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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

19th July 2026

All are welcome



Free Bible images

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

From Grahame

I like to garden. I don't know much about gardening but I like to try. I am sure you all know how to tell a weed from a useful plant? You pull on it and if it comes out easily, it was a useful plant.

I don't know much about farming I couldn't tell you one variety of grain from another. I visited a property once and in the course of catching up I mentioned that the wheat seemed to have gone to head early because the stalk was quite short. I asked what had caused this problem? The farmer looked at me sideways and said 'I paid extra for that'. Of course, there are now varieties which intentionally have less stalk because the stalk is not what you are after, unless you were making a hay bale house or thatch. Uhhh.... it's so confusing.

If we get into this much trouble judging varieties of wheat and good plants from weeds, what about when we start judging people's lives and how we respond to them? What about if we were judging their eternal life? Way too much stress there. You may be thinking 'well Grahame you're just being weak, you need to be able to make the hard decisions'. I know I need to be able to make hard decisions about my life, my actions, my responsibilities and then God takes responsibility for God's part. I think it works better that way. The way God intended. Then the real miracle happens. When I take responsibility for my part, I come to see that God has taken responsibility for the consequences and welcomes me into relationship.

How many people did God create. A couple, some, many? All! How many people does God love? Does God love a couple of people, one or two, just the really nice ones, a few people, some people? All people! How many people do you know who started off a bit rocky but finished strong? We cannot avoid being influenced by our human prejudices. If we try to take on God's part, if we set ourselves up as the judges of God's people, if judging were left to us, would we even pass? Jesus saw in people a potential others missed. When we seek to judge people's worthiness of God's love we work against the coming kingdom.

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	7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads 9am All Souls Bangalow 9am St Martins Mullumbimby 9am St Pauls Byron Bay 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 The Anglican Men's Society
National Chairman: The Right Reverend
Jeremy Greaves

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA

Bishop Darrell Parker & Elizabeth, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Mid Richmond

The Rev'd Lenore Moules



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.

God loves everyone. God's grace is open to everyone. A bit like alternate realities, the weeds and the wheat are left to grow by God. Leave them to grow. Where is the miracle in that? The miracle is that by the grace of God in Christ Jesus the weeds may be transformed and bear fruit. Now that's a miracle. God has no acceptable level of attrition. When I come before the judgement seat I'm not bringing the excuse 'well I trampled a lot of wheat but I brought you this one'. I'm going with the whole lot and saying 'you said you knew what to do with all this'.

Jesus spoke of weeds and wheat. Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between the weeds and the wheat. It can be tempting to put all our efforts into trying to judge the weeds from the wheat so that we may get rid of the weeds. Jesus tells us if we allow ourselves to become consumed by the search for weeds we will damage the wheat. We will damage the very thing we are trying to nurture.

If we spend all our time focused on the weeds then weeds are all we will ever see. We are each called by God to work for the good, to nurture our sisters and brothers from all the peoples of the earth. To be a blessing. We do not serve this purpose if we only focus on the bad. The task of judgement has been deferred until a later time and it is not our job.

Like all families we will have disagreements and like families throughout the generations we are called to love one another anyway. Love God, love your neighbour. Don't do it because I say so, do it because it is right, do it because Jesus did it, do it because this is how God's will may be done on earth as in Heaven.

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

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

26th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Readings

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.

26th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15-28, Psalm 105: 1-11, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:44-58

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.



The poster is for the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation Soup Lunch. It features a teal background with white and blue text. At the top, the foundation's name is written in white. Below it, 'SOUP LUNCH' is written in large, bold, blue letters. The date 'Sunday 26th July' and the location 'Byron Bay Uniting Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay' are also in blue. The main message, 'We will join together for a worship gathering starting at 10.00am and the Soup Lunch fundraiser will start from 11.00am.', is in white. At the bottom, there are two logos: a white flame-like symbol on the left and a black and white circular logo on the right.

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.