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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

**19th January 2025**

**All are welcome**



Artwork Revised Common Lectionary

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

## From Grahame

In our worship this Sunday, we dip into the Gospel according to John again. As much as I have said Luke likes to set the scene for his storytelling, John uses every opportunity to show us signs, signs pointing the way to God. Perhaps one of the reasons I get excited about John is that we share an understanding of the miracles of Jesus as signs, pointing the way back to God through belief in who Jesus is and what God has accomplished for us through him. I read somewhere that the Greek word we translate as 'to believe', can be found in John's Gospel almost twice as many times as in the rest of the New Testament combined. John gives us every opportunity to believe.

At the beginning of chapter two we witness Jesus wrestling with what it means to flex his divine muscles at a wedding feast. The foundation on which God built the miracle of turning water into wine was a whole lot of believing. Mary had to believe Jesus could do something; Jesus, after first being a bit annoyed that he had been put on the spot by his Mum, had to believe he could do something. The servants had to believe in Mary's instruction and do what Jesus told them to do. Believe, have faith.

Wine was used as a sign pointing to something far greater. For a wedding feast the quality and quantity of food and wine would be talked about for years to come. They would be the part of the father's legacy. In the miracle of the wine Jesus points to something far greater than our human striving to have more than our neighbour. Jesus points to an abundance which is free of jealousy and striving. It is God's abundant and overflowing love, and the rush is better than any human wine, or drug.

I remember once going on a long country drive to meet a fellow I hadn't had anything to do with for probably 10 years. I was warned by people who knew him far better than I, to be careful. I had spoken to him on the phone to arrange to meet and I assured those who were concerned

# Weekly Happenings

**Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

## Services

### **19th January 2025 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

11am St Pauls Byron Bay followed by a bring and share Lunch

### **26th January 2025 Third Sunday after Epiphany**

9am All Souls Bangalow.

### **2nd February 2025**

9am St Martins Mullumbimby Combined service with Uniting Church

## **Op Shop Opening Hours**

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm 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:** SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)

**Australian National Director:**  
The Reverend Melinda McMahon

**Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team**

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

### THE DIOCESE OF PERTH

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy (Jeri)

Bishop Kate Wilmot

Clergy and Laity

### The Parish of Murwillumbah

The Rev'd Lyndon Mulholland & Anna,

The Rev'd Hilary Singleton & Paul.

**LLM:** David, Madeline.

## Local Prayer Focus

Tina, Mitch, Harriet and extended family, 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 for January

### Westpac Rescue Helicopter:

'Always there for the community delivering the highest standard of aeromedical and rescue services to those in need.'



that all seemed well. But they were unconvinced and remained concerned for my welfare, "no one could change that much", they said.

The person I met was thoroughly delightful to speak with and we spent some time catching up about what had happened in their life and what was about to happen. The young man did not try to hide what had concerned my advisors and was eager to tell me what had made the difference. Yes, the difference was Jesus. Anything is possible for God. Once we believe this, once we trust God and have faith in what Jesus has already done, we are transformed, families are transformed, as this young man's had been, and communities are transformed, not just enclaves of faithful, but whole communities.

In the humble act of providing for the needs of wedding guests Jesus opened heaven itself. At that time and in that place, Jesus revealed a glimpse of the heavenly banquet where our needs are met in abundance. A moment which could have meant catastrophe for the hosts and cast a pall over the newlyweds as they began their life together, became a story to be retold for thousands of years, a story of God's love.

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

**HOPE**25  
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

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### 26th January 2025 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Luke 4:14-21

## Parish News



**AOK** in St Pauls Byron Bay is in recess until February 2025. We look forward to seeing you then. The past year saw AOK complete quite a few projects including our Pentecost and Advent gifts to share, making for the first time, leaf bowls out of air dried clay, tea towel toppers, painting doves, rain makers, Anglican prayer beads and helping people finish other projects. An album of the history of St Oswald's. was also created New people are always welcome to join us.

## Welcome

This morning we extend a very warm welcome to Rev'd Judy Edwards who is leading worship today.

## Diocesan Ulyreya

Saturday 22nd February 2025 at Christ Church Cathedral Grafton. 9.30am Morning Tea for 10am start. BYO lunch. there will be a Cathedral service, plus the commissioning of the Cursillo team for this year. Theme "You are Mine & I am Yours"

## Parish Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Food Pantry. The on-going need for non-perishable items is always there but at this time of year it is even more present. So please leave non-perishable items at the centers or at the office in Mullumbimby.

## Ordinary Sunday 2 C Sunday 19 January 2025

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

Isaiah gives hope as he prophesies the restoration and vindication of God's people and that they shall again be beautiful and restored to God's intimate presence. In the gospel we hear of a different transformation. It's a sign which reveals God's glory as water is turned into the wine of gladness.

May our eyes be open to the signs of God's glory in the world around us, in miracles small or great.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.