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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

26th July 2026

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

What a privilege to be able to gather each week. We do not need to place secret marks to signify where we meet like Cold War spies. We did not need to jump at every noise or car driving past, in fear that this will be the time we are martyred for our faith. We are able to publish our meeting arrangements online and in the newspaper without fear of reprisal. We have much for which to be thankful.

In big picture terms we live in a new age. I don't mean because we may now buy a phone with 3 different lenses which is more powerful than our desktop computer or the fact that we have electric cars and drones. We live in the age of the new covenant, God's new covenant with us, the covenant of the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the ultimate expression of love, God's gift of love given for each of us.

Yet so much of our lives seems to be about grasping, clinging and hanging on. Hanging on to possessions, hanging on to our rights and hanging on to our hurts. In offering the greatest gift of all, a gift we can hardly imagine, God sets the example of letting go. To be in full relationship with us, God let go. God let go of the need to be right, God let go of the need for revenge, and instead offered love.

For the first half of my life I was taught in church, that righteousness was about being proved right. The Scriptures showed that God was right and being right was the most important thing to be.

I saw this blare out of the TV as tele-evangelists strutted up and down stages shouting about God's righteousness. I saw this idea of righteousness lived out in many situations and I saw it lived out in people's relationships with each other, the way they treated each other, and I found it more than a little frightening. It took a long time and a lot of prayer and study and prayer and life experience and prayer, before I received a revelation of the Holy Spirit that I had been sold a white middle class male idea of righteousness.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm
THURSDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm More than a cuppa 10am-12noon St Pauls Byron Bay Spirituality Space 4-6pm St Martins Mullumbimby
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon 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 Buttery (Addiction and Mental Health rehabilitation centre)

Chair: Jenna Bateman

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Bishop Greg Anderson & Annette, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of South Grafton

The Rev'd Aaron Coates, The Rev'd Jenny Parker & Ian

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: ABM

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.



The revelation I received was that the picture I had created, of God as the righteously angry school master who would punish me if I didn't have the right answer, was wrong. God's righteousness is in fact about being in right relationship, with the most important relationship being our relationship with God, made possible through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. It is about recognising that God has passed the test for me. God has done the hard work, God has let go of anger, God has let go of revenge, to be in relationship with me, to be in right relationship with all of us. Could there be a greater gift?

In Matthew 13 Jesus returns to the place where he grew up and people gathered to hear what he had to say. But the teaching they heard did not sit well with them. Jesus challenged them, literally where they live. Jesus made them think about the way they were living their lives. The relationship they had with each other and with God. What are we willing to let go of to be in right relationship with God? Are we willing to let go of anger? Are we willing to let go of greed? Are we willing to let go of revenge? It is in letting go of these that we may know the fullness of God's love. Not because God will then love us. But because in so doing we may regain the life we have been giving away in big and tiny little ways for so long; the life God wants for us, because God loves us.

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

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

2nd August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Readings

26th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

2nd August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32: 22-31, Psalm 17:1-7,16, Romans 9:1-8,
Matthew 14:13-21

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

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.

Please note there will be no 9am service in St Paul's Byron Bay on the 26th July. We are invited to join the Uniting Church for worship at 10am followed by a Soup Lunch fundraiser.

DonateLife Week 26th July - 2nd August

DonateLife Week is Australia's national awareness week for organ and tissue donation. It encourages Australians to register their donation decision, discuss that decision with family and friends, and raise awareness within their communities.

Sentence of the Day

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38-39

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your
kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**