

The Clergy, Wardens and Office welcome your enquiries and calls.

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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

11th January 2026
All are welcome



Freepik

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

From Grahame

Following the great celebration of the birth of Jesus, last week we remembered the revealing of the significance of this for whole world in the arrival of travellers from the east, who are said to have been wise men. This week we jump to Matthew chapter 3 and the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan, a humble act of faith and turning point in the intentional ministry of Jesus.

Have you found that we humans are really good at twisting things around to suit ourselves? Even Christians... even in speaking of faithfulness. We praise each other for our faithfulness, while quietly or not so quietly hoping that our faithfulness is worthy of the same praise. If we sign up for this rollercoaster ride the dip which surely follows once we put on our seemingly inevitable judgement hat, is that we start to believe we see people that are not measuring up, not faithful enough. We begin to forget how we got to where we are, we begin to believe we did it on our own, we begin to believe we can do it all on our own.

The truth is we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We did not accomplish our coming into being by ourselves and each of our achievements since has been aided or hindered by our relationships: our relationships with each other, our family, our community, and our most important relationship, our relationship with God.

If we stay on the rollercoaster we may fool ourselves into believing that even our salvation is accomplished solely by our act, our decision, our faithfulness, forgetting that it is in fact the faithfulness of God by which we are saved. The faithfulness of God in Christ Jesus, humbly submitting to be baptised by John and living the fully human, simple, everyday life. Then in submitting even to die so that in being raised we may have confidence in the promises of God. We have our part. Yet we can never be free of God's love. Whatever our decision, God's love, God's faithfulness remains. It is by God's faithfulness to us that we may be saved.

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
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12pm
SUNDAY	11am St Martins Mullumbimby, followed by a bring and share lunch

Op Shop Opening Hours

The Mullumbimby Op Shop will be closed till the 19th January.

Bangalow

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

Byron

Monday—Friday 9am—1pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron
BSB: 705 077 Account: 00041263

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission Vicar of Bangkok

Vicar The Rev'd Matthew Fitter & Guen



Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Rockhampton

Bishop Peter Grice & Virginia, Clergy and Laity.

The Parish of Northern Beaches Anglicans

The Rev'd Simon Reeve & Alison, The Rev'd David Hanger & Leone, The Rev'd Pam Stone

LLM

Stephen, Christine.

Local Prayer Focus

Kerrie, Leonine, Darrel, Murray, Brian, June, John, Sophie, Anna, 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, The Fletcher Street Cottage, 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

Sunday Services

11th January Baptism of our Lord

9am All Souls Bangalow

18th January Epiphany 2

11am St Martins Mullumbimby

25th January Epiphany 3

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Readings

11th January Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

18th January Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

25th January Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1-10, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

Parish News

Annual General Meeting

The time has come for the parish to elect new Wardens and Parish Councillors and Synod representatives. Parish Council is the body responsible for the governance of the Parish. Please consider prayerfully if you would like to serve in one of these positions. Speak to Grahame for more information. Nomination forms will be available from each centre. The AGM is on 15th February 2026 following the 9am service in All Souls' Bangalow. Now is the time for those who submit reports to start writing them. Please submit to Anne in the office by 25th January office@byronanglicans.org.au.

Services in Recess in December/January

All Soul's Church Friday Hive Unwind & Sunday Hive @ 5pm All Souls Hall Family Fellowship will be in recess until February

Spirituality Space St Martins Mullumbimby is in recess until February.

More than a cuppa will be in recess until February

Sentence

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' Matthew 3.17

Pray of the Day

Spirit of energy and change,
in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope of the nations:
be poured out also upon us
without reserve or distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength
to implant your justice on the earth;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Valente, Liz. Baptism of Jesus, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59319> [retrieved January 8, 2026]. Original source: Liz Valente, <https://www.instagram.com/donalizvalente/>.

Back to school backpacks



The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre have asked for our assistance in providing back to school backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need. We are seeking donations of backpacks, pencils, pens, rulers, pencil cases, glue sticks, coloured pencils, note books etc. Please give all donations to Reverend Brenda and speak to her if you have any questions. Thank you.

Op Shops

A huge thank you to all our wonderful Op Shop volunteers across our three shops who give their time so generously. We are grateful to you. Over the Christmas break the Bangalow and Byron Bay Op Shops were open in a limited capacity. The proceeds from the Bangalow Op Shop for this period will be donated to Refugee Legal and the proceeds from the Byron Bay Op Shop will be donated to the Women's Space at Fletcher Street Cottage. Your generosity benefits people in need in our community.

Mission of the Month for January: Bush Church Aid



Bush Church Aid is all about Aid to the Church in the Bush; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia.