

8 August 2021



BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

Fairtrade Fortnight...

Fairtrade Fortnight (6th-19th August) is an annual celebration of people, including farmers, producers and families, who are working to make the world fairer. It's a great time to reflect on the power of our choices and to create a better future for the planet and its people. Fairtrade companies must adhere to 10 core principles. Amongst them are: gender and racial equality, fair working conditions, a fair wage, the right to have a say or join a union if you wish to, sustainable practices which combat

climate change, no slavery or child labour and transparency in all their business practices. As a Fairtrade Faith Community we can do a lot in our local area to help people to understand what Fairtrade is, to create a market for Fairtrade products by buying them ourselves and by asking for them in our local shops. We can also advocate and promote Fairtrade, by holding Fairtrade events, so that people in our wider community have the opportunity to learn and to get involved.

It's very easy to see how Fairtrade is a natural extension of our faith and Christian beliefs. We desire to love our neighbours (not to exploit them), to care for God's beautiful creation (not to destroy it) and we abhor slavery and exploitation of the vulnerable and of children. Our NSW/ACT Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia have encouraged our churches to actively promote and support Fairtrade and as a church we have been doing this for many years now. It is another important opportunity for us to reflect God's desire to bring justice and love into this world.

This year we are hosting two morning teas, one at each of our churches, so that our communities can engage in Fairtrade awareness. On Tuesday 10th August from 9-11am we will be at the Bangalow Church and on Wednesday 11th August from 9-11am at the Byron Bay Church. Please join us, bring some friends and support this important activity of our church. There will be Fairtrade products for sale and free barista made Fairtrade tea and coffee with our own barista Rev Phil on duty. A huge thank you to Corinne Nash, our Fairtrade Advocate, for providing this information, organising events and encouraging us in our endeavours to support Fairtrade.

May we continue to shine God's love and justice in this world through actively engaging in Fairtrade and in an ethical approach to our purchasing, as an extension and demonstration of our faith.

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 (details below)

Upcoming events...

Growing Young Bookclub: Monday 16th August 3.30-5pm Zoom

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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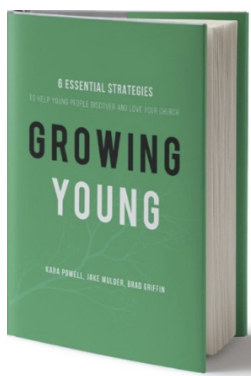


Saltbush Gathering Saturday 21st August @ Lismore UCA

As we enter a new season of exploring our regional governance we are invited to engage in a Saltbush Gathering. This has now been rescheduled due to the recent COVID outbreak in NSW. This will be 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. More details will come shortly but lock this date in your calendar.

Minister's Leave:

Rev Phil will be taking leave from Wed 18th August until Wed 1st September. If you have pastoral needs in this time please contact one of our elders.



Growing Young Project

The Growing Young Project is continuing each fortnight, as we journey through this resource and reflect upon ministry to the younger generations. This group met last Monday by Zoom to consider Chapter 4. We had a great discussion about what it means to take Jesus' message seriously. It is still not too late to join in, so see Rev Phil for a book and more details. The next session is planned for Monday 16th August from 3.30pm on Zoom and we will be looking at Chapter 5.

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, so please come prepared to give generously. 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 8 August: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

Week of 15 August: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger



Prayer Points

- Those who are vulnerable in the fight against COVID-19 and for equal and safe access to vaccines.
- Fairtrade Fortnight. That we will be active in our support of justice in our ethical purchasing and share God's love through loving our neighbours in this way.
- The work of Frontier Services as they minister to Australians in rural and outback areas, many of whom have experienced such painful and difficult circumstances in recent years.
- Matilda and William Jarrett (and their parents Luke and Courtney) as we celebrate their baptism on the 15th August.

Gathered Worship

Sunday 8th August	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
Sunday 15th August	10am Bangalow (Combined Baptism & Frontier Services gathering)	- Rev Phil
Sunday 22nd August	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- George Graham
Sunday 29th August	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Peter Overton

Lectionary Readings

8 August	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35,41-51
15 August	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
22 August	1 Kings 8:(1.6.10-11), 22-30, 41-43	Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
29 August	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

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.