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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.



17th August 2025

All are welcome



Image by Rev'd Grahame

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

From Grahame

'Fire to the earth', son against father, mother in-law against daughter in-law'. In our focus passage from Luke 12 this week, Jesus presents his unhappy face in speaking about how faithfulness can cause division. But Jesus is all about reconciliation so what's going on?

Let's go back and check with the foundational teaching of Jesus in the two great commandments – love God and love each other. It is in our willingness to put God first that we are able to be truly reconciled to our neighbour in love. Life under the law sought to find perfection in obedience and the fruit of this was a flawed relationship between God and God's people. The life God provides through God's love in Jesus the Christ conquers all, removes all obstacles and offers reconciliation to all. The law is fulfilled in the cross of Christ, and the promises of God to us are fulfilled in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

The invitation and the promise which Jesus extends to all is that in standing strong in the faith we may be reconciled to God and in so doing find reconciliation with each other. If we are angry with our sister or brother, father, mother or friend or acquaintance or enemy, before we begin the destructive path of judging and dragging the other person down – pray and reflect about what it is that needs attention in our relationship with God, what is keeping us from living into the relationship with our creator that Jesus died that we might have. Through this process we find reconciliation with each other so that all creation may benefit. When we love God first everything else finds its proper relevance.

We are bombarded by messages which emphasise division. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant. As I have said before, you could gather a nice angry group by focusing on division, you could gain a lot of financial support for that. Is that what Jesus is saying? Let's check it against our foundational passage again. How does this fit with loving God and loving each other? In my reflective reading I came across a description which stayed with me. It was about seeking campfires of kind and gentle Christian people. The campfire in our southern winter creates an image of a place of warmth

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm

THURSDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm
More than Coffee St Paul's Byron Bay

FRIDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm
Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm

SATURDAY Hive Playgroup Bangalow 9-10.30am

17th August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Parish Council St Pauls Byron Bay

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

5pm Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow

24th August Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

5pm Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Monday - Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Bay Monday - Friday 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

Anglican Cursillo Movement

National Lay Director Mr James Warland

National Spiritual Advisor Rev'd Jane Lamont



Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of North Queensland

Bishop Keith Joseph, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Maclean

The Venerable Kay Hart & Alan, The Rev'd Canon Judy Edwards & John, The Rev'd Lenore Parker.

LLM

John, Cristina, John, Gwynne, Wendy, Gay.

Local Prayer Focus

June, John, Sophie, Anna, Jean, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District
Neighbourhood Centre, Ministry of Byron Bay &
Mullumbimby Christian Education.

Bulletin News Items For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward items to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552
Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

Mission of the Month for August: The Buttery.

The Buttery assists people living with alcohol and substance misuse issues and mental health conditions to achieve recovery and rebuild their lives.

when we are cold, a place of light and safety from the wild and violent ideas out there in the darkness. I think we have enough places in the world gathering people to be angry and strident. Maybe we could be part of offering an extra place of warmth, safety, calm and peace. This will be controversial. This will have the potential to cause division. Not everyone will feel happy to journey with us. But if we have heard Jesus, if we seek to be guided by God's Spirit, we don't really have a choice. This means all who seek to come to God are welcomed and loved as a starting point. God's love is for all. In what ways are our attitudes, actions and language witnessing to this truth? In what ways do we show the world that we offer a safe place to be and grow?

With every blessing,
Grahame

Services

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Readings

17th August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12: 49-59

24th August Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Parish News

Coffee with Murray



Join Murray for coffee Thursdays 10am at Paseo Café in Mullumbimby.

Communion at RSL Life



While visiting the home on Tuesday there was a surprise visit from Hephner the Alpaca. His claim to fame is that he sneezed on King Charles. Rev'd Brenda and Ellen got their photo taken with him.

Stamps

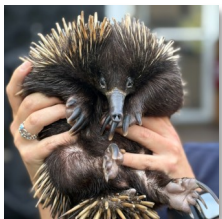
ABM collects stamps to help fund their important work. Please when you are going through your mail cut off your stamps with approx. a 2cm boarder around it, these can be left in any of our centres. They are then taken to a ABM representative for collection.

"More than Coffee" AOK St Paul's Byron Bay

We are changing the name of AOK to "More than Coffee".

We meet every Thursday during School terms for Arts and Crafts from 10am-12noon. All are welcome to join us for coffee and a chat, with craft included.

Guess who is coming to Coffee



What a fascinating visit with Tahnee from Byron Bay Wildlife hospital! We are grateful to her for taking the time to come and speak to us and grateful too for the wonderful work they do caring for our native wildlife. Thank you to those involved in organizing this event.

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!

Hive Playgroup



The Hive Playgroup meets on Saturday mornings at 9.00am in All Souls' hall. 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 spread the word.

ABM Pew Reflection

Friends of ABM Reflecting on various themes.

My own first memory of ABM was meeting Bishop Ken Mason in the early 80s when he was also Bishop Protector for the Society of St Francis, the Anglican Franciscan order. ABM has had a long connection with the Franciscan Brothers – particularly because of our brothers in PNG and Solomons, and also Korea and elsewhere. Many of our older brothers knew and worked with ABM missionaries in PNG, 'back in the day'. We work under different arrangements, different structures – but at grassroots level we are all people who have a passion for the gospel and for helping build up local church ministries and programmes. To me, ABM feels like a family connection. Brother Christopher John SSF

