

3 October 2021



BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

Blessed are the peacemakers...

It was a few weeks ago now, but I wonder if the International Day of Peace was on your radar (21st September). I appreciated reading social media posts from a range of faith leaders, many of whom joined together for ecumenical and inter-faith gatherings to acknowledge the importance of peace and humanity's deep need for it, especially in these days. I also valued our Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford's inspiring



address from an event on that day. In that address Simon wrote these powerful words:

'I have almost no time for those who would keep the peace at all costs, who close the windows and curtains so that the cries of the hungry don't disturb their evening meal. I have all the time in the world for those who will expend everything to create peace: speaking up, sitting beside, waiting with, listening to, building patiently, hopefully. The One I worship calls me to faithful service. The One I follow blesses the broken, attends to the least, places a small child in the midst of us and proclaims her worth, welcomes the outcast and the stranger. The One who calls me, challenges me to bring the greeting of peace to each home I visit, to each table to which I am invited.'

Every week in our gatherings we practice the 'Passing of the Peace.' In recent COVIDSafe times we have continued doing this, using an embodied practice that physically recognises that the peace of God that transcends all understanding resides within us and we are willing to share this peace with our community. And not only this, we are also willing to receive the peace of our community into our own lives. In a world that is filled with a pandemic, suffering, war and injustice, God's peace is so desperately needed. We are called to be a people of peace *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God,'* says Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5.

May we be challenged to be a community of peace, offering peace to this world not just in our words but also in our actions. May we be peacemakers in our families, in our friendships, in our communities and in our global world.

Peace be with you always.

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...

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday 5th October 11am @ Bangalow UCA

Growing Young Bookclub: Monday 11th October 3.30-5pm Zoom

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

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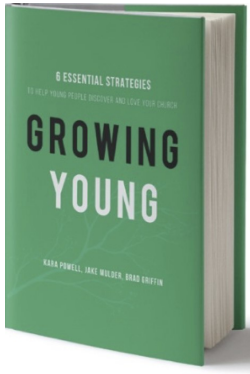


For The Calendar

Church Council Meeting Tuesday 5th October 11am @ Bangalow UCA

Bangalow Harvest Service Postponed 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 11th October 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.

Minister's Leave

Due to the recent lockdown Rev Phil was unable to take his planned leave back in August. Instead, he will now be taking leave for the period of 11th-31st October.

During this time please contact the Church Council or Elders if you have any pastoral concerns and in the event of emergencies, contact our Church Council Secretary Corinne Nash to advise you. Please pray for a great time of refreshment, reflection and rest for Rev Phil during this time.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Week of 3 October: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Week of 10 October: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES

Let us PRAY

Prayer Points

- Peace with creation, with each other and in our global community. May those who are damaged by war and trauma know welcome, healing and justice.
- Those engaged in acts of care and compassion for the most vulnerable in our community right now.
- Rev Mark Kickett, the National Interim Chair of UAICC, and all our Congress leaders engaged in ministry, growing faith and leadership and working for justice and healing.

Gathered Worship

Sunday 3rd October	9.30am Byron Bay Communion 5pm Bangalow Communion	- Rev Phil
Sunday 10th October	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
Sunday 17th October	5pm Bangalow	- Rev Peter Overton
Sunday 24th October	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- George Graham

Lectionary Readings

3 October	Job 1:1,2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
10 October	Job 23:1-9,16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
17 October	Job 38:1-7,(34-41)	Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
24 October	Job 42:1-6,10-17	Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

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.