

13 June 2021



BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

Hamlin Fistula...

On Sunday 20th June we will be gathering for our annual Soup Lunch service which focuses on raising funds for the work established by Doctor Catherine Hamlin. Under Dr Catherine Hamlin's pioneering guidance along with her husband Reg, over 60000 Ethiopian women with fistula injuries have had their lives transformed. An obstetric fistula is an internal injury caused by an obstructed labour during childbirth that leaves a woman incontinent, humiliated and often cut off from her community. In Australia, obstetric fistulas are virtually a thing of the past because there is access to effective maternal healthcare. In countries like Ethiopia, more than 70% of births take place without a doctor or nurse present and more than 3000 fistulas occur each year. Dr Hamlin pioneered what has been recognised as the world's best-practice preoperative and postoperative fistula treatment. The Hamlin Model of Care combines clinical excellence with Catherine's vision of treating every woman with compassion and dignity. The Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation continues the amazing efforts of Dr Hamlin, who passed away in March of 2020 at the age of 96. Her dream was to eradicate obstetric fistula forever, so that every woman can be free from these atrocious internal injuries. As a church we have supported this work for many years, holding our annual soup lunch to raise awareness of this work and to also raise a financial contribution towards the foundation. Whilst not recognised as a Christian mission organisation, Dr Hamlin was a woman of deep faith and this inspired her in her work. She received support in the beginnings of her work from the Anglican Church in Australia of which she was a member. The Hamlins took as their inspiration a scripture verse from Matthew 25:40: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' As a church we seek to support ministry in our local community, throughout our country and also throughout the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the gospel in action in this world, as women are healed and given the opportunity to remain part of their families and communities with dignity. Please take this opportunity to invite friends or family to the Soup Lunch so we can contribute to this important work and come prepared to make a donation.

Grace and peace, Rev Phil

**Catherine Hamlin
Fistula Foundation**



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...

Catherine Hamlin Fistula Fundraiser Soup Lunch: Sunday 20th June 10.30am @
Byron Bay UCA

Growing Young Bookclub: Monday 21st June 3.30-5pm at the Nash residence

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 Sunday 20th June, Byron Bay Uniting Church - 10:30am

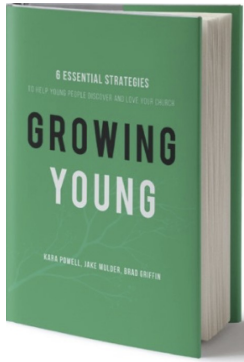
Catherine Hamlin Fistula exists to fulfil Dr Catherine Hamlin's vision to eradicate fistula, especially in the country of Ethiopia. This amazing work continues to empower women to reassert their humanity, secure their health and well-being, and regain their roles in their families and communities. On this day we will join together for a worship gathering starting at 10.30am and the Soup Lunch will start from 11.30am. All are welcome for any parts of this gathering, so invite some friends and please bring a donation for this important cause.



Beyond Violence

The Uniting Church Assembly this week launched Beyond Violence, a new resource that aims to help congregations and communities begin a conversation about Domestic and Family Violence (DFV). The resource includes theological reflection, worship resources, key statistics, helpful information on how to pastorally care for those experiencing or fleeing DFV and key actions we can take to build a world "Beyond Violence". To access the resources use this link:<https://uniting.church/dfv/>

Growing Young Project



The Growing Young Project has now well and truly started. So far in the bookclub-style sessions we have focused on the first two chapters of the Growing Young book facilitated by Pastor Steve Molkenntin (Molk). 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 21st June from 3.30pm at the Nash residence in Nashua and we will be looking at Chapter 3.

For The Calendar

Fair Trade Fortnight Morning Tea 10th August (Bangalow UCA) & 11th August (Byron Bay UCA)
Church Council Meeting Tuesday 17th August, 11am @ Bangalow UCA
Bangalow Harvest Service Sunday 17th October
Bangalow Fair Trade Fair Saturday 6th November

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 13 June: Botswana, Zimbabwe
Week of 20 June: Malawi, Zambia



Prayer Points

- Those whose homes are not safe places and are living in situations of violence and abuse. We pray for spaces of shelter, for safety, healing and strength.
- The work of the National Safe Church Unit of the Uniting Church and all those working to create safe spaces for children and young people in our communities.
- Those in our church grieving the loss of loved ones. May they experience God's peace and strength in these days.
- The work established by Dr Catherine Hamlin in supporting women with obstetric fistulas. May women's lives be healed and communities be transformed through this work.

Gathered Worship

Sunday 13th June	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
Sunday 20th June	10.30am Byron Bay Soup Lunch	- Rev Phil
Sunday 27th June	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
Sunday 4th July	5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil

Lectionary Readings

13 June	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
20 June	1 Samuel 17:32-49	Job 38:1-11	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
27 June	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27	Solomon 1:13-15,2:23-24	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
4 July	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13

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.