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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.



3rd August 2025

All are welcome



FRIAR MUSINGS

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

From Grahame

Do we live as if God exists? Do we live as if Jesus died for us? Or do we live like this is all there is and so we had best get our fair share?

In our focus passage from Luke 12 this week, a voice from the crowd seeks what he believes is his fair share of the family's wealth. Deuteronomy 21 verse 17 says that the first born receives a double portion of his father's inheritance so in fact the voice in the crowd is asking for more than his accepted entitlement. It seemed to many that Jesus had been going around reinterpreting the laws and so the chancer in the crowd perhaps thought he might receive a sympathetic ruling. Jesus seems to reject the premise of the question and turns the table to speak of the danger of greed in the parable of a rich man. The rich man believed he had 'made it'. Instead of looking forward to a long retirement, God tells the man he is foolish because that very night his life will be forfeited. The implication is that it is not only the man's body that will be lost but his very soul, because he has given up his faith in God and placed his faith instead in material riches and the pursuit of the easy life.

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Jesus didn't seem to think much of this idea of a fair share. Jesus said things like 'if you have two of something give one away', he said things like 'be kind to people who are mean to you', he said things like love those people around you as if they were a part of you', because they are. When we hurt others, we hurt ourselves; when we pile up riches for ourselves while at the same time seeing others go hungry, we are not rich in God's sight and we are headed for disaster as individuals, as community, as a species.

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With every blessing,
Grahame

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 AOK St Paul's Byron Bay
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
SATURDAY	Hive Playgroup Bangalow 9-10.30am

3rd August Eighth 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

10th August Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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11am	St Columba Ewingsdale
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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 Communion and the Crown Nominations Commission as they undertake the discernment process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury



Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Anglican Church of Australia

Archbishop Geoffery Smith & Lynn, **General Secretary** Anne Hywood, General Synod Office Staff, The General Synod and the and the standing Committee

The Parish of Alstonville

The Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman & Marius, The Rev'd David Angus & Cathy, The Rev'd Doug Bannerman & Anne, The Venerable Greg Ezzy & Del, The Rev'd John Kidson & Chris, The Rev'd Geoff Vidal & Carol.

LLM

Barbara, Susan, Charlie, Mark, Anne.

Local Prayer Focus

Tina, Mitch, Harriet & extended Family, 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

Services

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Readings

27th 3rd August Eight Sunday after Pentecost

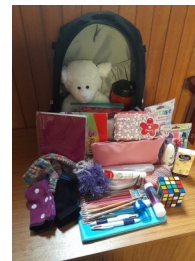
Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

10th August Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24,
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Parish News

Backpacks for Kids



The Neighbourhood Centre Mullumbimby urgently need help in filling backpacks for children escaping domestic violence. We have a list of items that can be included in the backpacks. Please ask us if you are unsure. Donations of money would also be welcomed. Rev'd Brenda will be taking them over on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Homelessness Week 4th –10th August

The theme for 2025 is '**Homelessness Action Now.**'

During the week homelessness services and community groups raise awareness of the impact of homelessness, and the solutions needed to end homelessness, and advocate for change via national and local community events, media and social media activities. As part of Homelessness Week, Fletcher Street Cottage are holding a morning of activities on Wednesday 6th August from 10am. Rev'd Brenda and Sue will be taking a selection of warm clothing from our Op Shops to the Fletcher Street Cottage for the clients to get some warm clothing.

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 border around it, these can be left in any of our centres. They are then taken to a ABM representative for collection.

AOK St Paul's Byron Bay

AOK meets every Thursday during School time for Arts and Crafts from 10am-12noon. All are welcome to join us for coffee and chat, and craft included. Second week we will be making more blankets for the homeless. If interested please come along for every 2 people we can make one blanket.

Beanies and gloves for those in need

Beanie and gloves are being made and distributed to those in need. If you would like more information and be involved please talk to Sue

Coffee with Murray

Murray is away at the moment. Coffee with Murray will recommence on Thursday 14th August.

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.

Guess who's coming for coffee?

**Byron Anglicans present:
Guest Speaker Tahnee from
Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital**

*Come along to hear about how the
hospital cares for our injured and
sick native wildlife.*

**Thursday 14th August
10-11.45am
St Paul's 14 Kingsley St
Byron Bay**

**Entry by Donation
All Funds raised go
to Byron Bay
Wildlife Hospital**

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