

30 May 2021



# BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

## Pentecost...



**“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:1-4)**

Last Sunday marked the Day of Pentecost. We recognise this day in history as the birth of the church and the coming of God to us in a new way by the Spirit. It is a time of being both uprooted and deeply grounded, a time of unity and change. Like the wind, the Spirit moves us in different ways, sending us to other places and planting us into other ground. To experience Pentecost it is necessary to search for change and to allow ourselves to be changed. In our reflections on Pentecost I encouraged people to consider this question:

***“Are we open to God’s Spirit working in our life in new ways?”***

I invited us to consider this question in depth in the days ahead recognising that it could be a confronting question for us to consider. Change means new forms of being. With this comes new learning and awareness and maybe new commitments and experiences. What is it in your life that needs to be changed? We must be willing to be uprooted from ways of thinking, believing and operating and to be led by the Spirit, flowing with God’s grace to more expansive and necessary ways of living out our faith in our world today. After all that is what happened on that first Pentecost...God worked in a new way.

And you know what? I think we as a church are stepping tentatively forwards on this path. I can see people becoming open to change and exploring new ideas and ways of being in their personal lives and in our community. I believe we are taking a few willing steps in readiness for change and the Spirit leading us on new paths. This is an exciting season for us as a church and may we all be filled with God’s Spirit, so that we can walk in our ministry calling.

May the Creator pursue you, the Saviour dance with you, and the Spirit sing in you, Forever.

Grace and peace, Rev Phil

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 from 24th May 3.30-5pm Bangalow UCA

## Upcoming events...

**National Reconciliation Week:** 27th May - 3rd June (see UCA social media for resources)

**Growing Young Bookclub:** Monday 7th June 3.30-5pm TBC

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

## 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**

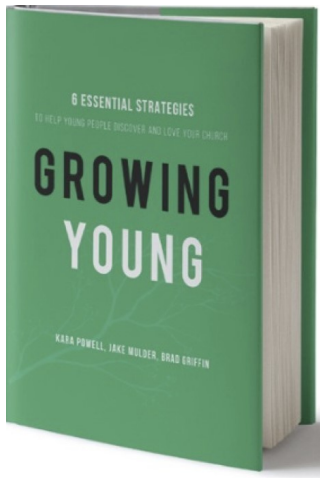
Catherine Hamlin Fistula exists to fulfil Dr Catherine Hamlin's vision to eradicate fistula, especially in the country of Ethiopia. This amazing work continues to empower women to reassert their humanity, secure their health and well-being, and regain their roles in their families and communities.

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.

### For The Calendar

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

### Growing Young Project



The Growing Young Project has now well and truly started. The first bookclub-style gathering focused on the first chapter of the Growing Young book. 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 7th June from 3.30pm at a venue to be confirmed and we will be looking at Chapter 2.

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 30 May: Angola, Mozambique

Week of 6 June: Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

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*Let us PRAY*

### Prayer Points:

- The gift of the Spirit to dwell amongst us, and in giving thanks for the diversity of languages and cultures that make up the Uniting Church.
- The fellowship and communion of all Christians. As followers of Jesus, may we work together in giving witness to God's love, hope and grace.
- The people of Palestine and Israel and for a just peace to prevail.
- The Growing Young Project and Vision Task Group as they meet. May we all be challenged to consider the future, how we can grow as a church and engage with younger generations.

# Gathered Worship

<b>Sunday 30th May</b>	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 6th June</b>	5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 13th June</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 20th June</b>	10.30am Byron Bay Soup Lunch	- Rev Phil

## Lectionary Readings

<b>30 May</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
<b>6 June</b>	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	Genesis 3:8-15	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
<b>13 June</b>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
<b>20 June</b>	1 Samuel 17:32-49	Job 38:1-11	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41

**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.