Byron Anglicans
We are one

22nd November 2026

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

In our passage from the Gospel according to Matthew this week, we hear the last of Jesus' speeches. We have come to the end of Jesus' teaching ministry according to Matthew and the end of our Liturgical year. In our reading today, as we celebrate Christ the King, we have a summary, the essence of what it means to live as a Christian, the life that we are called to live into. It is the way we treat the least which is the outworking of the gift we have received. As we face the only judgement which really matters, our hope is in our faith in Jesus. This draws us into a new way of living that is not all about us. The parables we have been hearing these past few weeks have all been concerned with our final judgement. I often hear discussions about righteousness. Unfortunately, many of these discussions seem to centre around judging others and what they need to do in order to be as righteous as the speaker. Jesus states clearly that the righteous are those who have cared for those deemed by some to be outsiders. The sign of righteousness is how we care for the least.

When we are considering in our busy day whether we should help someone or not, Jesus is telling us to imagine we are acting directly for him. It is as if it were Jesus we were helping and not that person who annoyed us last week or the person who does not look like us, dress like us or speak like us. Remember context is so important. It is not enough to say 'I helped every leper I ever met' although we certainly do still need to help lepers, or 'I gave everything I had to every Canaanite woman I met'. We are not very likely to meet the same people Jesus met but we most certainly meet people who are cast to the fringe because of their physical infirmity or their ethnicity or their religion or any other category we choose to make. Context is important. Who are the least in our society, today? Who are the marginalised, who are ones that are denied the rights that we take for granted? It is not for me to define who these people are for you. It is for each of us to take responsibility for what is happening in the world around us and do our bit. To do what we can to help.
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

Readings

22nd November Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

29th November First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

Sentence

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Parish News

Last Sunday we farewelled Reverend Murray and Reverend Wendi. Reverend Murray came to us following his being made a deacon in the Anglican Church after a long and fruitful ministry as a Uniting Church minister. Rev Murray remained with us following his priesting and the completion of the ordination formation program. This has

now facilitated his appointment as Intentional Long-Term Locum in the Parish of Coffs Harbour. Our parish has greatly benefited from being involved in this process and Reverend Murray's ministry with us. Rev Wendi has been our bonus gift in the many ways she has become involved in the parish. We will miss them both as we pray God's blessing on their continued ministry.



With Reverend Murray's departure we will move to a 9 am first and third Sunday worship in St Martin's Mullumbimby and 9 am second and fourth Sundays in All Souls Bangalow. Our 11 am monthly worship will be in recess for the moment. Weekly worship will continue at 7.30 am in St Thomas Brunswick Heads, 9 am in St Paul's Byron Bay and 5 pm in All Souls Hall Bangalow.

Christmas Carols

We will be hosting our annual Christmas Carols in St Martins Mullumbimby Tuesday 8th December commencing at 5.00pm with a sausage sizzle. The Red Inc Choir will be performing.

St Pauls Byron Bay will also celebrate with Christmas Carols and a sausage sizzle commencing at 5.30pm. On Wednesday 16th December.

Diocesan Ordination Service Saturday 28 November
11.00am in Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

Amanda Stark and John Edwards will be ordained as Deacons. Mandy and John are currently Formation Students in the Parish of Maclean The Rev'd Yoshiya Sakamoto will be ordained as a Priest. Yoshiya is currently the Parish Deacon at Port Macquarie. Please pray for them as they prepare for their ordination.

Help For our Wildlife



For those who like to knit or sew, Wires are in need of pouches and liners for baby native animals that come into their care. They are in need of "large and extra-large pouches for kangaroo and wallaby joeys. If you are interested in helping please contact Sue and she can give you a copy of the sizes and the pattern needed.

Socks

Do you have a lot of odd socks lying around? Don't throw them away as Fletcher Street Cottage are short on socks of any colour for their clients. Please take them to the cottage or bring them in for us to deliver.



Schoolies week

For the next 3weeks there will be many students who finished their schooling out celebrating. Please pray that they have a safe and enjoyable time while in our community. Pray for the Red Frogs and other helpers that are here to ensure they do remain safe.

ADVENT STUDY ST PAUL'S BYRON BAY

During Advent there will be a study group led by Rev. Brenda meeting in St Paul's Byron Bay on Wednesdays 25th Nov, 2nd, 16th, 23rd December at 1.30 pm. If you would like to join this group, please contact Reverend Brenda or Sue.



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Op Shop Opening Hours

Mullumbimby Op Shop

Monday - Friday 9.30am– 3.30pm

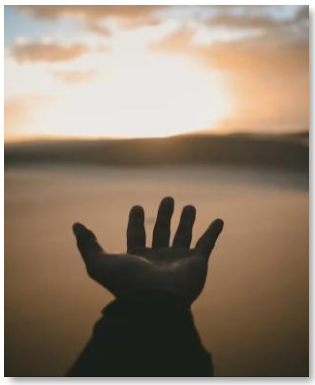
Bangalow Op Shop

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

Byron Op Shop

Monday - Friday 9am—1pm

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
Assistant Bishop The Right Rev'd Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON (Central Queensland)

Bishop Peter Grice & Virginia, Chris Nelson & Jan,
Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Northern Beaches Anglicans

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

LLM

Stephen, Christine.

Local Prayer Focus

Jennifer, Ellen, Paul, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary, 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 November: Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre: The MDNC offers free counselling through Listening Space, food parcels through Community Support and Hot Showers, with all toiletries supplied. Gulganii Pantry is open for affordable low-cost food on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Services & Weekly Happenings

22nd November Christ the King

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

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

FRIDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon

Next SUNDAY

29th November First Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay. We will join with the Uniting church at Carlyle St Byron Bay.
5pm	Sunday Hive Family Worship All Souls Hall

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.