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Acknowledgement of Country

*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people,
traditional custodians of this land.*

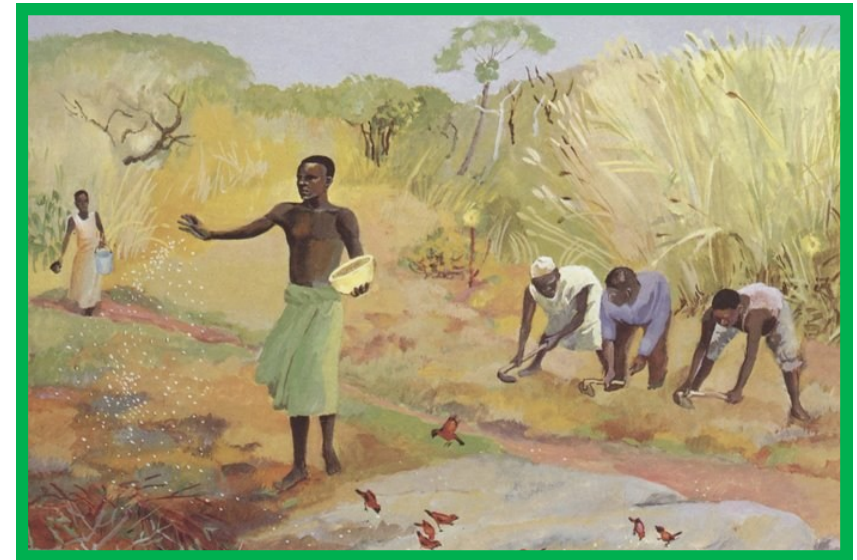
*We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and
present.*



Byron Anglicans
We are one

12th July 2026

All are welcome



JESUS MAFA

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

From Grahame

Today Jesus shares with us in Matthew 13, a parable which leads to a question. If the seed is the Gospel, what type of ground am I? Jesus spoke in parables to those who followed him. They were beginning to experience glimpses of the coming Kingdom, they were beginning to be transformed. For them the parables were ways of questioning and having a conversation about topics that might otherwise have seen them nailed to a cross. For them, the revelation of the Kingdom had come near and the parables were helping them understand and grow in their faith. To those who didn't understand or didn't want to understand, those who did not know or did not want to know Jesus, the parables were like a fog they could not see through and so instead they mocked and they ridiculed and tried to destroy what was planted.

God plants in us a seed. What type of ground am I? How do I receive God in my life?

Again, this parable reminds us of the importance of remaining connected to a community of faith otherwise as in Matthew 13.20-21, we may hear the Gospel and recognise its truth but without the support of a community of faith we will be as rocky ground, the seed may germinate but without a root system the plant cannot be sustained. Without the support of a community of faith our challenges may be greater than they need to be.

Last week we heard about John, who came as an ascetic, what harm could he do to anyone, running around living on bugs, what threat could he be? They could hardly say he took too much out of the world? So, he washed a few people in the river? But John was very dangerous – to some. He knew the truth when he saw it and he was not afraid to talk about it regardless of the persecutions he suffered even to the point of martyrdom. Was John the original Christian, the first to

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm closed
THURSDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm More than a cuppa 10am-12noon St Pauls Byron Bay in Recess till 30th July Spirituality Space 4-6pm St Martins Mullumbimby
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon closed Smarties Play Group 10.30am-12noon, St Martins Hall
SUNDAY	11am St Pauls Byron Bay followed by a bring and share lunch 5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship All Souls Hall

Op Shop Opening Hours

The Mullumbimby Op Shop

Monday—Friday 9.30am– 3.30pm

Bangalow Op Shop

Monday - Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Op Shop

Monday—Friday 9am—1pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron

BSB: 705 077 Account: 00041263

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission SparkLit (formerly The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge Australia)

National Director: Mr Michael Collie

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

Archbishop Mark Short & Monica, Bishop Vanessa Bennett, Paul, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Kempsey

The Rev'd Jesse Poole, The Rev'd William Chatterton, Sister Linda Mary CSC

LLM Sr Dr Helen CSC, Barbara

Local Prayer Focus

Rae, Paul, Noah & Family, Leslie, Harrison, Samuel & their extended family and friends, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine, Murray, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael, Margaret.

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.

Dear Lord please help us to live as you intended
creating, loving, learning and blessing,
walking with us as we go.

Amen

Mission of the Month of July:

Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church. It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both here and overseas.



publicly recognise Jesus as the Christ, standing right there in front of him as he received the Holy Spirit? But even John had doubts and that's okay. It is what we do with our doubt which is the important thing.

John was a signpost pointing toward Jesus. We have reflected before about the hope that we might live lives of example that also point toward Jesus. Our hope that when people see us, they understand a little more about what Jesus is like and through Jesus we understand what God is like.

To do this we must be open to receiving the message. We must be a fertile ground enabling the truth to grow in us. The most effective way to spread the Gospel message is through the lives we live. Jesus spoke about the truth and maintained his disciples in this truth through the witness of his presence, who he was in that moment.

Remember, we transform the world by how we respond to it. We transform the world by allowing others to see the truth of Jesus in our lives, not just when we gather for worship, but every day. To be created in God's image is a gift. It is a gift of grace, it is a gift of love. Are we living into this gift? Are we sharing this gift with those we meet?

With every blessing,
Grahame

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

Sunday Services

12th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Pauls Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship, All Souls Hall

19th July Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11am St Pauls Byron Bay followed by a bring and share lunch.
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship, All Souls Hall

Readings

12th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11,
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

19th July Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-11,23-24, Romans 8:12-25,
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43.

Date for Diary

After the success of the concert last year Rev'd Brenda wanted to do a follow up Concert. The date set for our second one will be the 23rd August 2pm in St Paul's Byron Bay. All proceeds will go to support Fletcher Street Cottage.

Parish News

Celebrating 150yrs of Mothers Union

On Saturday 25th July 10.30am, in Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton there will be a celebration of 150 years of Mothers Union. The guest Speaker for the day is Dr Robin Ray, Australian President of Mothers Union. A light luncheon will be served in Edwards Hall afterwards. Further details contact Gae Shorten 0408 141 146

Faithfulness in Service Training

Faithfulness in Service is necessary for all licensed clergy and laity, together with all church workers or volunteers associated with any Anglican Church organisation (paid or unpaid). Certification is valid for three years.

There will be a Faithfulness in Service course in St Pauls Byron Bay on Saturday 8th August 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please contact the Parish office on: 66843552 or email office@byronanglicans.org.au to register.

Catherine Hamlin
Fistula Foundation

**SOUP
LUNCH**

Sunday 26th July

Byron Bay Uniting Church
Carlyle St, Byron Bay

**We will join together for a
worship gathering
starting at 10.00am and
the Soup Lunch fundraiser
will start from 11.00am.**

Please note there will be no 9am service in St Paul's Byron Bay on the 26th July