to complete a box but would to help some fillers would be great. The fillers could be :pencils, notebooks, toys, toothbrushes, etc.

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

Will recommence on Thursday 17th **10am** in St Pauls. Please note the new time.

Ministry Area of Byron

Our Ministry Area meetings have been well attended, which is encouraging as we seek to coordinate ministry across our five worship centres.

Our next meeting will be in St Martin's Mullumbimby on Saturday, 19 October, beginning at 1.30 pm.

Blessing of the Animals

Our Blessing of the Animals Service will commence 9 am, Sunday 27 October at All Souls Bangalow. All creatures great and small are welcome.



Little Brothers

Once again the Little Brothers have been busy making their Jams & Chutneys. Unfortunately the bees have let us down and so "no honey" as the native blossoms did not flower as much as last year.

The little Brothers have also sent copies of their Bush Telegraph. Please take one as they are always interesting reading



"Hope25 is a project of the [Anglican Church Australia Mission and Ministry Commission](#)

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. If you have any ideas, please speak to a member of our ministry team.