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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

**6th April 2025**

**All are welcome**



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

## From Grahame

This week our focus passage from John 12 describes a special gathering held in honour of Jesus in Bethany. The guest of honour is there, Mary and Martha are there, Lazarus is there, the disciples including Judas are there. There is tension in the room. Judas had been stealing, Martha had been baking and Mary sat at the feet of Jesus. Then Mary let down her hair – you can hear the intake of breath – outrageous, does this girl have no shame; Mary pours perfumed oil over the feet of Jesus and wipes his feet with her hair. Talk about awkward moments. Even by today's standards this would be an outrageous act. It may be impossible for us to comprehend such an act of pure love and devotion to God made flesh.

Judas breaks the spell. Thinking he is on safe ground, he puts the appeal of the poor. In hearing the response of Jesus those gathered must have thought they misheard. What would you have done? Who are you in that gathering? Are you Martha baking, baking, food will make things better, hospitality will hold us together? Can you empathise with Judas, juggling the conflicting commitments of providing for the group and still managing to give something to the poor out of an unstable income? What went wrong in all that for Judas? Could you have shown the extravagant love Mary did? Abandoning everything for God? Are you part of the silent majority waiting to see what happens next? Maybe hoping for another dust-up, maybe hoping everyone will just calm down and get on with each other? What are we to make of the suggestion about the poor?

Is this back to a two commandments issue? Is there anything which is not? Is Jesus telling us it is through our devotion to him the needs of the poor will be met? Love God first, then love each other, show this love by sharing resources. God has provided for all, that's not the issue. What does the realisation of this mean for you?

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm RSL Life Communion 10am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay 9am-3pm Lenten Study St Pauls Byron Bay 1-2pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm Coffee with Murray 10am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow 5pm

## 6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay.

## 13th April Palm Sunday

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9am	St Pauls Byron Bay.

## Op Shop Opening Hours

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Monday - Friday 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

The Church Army in Australia

### Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

### The Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Garry Weatherill, Clergy and Laity

### The Parish of Byron Anglicans

The Rev'd Grahame Yager, The Rev'd Brenda Yager,

The Rev'd Murry Fysh & Wendi.

**LLM:** Laura, Merle, Irini, Mark.



## Local Prayer Focus

Carol, Neil, 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 March :

The Men's Shed Bangalow

It a place where men can meet, chat, learn in a safe and unjudgmental space.

### Shed Activities

Wood work training, furniture repairs, toys, various bird boxes and feeders, possum boxes, house and garden furniture, personal projects, community projects, fun and connection!

Hope25 is about holding onto hope and encouraging others through sharing messages of hope in an uncertain world, messages of God's love and the love of God's people. May we be encouraged on our faith journey by simple and extravagant messages of hope.

Hope4Bryron25

With every blessing,

Grahame



Hope25 is getting closer. You will remember Hope25 is a call on every Anglican Church in Australia to hold at least one dedicated outreach event or activity between Easter and The Day of Pentecost this year, proclaiming hope in an uncertain world. We know the hope of God's love and this is yet another encouragement and opportunity for us to share it.

## Services

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### 13th April Palm Sunday

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11am St Columba Ewingsdale

## Readings

### 6th April Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:3-14, John 12:1-8.

### 13th April Palm Sunday

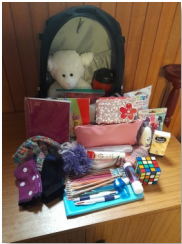
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-18, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

## Parish News

### Beanies and gloves for the disadvantaged

Once again we will be supplying beanies and gloves to those in need. They will go through the Neighbourhood Centre in Mullumbimby, The Liberation Larder, The Fletcher Street Cottage, the Parish Office, The Op Shop in Bangalow and St Paul's Byron Bay. If you would like to knit or crochet them we have plenty of wool in St Paul's please let us or call in and get some, plus I have easy patterns too. Last year we gave out 139 Beanies and 99 pairs of gloves. These small gifts make a wonderful difference to the receiver.

### Backpacks for Kids



We have been approached by the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre to help put together backpacks for children escaping domestic violence or are in need. If unsure of what to buy a donation of money would be appreciated. Rev'd Brenda will be taking them over on the fourth Wednesday of each month. This is a image of what goes into to a backpack for the children.

### 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!

### Guess who came for Coffee?



On Thursday morning we had our first coffee morning. The guest speaker was Marie from Eden at Byron nursery. Marie gave an interesting talk on the Fire Ants problem that is plaguing Queensland. She gave us a handout with information regarding them. You can get a copy in each centre. We had our gardening problems answered. Everyone that attended enjoyed the morning with delicious food and good company. We look forward to holding more.

### Coffee with Murray

A coffee gathering will be held each Thursday, 10.00am at Paseyo coffee shop which can be found on the corner of Stuart and Tincogan streets Mullumbimby. It is hoped this might be an opportunity for people to meet, share their story and build relationships. This will be an ongoing weekly event that friends and neighbors can be invited to.

### The Hive Playgroup



Saturdays at All Souls' Bangalow in from 9.30am. Come along and enjoy 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.