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Acknowledgement of Country

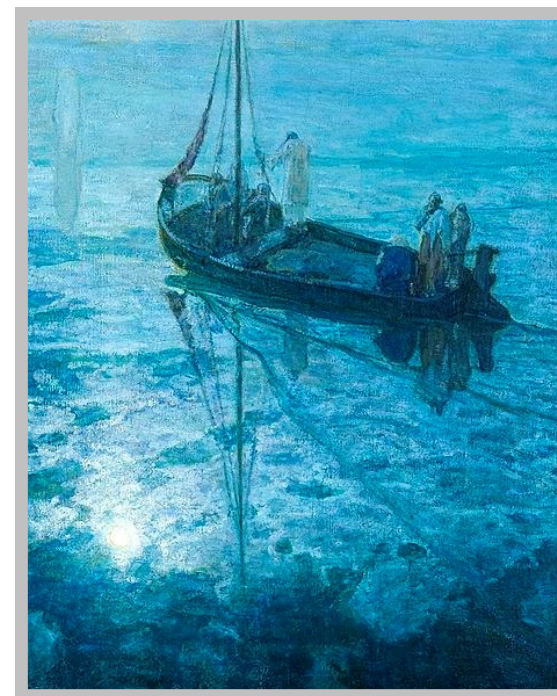
*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people,
traditional custodians of this land.*

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



9th August 2026

All are welcome



Artist: Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937)

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

From Grahame

In Matthew's account of the gospel passage this week, we hear that following the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus retired to pray and sent the disciples across to the other side of the sea. I wonder how they thought he would meet up with them. Some writers suggest the storm the disciples experience in Matthew's account is speaking of the persecutions they will endure in Jesus' name as members of the new movement. The problem the disciples faced, which was greater than the threat of persecution from outside the group, was their doubt, including their self-doubt. The group now in the boat have just come from the feeding of the five thousand, they should have been on top of the world. When things aren't quite right in the boat, when an unfavourable wind springs up, I think we can assume some might have thought to pray to God to save them. They have just been with Jesus during a great miracle, surely they could have another? But perhaps it is all a bit too much for them because when Jesus appears walking on the water, perhaps in response to their prayer, they are terrified. They have their prayers answered and they are terrified.

How would we react if our prayers were answered? Would we be able to give up our complaints or would we just find something else to complain about? Peter speaks for the group throwing out a challenge to Jesus 'Lord if it is you command me to come to you on the water', then his commitment lets him down, literally, and he begins to sink. Again, I think we can assume as he is stepping out of the boat in that storm he is praying God don't let me drown. He had his prayers answered, it was his commitment which was lacking. Peter was always ready to profess with his lips while Jesus was around; it was his heart that was playing catch-up. But at least he got out of the boat. There is an old saying - before you can walk on water you have to get out of the boat. At

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm 10am RSL Life Holy Communion
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

MISSION

Church Missionary Society Australia (CMS)
Executive Director QLD/NNSW: The Rev'd
Mark Fairhurst

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF BENDIGO

Bishop Matt Brain & Rachael, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Coffs Harbour

The Rev'd Nathan Dean & Anita,

The Rev'd Carol Ford & David,

The Rev'd Kassimiro Yanga & Edina.

LLM Bob, Elaine, David, Allan, Gae, Bob.

Local Prayer Focus

Rae, Paul, Noah & Family, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine,
Murray, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol,
Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael,
Margaret, Christian.

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 August: Fletcher Street Cottage:

Fletcher Street Cottage is a welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are doing it tough can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find meaningful connections and access broader support to get back onto their feet.



least Peter had a go. If we had our prayers answered would we be willing to have a go?

When we pray we are talking to God. When people tell me, they don't know how to pray I suggest they imagine they are talking to a mate and just start a conversation. Imagine having a best mate you didn't talk to. Doesn't make sense does it. Talk to your mate; take your day to the Lord in prayer. Confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart God raised him from the dead. Talk to your other mates about what it is like for you when you pray, start a prayer group. Get out of the boat. You might just walk on water.

Loving God, mate, help us to acknowledge our relationship with you through Jesus in all that we do and say. We pray our eyes may be opened to see when our prayers have been answered and that we might not be afraid. Amen.

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

9th August Eleventh 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

16th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

11am All Souls' Bangalow followed by a bring and share Lunch.

5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship, All Souls Hall

Readings

9th August Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28, Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,
Romans 10:4-15, Matthew 14:22-36

16th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:13-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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 Paul's 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.

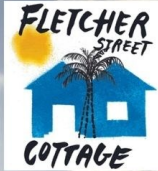
Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145.18-19

Prayer of the day

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**





'Hope 26'

hope for tomorrow

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2PM

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - 14 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

Join us for an afternoon of classical and contemporary music performed by talented local artists. Let the melodies **lift your spirit** and the harmonies **soothe your soul**.

DELICIOUS
AFTERNOON
TEA
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ENTRY
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ALL PROCEEDS
TO FLETCHER
STREET
COTTAGE.