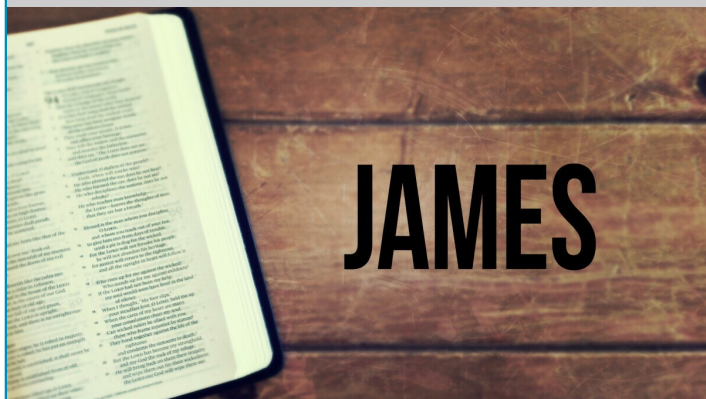




# BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

## Faith and works...



Over the past few weeks we have engaged in considering the New Testament Book of James in our worship gatherings online and now face-to-face again. The Book of James contains five chapters and we have been considering one chapter each week, as we wonder together how this part of Scripture might relate to our lives here in 2021 and beyond. I wonder what parts of the

opening few chapters have resonated with you so far?

For James, faith is living and active. It is not just a passive collection of ideas, doctrines and beliefs that we might hold onto in our minds. In James we have seen that faith is embodied and enacted as a lived experience. The faithful followers of Jesus receive God's Word and act upon it. In some sense the letter focuses on the two greatest commandments as summarised by Jesus...Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. James uses a particular approach to the structure of the letter where after a series of statements, wisdom sayings or teachings a section is concluded with a clever one-liner. Possibly the most well known example is this:

***'For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.'***

***- James 2:26***

James challenges us to consider how we will live out our faith together in ways that reflect God's mercy and benefit the marginalised. James highlights the active display of compassion in caring for the most basic of needs of those who are without: the provision of clothing, food, shelter and safety. So where do we see faith in action in our community? Well, as I look around at our ministries in and to our local community, I am inspired by the active faith demonstrated within our own community of faith by so many people, including our volunteers. So many of our people are actively engaged in ministry and putting their faith into action. Each day there are people who are serving God and their neighbours in such beautiful ways in our community. Our ministries including Op Shop, Fair Trade Advocacy, The Severe Wet Weather Shelter, Sewing Group and Open Church are all examples of faith being put into action. But we cannot rest on these, as an active, lived faith must be part of our DNA and must continue for all of our days. My prayer is that the ongoing effects of considering these ancient writings in James will inspire and challenge us so that our faith grows to be alive and active, as we seek to continue the path of loving God and loving our neighbour.

Grace and peace, Rev Phil

# 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 20th September 3.30-5pm Zoom

**Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday 21st September 11am @ Bangalow UCA

**Frontier Services Gathering & Baptism:** Sunday 26th Sept 5pm @ Bangalow UCA

**Bangalow Harvest Service:** TBC

**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

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

 <https://www.facebook.com/BangalowByronBayUnitingChurch>

Minister: Rev. Phil Dokmanovic

Phil: 0425 291 955 // [phild@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:phild@nswact.uca.org.au)

(Minister's Day Off: Friday)

Church Council Secretary: Corinne Nash 6629 1692  
email: [allthenashes@gmail.com](mailto:allthenashes@gmail.com)



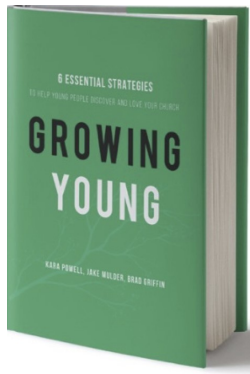
## For The Calendar

Church Council Meeting Tuesday 21st September 11am @ Bangalow UCA

Frontier Services Gathering & Baptism, Sunday 26th Sept 5pm @ Bangalow UCA

Bangalow Harvest Service TBC

Bangalow Fair Trade Fair Saturday 6th November.



## 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. The next session is scheduled for Monday 20th September at 3.30pm and will take place on ZOOM. We will be looking at Chapter 7 - 'Be The Best Neighbours.' It is still not too late to join in, so see Rev Phil for a book and more details.

## Frontier Services Gathering & Baptism Sunday 26th September 5pm @ Bangalow UCA

On Sunday 26th September 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 (and great grandchildren of Kevin & Edna). Please mark this on your calendar and join us for this special celebration.



## ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 19 September: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

Week of 26 September: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES

Let us PRAY

## Prayer Points

- Those who are vulnerable in the fight against COVID-19, for equal and safe access to vaccines and the effects of extended and intense lockdown in our country.
- The Uniting Church as it discerns and engages in a far-reaching conversation across the church about the future shape of the UCA.
- 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 26th September.

# Gathered Worship

<b>Sunday 19th September</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 26th September</b>	5pm Bangalow Baptism & Frontier Services	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b>	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 10th October</b>	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil

## Lectionary Readings

<b>19 September</b>	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
<b>26 September</b>	Esther 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22	Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
<b>3 October</b>	Job 1:1,2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
<b>10 October</b>	Job 23:1-9,16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31

**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.