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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.*



## 2nd Sunday in Advent

8th December 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

As we continue through the season of Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ, we hear again from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi. Paul's correspondence with the Philippians has a very different tone to some of his other letters, such as the letters to the Church in Corinth. The Philippians' seem to be doing well. There is a structure to the church. There are deacons and overseers working in partnership with God's people in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. What a team! They have taken to this new way, the Way of Jesus. They were actually living in Christ and Paul encourages them to continue. He does not want them to become complacent. Paul gives an assurance that the good works begun in them will find completion, even as he calls them to seek a deeper relationship with God and with each other.

What an amazing testimony of the peace which the Philippians were living into in their ministry, the ministry we are each called to.

Live by **Faith** Be **Love** Share **Hope**

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

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Mullumbimby 9am-4pm<br>RSL Life Communion 10am      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Byron Bay 9am-3pm                                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Mullumbimby 9am-4pm<br>AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 10am  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm<br>Mullumbimby 9am-4pm |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Advent Study Rectory Bangalow 5pm-6pm               |

## 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

|        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| 7.30am | St Thomas' Brunswick Heads |
| 9am    | All Souls Bangalow         |
| 9am    | St Martin's Mullumbimby    |
| 9am    | St Pauls Byron Bay         |
| 11am   | St Columba Ewingsdale      |

## 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

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| 9.30am | Parish Council St Martins Mullumbimby |
| 11am   | St Martin's Mullumbimby               |

## Op Shop Opening Hours

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Bangalow</b>    | Monday - Friday 10am-2pm<br>Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm |
| <b>Byron Bay</b>   | Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm                           |
| <b>Mullumbimby</b> | 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 Reverend 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

Lisa, 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

The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre

The MDNC offers free counselling through [Listening Space](#), food  
parcels through [Community Support](#), frozen meals, and the Coffee  
Cart, serving free tea and coffee daily. [Hot Showers](#), with all  
toiletries supplied, are available at the MDNC. [Gulganii Pantry](#)  
is open for affordable low cost food on Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday. Individual case management for flood affected people still  
runs through the [Recovery Support Service](#)



### Services

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9am St Martin's Mullumbimby  
9am St Pauls Byron Bay  
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

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9.30am Parish Council St Martins Mullumbimby  
11am St Martin's Mullumbimby

### Readings

#### 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-14, Song of Zechariah, Philippians 1:1-11,  
Luke 3:1-6

#### 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20, A Song of Isaiah, Philippians 4:4-7,  
Luke 3:7-18

### Parish News

#### Carols under the Poinciana





## Parish Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Food Pantry. Christmas treats are always a welcome addition to the food parcels at this time of year. Mince tarts, shortbread, mini Christmas cakes, sweets etc can make someone's day.

## Advent Study

An Advent study will be held at 5-6pm in the Bangalow vicarage commencing Sunday 8th December. This Study will take the place of the Taize Meditation for this 3 week period. The Study will be based on the Caravan Books which cover 'Incarnational stories set in an Australian Landscape'. Please phone 66843552 or email [office@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au) if you are planning to attend.



**Celebrate Christmas with  
The Anglican Parish of Byron**

**Sunday 8th December 11am**  
*St Columba Ewingsdale*

**Tuesday 10th December 6pm**  
*'Lessons and Carols'*  
*All Souls' Ashton St Bangalow*

**Christmas Eve 24th December 6pm**  
*'Family Christmas Extravaganza'*  
*All Souls' Ashton St Bangalow*

**Christmas Day 25th December**  
*7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads*  
*9am St Martin's Mullumbimby*  
*9am St Paul's Byron Bay*



The annual Bangalow Op Shop volunteers Christmas lunch provided an opportunity for the ceremonial ground breaking of the shop extension. During the 2022 floods it became apparent that the Bangalow Op Shop was uniquely placed to respond to the needs of the region in a crisis. Working in cooperation with other community groups, our volunteers went above and beyond in service to the community. What was also made apparent was the need for more space so that our volunteers and customers could interact in a safe environment. After more than two years of visioning and planning, construction is now underway and we give thanks for all who have worked so hard to navigate the process to this point.