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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.*



## **Presentation of Christ in the temple**

**2nd February 2025**



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

## From Grahame

Imagine living in a world where we looked at each other and saw people, just people, striving to do our best. There seem to be an infinite number of categories we can use to distinguish and define a person, but imagine if we were satisfied with just seeing people? A little while ago, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington preached on unity in Christ. In her sermon she mentioned some foundations for this unity including, "*honoring the inherent dignity of every human being*". Unfortunately, we too often look for difference instead of unity and history teaches us that when we seek to define people our purposes tend to be less than honourable. Imagine living in a world where we looked at each other and just saw people, fellow pilgrims on the way.

The Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr, less than 2 months before my birth, spoke of his dream of a world where it was our character which counted, defined by the way we behave toward each other. It seems that even this noble goal has the potential to be corrupted. What can we do where can we find a solution? For me the answer is in Christ Jesus. In our focus passage this week from Hebrews chapter 2, the writer reminds us that through Christ we are reconciled to God and each other. Through Christ we are one. Imagine a world like that. Well we can do more than imagine such a world, we can live in it, because we are called to be one in Christ, now.

As our young people and their teachers and families begin a new school year, we pray there will be respect for the dignity of every human, and that we may show kindness, and compassion as we journey patiently together.

With every blessing  
Grahame

# 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

### 2nd February 2025

9am St Martins Mullumbimby Combined service with  
Uniting Church

### 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

## 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

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC)

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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



### MINISTRY WITH THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Bishop Chris McLeod & Susan, Aboriginal Clergy and Laity

### MINISTRY WITH THE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

Torres Strait Islander Clergy and Laity  
Please pray for the process of reconciliation in our diocese and in our nation.  
Pray for the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.

### 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.

For the Teachers, Support Workers, and Students as they prepare to go back to School. 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 February

**Fletcher Street Cottage:** Fletcher Street Cottage is a welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are doing it tough can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find meaningful connections and access broader support to get back onto their feet.

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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## Readings

**2nd February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
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

We warmly welcome Reverend Murray Fysh who will serve as an honorary deacon in the parish with particular care for the St Martin's Mullumbimby community of faith.

We also thank our sisters and brothers from Mullumbimby Uniting Church for the gift of their sharing worship with us today.

During worship we will pray God's blessing on all those returning to school.

## Vocations Sunday

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, a time to reflect on God's plan for you. Vocation is what you are called by God to be and do. Everyone has a vocation. What is yours?

## 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"**

## 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](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au) as soon as possible.

Nominations for Parish Positions for 2025 are now open. If you wish to nominate for Parish Council or Church Warden please complete the Nomination form and return it to the parish office or email it to [office@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au) Forms are available in all the worship centres and from the Parish office.

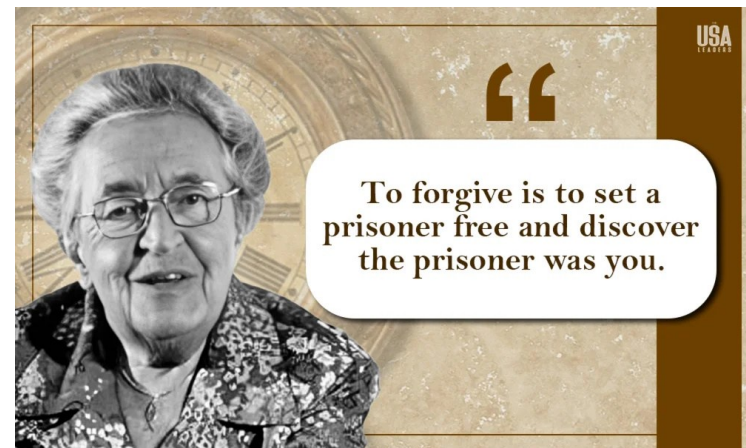
## The Hive Playgroup



The Hive Playgroup will recommence at All Souls' Bangalow in 2025 on Saturday 8th February from 9.30am. We are looking forward to welcoming back families in 2025 for another term of stories, songs, and yummy treats. If you have young people in your family, or know of any children (all ages are welcome!) who might like to come and enjoy games, activities and lots of fun, please keep Saturdays from 9:30am free.

## Sunday Sanctuary Meditation

Sunday Sanctuary Meditation recommences at All Souls' Bangalow in 2025 on Sunday 9th February. Sunday Sanctuary is a Sunday evening meditation beginning at 5pm. After a wonderful start at the end of 2024, this term we will be gathering together in All Souls' for live music, Taizé-inspired and contemplation. Sunday Sanctuary is the perfect way to cultivate stillness and calm in preparation for the challenges of the week ahead. We hope to see you there!



The reflectionary