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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

26th January 2025

All are welcome



Reflectionary

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

From Grahame

This week our focus passage is found in Luke 4. Throughout Luke's writings there is an emphasis on Jesus' ministry to the marginalised in society, those kept from relationship with God through one excuse or another. Jesus' revelation that he is the proclamation of the Lord's favour; he is the Jubilee year, removes these excuses so all may know reconciliation with God and with each other, knowing the peace which only God may give.

What does this mean for us? There is no point saying "the Church has become cut off from the people", "the Church should do more", "who does the Church think they are anyway?" Because you know what is coming next, don't you? The church is each one of us. So, if you want to know why the church is not doing this or that, ask yourself.

During Advent I challenged us to reflect on what God was teaching us about ourselves by the way others annoy us. Now I ask, what is God calling us to do and be through those things which have been drawn to our attention, those things yet undone? I believe the overarching concept is one I have spoken about before, are we here to help or are we part of the problem? Are we a people who help remove obstacles or do we prefer to put them up?

How can we make a difference? Visit that person you have been putting off visiting, make a phone call, even just make a choice not to be drawn into a negative attitude or perspective and see the world transformed by our behaviour, one action and attitude at a time. If we seek to stand with Jesus, we had best be a people seeking to learn how to be removers of obstacles. Do you think we could set a time when we might start doing this? Today! This is the day of the Lord's favour.

With every blessing
Grahame

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

Services

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

Bangalow	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Monday - Saturday 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:

Little Brothers of Francis (Tabulam)
Brother Wayne, Brother Howard,
Brother Geoffrey

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

THE DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA

Bishop Clarence Bester & Michelle.
Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Tweed Heads

The Rev'd Canon Dway Goon Chew & Leeza, The Rev'd Sue
Woodcock, The Rev'd Cameron Smith
LLM: Maria, Adrian, Deborah, Yvonne.

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.'



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



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9th February 2025 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Pauls Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

Readings

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

2nd February 2025

Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

9th February 2025 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Parish News

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"

Funeral

The funeral of Barry Hammond was held in St Martin's church on Thursday 23rd January. Barry was a long time Parishioner of the Mullumbimby Parish and a much loved member of the Mullumbimby wider Community. Please keep Barry's family in your prayers at this sad time.

Parish Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Food Pantry. The on-going need for non-perishable items is always there and your generosity is appreciated. Goods can be left at the Parish churches or at the office in Mullumbimby.

Annual General Meeting

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 23rd February. If you are responsible for submitting reports for inclusion in the Annual Report these are now due. Please forward them to office@byronanglicans.org.au as soon as possible.

My teacher always said not to worry about correct spelling, because we have autocorrect.



And for that I am infernally grapefruit.

Australia Day Sunday 26 January 2025

Jeremiah 29.4-14; Psalm 33.12-21; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-24;
John 8.31-36

Today's scripture readings offer a vision of some of what makes for peaceful living in society. Having families and planting gardens are signs of stability. Seeking the welfare of the city, and so on. But these are no easy answers, and today's commemoration should sharpen our sensitivity to the needs of all, the common good, and particularly to the cries of those who have most often suffered oppression.

Pray that in celebrating our national identity our eyes are opened ever wider to see all who have suffered, that we work together for the common good of all.

Give thanks for the work and mission of Episcopal Relief and Development, based in the USA.

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