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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-Second Sunday after Pentecost

20th October 2024

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

In our Sunday Bible readings last week, Job challenged God, reminding God that Job had spoken a couple of times and was still waiting for a suitable reply. Job's challenge is that God might not be listening. In the reading from the Old Testament set for this Sunday, God replies, putting things in perspective. This is the creator of the universe Job has questioned. Who does Job really think he is? God was speaking the world into existence and separating land from sea before Job even knew what a piece of broken pottery was. God could have been excused for snubbing Job. God doesn't.

Psalm 104 reassures us of the greatness God. God does not leave Job.

Then we fast forward to Mark 10 to find that the lessons of Job have been forgotten. James and John, with the best of intentions, (they believe) give Jesus the compliment of offering to sit one on his right and one on his left. We assume they have worked out amongst themselves who will take the left and who will take the right, or perhaps that is an argument they intend to have later. James and John seek to take their perception of preference in the group into eternity. They just don't get it! Job questions the creator about the speed with which his petitions are answered and now the apostles are trying to get one up on each other for a place in Heaven. These characteristics are familiar to us, they are human characteristics, but we don't like seeing them in our Bible heroes any more than we like seeing them in the world around us today.

In Australia we have something called the tall poppy syndrome which is often misinterpreted. Considering someone a tall poppy is not about being down on someone because they have achieved. It is about resisting attitudes which attach unwarranted preference to someone, an extra entitlement, because they have achieved.

Job was tempted to believe his faithfulness entitled him to a special hearing, but once he started on that road his faithfulness was lost. James and John believed they were faithful servants of Jesus yet as soon as they thought this would give them special preference in the coming Kingdom, their faithfulness was lost. Each of us achieves in our own way, with the gifts we have received and how we are placed in the coming glory is a matter of faith.

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 10am
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

27th October Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9am	All Souls Bangalow Blessing of the Animals
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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

Anglican Consultative Council
Secretary General: The Right Reverend
Anthony Poggo

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

THE DIOCESE OF RIVERINA

Bishop Donald Kirk, Camryn.
Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Nambucca Valley

The Rev'd Peter Shayler-Webb & Claire, The Rev'd Leslie
Fotakis & Peter, The Rev'd Rosalin Johnson & Fred.

LLM

Lesle, Sheralee, David, Jan, Sue, Anne.

Local Prayer Focus

Pray for the Students, Supervisors as the HSC
continues.

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.



May we never forget that we are a team chosen by God. God's team,
and may we remain faithful members of it.

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

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

27th October Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9am All Souls Bangalow Blessing of the Animals

Readings

20th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

27th October Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6,10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:21-28,
Mark 10:46-52

Parish News

This morning we welcome Matthias Stickl, SRE teacher at Byron Bay High School who will be sharing with us about some of the work he has been doing this year.

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 like 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

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.

The renovation of the belltower at St Thomas Brunswick Heads is now complete.

Thank you to all who have worked together to bring this to completion and particularly Anne Waring, for her management of the project.

