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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

16th February 2025

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

Jesus lived, died, was raised, and then ascended. This is foundational to our faith in Christ. No argument there. Well there was in the early Church, and don't go looking to hard today, because I am sure you could find an argument even now. This Sunday we continue to journey with the Church in Corinth. Some at Corinth were doubting the resurrection of the dead, so Paul sent off an epistle to try and help. The Corinthian followers of Jesus seemed to be able to accept the resurrection of Jesus, but struggled with this being open to others.

In Luke we are contemplating the sermon on the plain. The beatitudes and woes saying of Jesus at the bottom of the hill by Luke's account. Jesus gathered disciples and continued to teach God's good news. This good news is for all people, especially those who are marginalised; those whom the biased and prejudiced structures of the powerful attempt to exclude from God's resources, and most horribly attempt to exclude from God's love.

Jesus came among us and did amazing things, amazing things with and for all people. Jesus did amazing things then he turned to his mates and said, 'you can do this too'. Jesus healed people and said to his mates you can do this too'. Jesus drove the torment from people's lives and said 'you can do this too'. Jesus walked a path through death to life eternal and said 'you can do this too'.

I have a feeling the real issue in Corinth was not about the resurrection of the dead at all. I have a feeling the issue was that if they accept the resurrection of the dead they would need to also accept God's forgiveness, grace, mercy and love for all people. For some, this can be hardest of all.

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 AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 10am-12noon
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
Sunday	Parish Council All Souls 9.30am Sunday Sanctuary Meditation 5pm

Services

16th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

11am All Souls Bangalow followed by a bring and share lunch

23rd February Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9am St Pauls Byron Bay
10.30am AGM

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:

MISSION

MU Australia

President Dr Robin Ray

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF Newcastle

Bishop Peter Stuart & Nicki, Bishop Charlie Murry & Melissa, Bishop Sonia Roulston, Clergy and Laity

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The Rev'd Michael Ridge.

LLM Jo, Beverly, Sue.

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 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

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23rd February Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11,15, Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50, Luke 6:27-38

Parish News

Diocesan Ultireya

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.

The Hive Playgroup



The Hive Playgroup meets at All Souls' Bangalow on Saturday mornings from 9.00—10.30am. Term 1 is underway and 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 come along.

Sunday Sanctuary Meditation



Sunday Sanctuary Meditation is on at All Souls' Bangalow on Sundays at 5pm. Join us for live Taizé-inspired music, 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!

Ordinary Sunday 6 C Sunday 16 February 2025

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20;
Luke 6.17-26

St Luke reports to us today that Jesus announces what appears to be a topsy-turvy world, one where the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful and the hated will be blessed by God – unlike the rich, the ones with full bellies, the ones who now laugh, and the well-regarded. This explanation of how God wants the world to work should cause us all to ask ourselves how we, individually and corporately, can create space for the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful and the hated to be welcomed among us.

Pray that we can become ever more inclusive, both personally and as a Church.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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Why are Sherlock
Homes' taxes so low?

He's a master
of deduction!

