

2 May 2021



BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

7 Days of Solidarity...

Last week we engaged with UnitingWorld's "7 Days Of Solidarity" campaign. It was a time for us to reflect upon the work of UnitingWorld in partnership with their global partners. We were able to hear good news stories of God's love being shared in practical ways, addressing genuine needs of people all around the world.



UnitingWorld is the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA). They connect the people of the UCA in missional collaboration with churches overseas to address the causes and consequences of poverty, violence and injustice. We have so much to be thankful for, despite the challenges we have faced over the past year not only as individuals but also within our families, society and in the world. We are reminded of the work that God is doing through our partner Churches, as they continue to live out their calling to go out and tell the world of the Good News that has come to us through Jesus Christ. In the message we received on Sunday from UCA Assembly President Dr Deidre Palmer, we heard her say:

"As the Uniting Church, we join with our global neighbours in solidarity. Together we are called through the transforming presence of the Risen, Crucified Christ, to actively live out Christ's liberating mission of love, justice, peace and reconciliation. We are called to live Christ's vision of hope, so that the voices of all people who cry out for justice are heard, all people are invited into the horizons of hope, and the life of abundance that Christ intends for us all and the whole of creation. May Christ, our Liberator, empower us with courage to embody in our partnerships, communities, nations and world, the abundant grace, compassion, and hope of God."

It is my prayer that through reflecting on the work of UnitingWorld, we might be led to actively live out the mission of God for us and engage with loving our neighbours, locally and in the global village in which we live. If you would like to learn more about the work of UnitingWorld, please check out their website (<https://unitingworld.org.au>). There are also options to support this amazing work financially too.

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

Upcoming events...

Growing Young Kick Start: 9.30-11am, 10 May 2021

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

<https://byronshireunitingchurches.uca.org.au>

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Holy and Loving God,

Thank you that you make all things new. And through your son Jesus Christ who was raised from the grave the way is paved for us to have new life and new beginnings with you. Shine your light in us, through us, over us and may we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Guide us in this new season to look beyond ourselves and reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. Give us courage to walk in your peace and to tell the Good News we have received through our words, deeds and every being of our lives,

Amen.

Growing Young Kick Start

On **Monday 10th May** Pastor Molk will be running a kick start session for our Growing Young Project. This will be held at Bangalow Church from 9.30-11am. During this time Molk will introduce us to the resource and provide us with an overview for our journey. It is not too late to join in this project. See Rev Phil if you are interested.



Open Church

Our Vision Task Group has been meeting and developed the idea of having an open church weekly at each of our buildings, as a small step in building community awareness and offering our space for connection. As minister, Rev Phil will be present along with a volunteer who can offer a cuppa and something to eat. The space could be used for a chat, prayer, meditation or reflection. Although it is a simple concept, we invite our church to pray that God might bring along people from our community who need connection

and that God might surprise us with what comes from this idea. This is also a time when anyone from our church community can drop in to say hi to their minister as well! So if you want to stop in and say hello or to chat or pray, please do so.

We are calling this idea 'Open Church' because we want people to know that our church buildings are open and that we are an open and welcoming community. The Open Church details are:

Tuesday 9-11am Bangalow UCA

Wednesday 9-11am Byron Bay UCA

We hope to see some of you there over the next few weeks and please keep this in your prayers.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 2 May: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Week of 9 May: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

Prayer Points:

- The ongoing work of UnitingWorld and their global partners as they bring the light and love of Christ to people in great need all around the globe.
- Our church partners responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On Mother's Day we pray for all the women in our lives who reflect God's love, nurture, strength and care to us. May they be blessed.
- Our Open Church initiative. May people from our community who need connection be brought through our doors and might we be surprised with what comes from this idea.

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES

Let us PRAY

Gathered Worship

Sunday 2nd May	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
Sunday 9th May	5pm Bangalow	- with Pastor Steve 'Molk' Molkentin
Sunday 16th May	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
Sunday 23rd May	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil

Lectionary Readings

2 May	Acts 8:26-40	Psalms 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1
9 May	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
16 May	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
23 May	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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.