

27 June 2021



# BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

## Thirty Years in the building...



On Sunday 20th June during our worship gathering, we acknowledged the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Byron Bay Worship Centre. With the following words the new complex was opened on the 9th June 1991:



***"Rev. Ellia, we give to you the keys of this building. It has been planned in prayer, built with skill and is being paid for by the love and sacrifice of many people. We ask you to open this building and unveil the plaque."***

During our gathering it was good to reflect upon this milestone and the ministry that has taken place through this facility in the years since it was opened. As George Graham reminded us on Sunday, God's church is not the building, we are still the church whether we are gathered in a building or scattered in the community. This is important for us to remember as we consider who we are and our calling as a church congregation.

As I reflected on this anniversary, I have been wondering what fears the Byron Bay congregation had over 30 years ago now, as they took steps to walk into an unknown future? What faith did they have? They obviously trusted in the constant faithfulness of God. They obviously trusted in the power of Jesus Christ, as they embarked on an ambitious and expensive project of building new facilities on the site and leaving a legacy that continues for us today. A legacy for all those who have used the building over the past thirty years. They had such bravery in exploring a new design that was multi-purpose in nature and with a clear vision of the community using this space together.

In this season as we consider the future of our congregation and what legacy we might leave, I also began to wonder...Do we have such boldness, vision and faith today as they did? Are we willing to trust God as we look to the next adventure for God's church in this place, even despite the fears we may face? Do we believe in a God who is able to provide all that we need and more? There is much for us to consider at this time. May we be filled with gratitude for the vision of our Church in days gone by and the faithfulness of God to bring that to fruition. May we trust in God to unfold God's plans for us in the days ahead.

Grace and peace, Rev Phil

*For a great article on our anniversary check out this Insights Magazine link:*  
<https://www.insights.uca.org.au/byron-bay-uniting-church-to-mark-30-years/>



We acknowledge the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung nation, the original custodians of this place. We acknowledge their deep spiritual connection to these lands and waterways upon which we live and gather, and honour their elders past, present and emerging.

# MISSION AND MINISTRY

Please contact us to find out more about any of our programs and activities.

## Every Week...

**Men's Cooking @ Bangalow Uniting Church:** 10am Fridays (Not yet running)

**Scripture at Byron Bay PS:** Rev Phil Thursday 12-2pm

**Open Church:** Tuesday 9-11am @ Bangalow, Wednesday 9-11am @ Byron Bay

## Now Operating...

**Byron Bay Uniting Church Op Shop:** Monday to Fridays 9am-1pm

**Uniting Sewing and Social Group @ Byron:** 9am-3pm and 6pm-9pm, Mondays

**Growing Young Bookclub:** every fortnight (details below)

## Upcoming events...

**Growing Young Bookclub:** Monday 21st June 3.30-5pm at Janelle Jarrett's residence

**Fair Trade Fortnight Morning Tea** 10th August (Bangalow UCA) & 11th August (Byron Bay UCA)

**Frontier Services Gathering & Baptism,** Sunday 15th August 10am @ Bangalow UCA

**Church Council Meeting** Tuesday 17th August, 11am @ Bangalow UCA

**Bangalow Harvest Service** Sunday 17th October

**Bangalow Fair Trade Fair** Saturday 6th November

## Banking Details:

Giving your offering or tithe by Direct Debit or EFTPOS is a helpful way of engaging in this important act of worship.

If you would like to do this the banking details for our church are:

BSB:634-634

Account Number: 100 018 564

Speak to our Treasurer George Graham for more details on offering, gifts or bequests.

Bangalow Byron Bay Uniting Church: 6601 2010

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## Catherine Hamlin Fistula Fundraiser Soup Lunch

The Soup Lunch fundraiser was a wonderful gathering last Sunday. It was lovely to be joined by our friends from Brunswick Valley UCA and the community and to reflect upon the amazing impact of the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation, along with the legacy of Dr Catherine Hamlin. It is pleasing to announce that we were able to raise \$1379. What an amazing response! A huge thank you to all who gave so generously. Thank you also to all those who made soups and desserts and helped in planning this important annual event for our church and community.

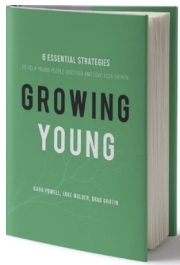


## Saltbush Gathering -Saturday 17th July 9:30am-4pm @ Lismore UCA

As we enter a new season of exploring our regional governance we are invited to engage in a Saltbush Gathering. These gatherings will replace the old presbytery meetings. These gatherings are not meetings, workshops or courses but a time apart to connect and be encouraged in life and faith. This day will be designed to encourage sharing ideas, conversations around Christian community and a willingness to be open to grounded discipleship. This event is open to everyone in our congregations, not just Presbytery representatives. The day will also include the Induction of Rev Peter Overton, who joins the Saltbush Team as the Far North Coast Regional Minister. To attend this gathering it is essential to register online through this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/saltbush-scattered-community-gathering-tickets-158045366947>

## Growing Young Project



The Growing Young Project has now well and truly started. This group will continue to meet each fortnight to consider a chapter and discuss the contents. It is not too late to join in, so see Rev Phil for a book and more details. The next session is Monday 28th June from 3.30pm at Janelle Jarrett's home and we will be looking at Chapter 3 (we had to postpone last time).

## Frontier Services Gathering & Baptism

### Sunday 15th August 10am @ Bangalow UCA

On Sunday 15th August we will be gathering for a combined service at the Bangalow Church. During this gathering we will consider the ministry of Frontier Services and raise funds for their important work. We will also share in the baptism of Matilda & William Jarrett, the children of Luke and Courtney (great grandchildren of Kevin & Edna). Please mark this on your calendar and join us for this special celebration.

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 27 June: Kenya, Tanzania  
Week of 4 July: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES

Let us PRAY

### Prayer Points

- The Uniting Church in Australia on its 44th anniversary (June 22nd), as we remember where we have come from and discern the church we are called to be in the future.
- Our own congregation as we celebrate 30 years of ministry in the Byron Bay Worship Centre and as we discern the church we are called to be here in this place in the future.
- All those in the UCA who go above and beyond to faithfully serve their local communities and wider society.
- The ongoing work of the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation. May their efforts bring healing, dignity and reconnection to women in Ethiopia.

# Gathered Worship

<b>Sunday 27th June</b>	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 4th July</b>	5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 11th July</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 18th July</b>	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil

## Lectionary Readings

<b>27 June</b>	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27	Solomon 1:13-15,2:23-24	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
<b>4 July</b>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
<b>11 July</b>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
<b>18 July</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Newsletter Items** If you have an event or item for the newsletter, please email Phil the full details by the Tuesday before release, so that we can keep people informed and up to date.