



# BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UCA

## "A Fair Trade Lent..."

Each year as we approach the season of Lent, time is spent choosing and crafting a theme to hold us together in unity during our Lenten journey. In previous years we have drawn on the wonderful creative inspirations from *A Sanctified Art*, which have blessed us and inspired us during Lent. This year in 2022, our theme is **"A Fair Trade Lent."**

During our gatherings we will be drawing on resources supplied by Rev John Martin, a Fair Trade Advocate and good friend of our community. As a congregation we are a Fair Trade Faith Community and minister in a town that is also recognised as a Fair Trade Town, so this is a great opportunity for us as a faith community to continue exploring what this means for us and how engaging in justice issues like Fair Trade are important parts of our faith.

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation and discipline leading towards the celebration of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday (16th April). During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church traditionally remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. A regular practice for many people during Lent is to consider giving up something during this time, as a symbol of following in the sacrificial way of Christ and engaging in an act of self-discipline. Others choose to pick up something new during Lent and this usually takes the form of a new spiritual practice, also designed to engage in self-discipline and discipleship.

Following on from our theme for this year, I would like to suggest that we choose to give up non Fair Trade products, and switch to Fair Trade products. That way you can keep consuming chocolate or coffee or tea, with an easy conscience and with the satisfaction of

the knowledge that you are supporting producers in distant places towards a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

Let's make this a Fair Trade Lent! Let's actively become part of making this world a fairer and just place, especially for those in countries who are disadvantaged and who have experienced the COVID pandemic in a much more impacting way than here in Australia. This is one of the ways we can share in the ministry of bringing God's love and justice to this world and in loving our global neighbours. Grace & peace, Rev Phil

LENT 2022

### *A Fair Trade Lent*

Join us as we journey through Lent considering an ethical approach to our living and consuming



BANGALOW/BYRON BAY UNITING CHURCH  
- A FAIR TRADE FAITH COMMUNITY



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...

**Open Church:** Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am Byron Bay UCA

**Cuppa & Conversation:** Wednesday 10:00am-11.30am @ Bangalow UCA

**Scripture at Byron Bay PS:** Rev Phil Thursday 12-2pm

begins on March 3rd, 2022

## Now Operating...

**Byron Bay Uniting Church Op Shop:**

Open Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm

**Uniting Sewing and Social Group @ Byron:** 9am-3pm and 6-9pm, Mondays

**Growing Young Bookclub:** every fortnight (details below)



## Upcoming events...

**Growing Young:** Monday 28th February, 3pm

@Bangalow UCA

**Harvest Festival (with dinner and auction):**

Sunday 6th March, 5pm @ Bangalow 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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## Harvest Festival - Sunday 6th March 5pm @ Bangalow UCA

Harvest Festival is just a week away!

After postponing this event for the past two years due to COVID, we are back on for 2022. The evening will begin with a shortened time of worship where people of all ages can participate, followed by a meal and then our famous Harvest Auction. Please invite friends and family along from the community and consider what produce or goods you might bring along to be auctioned. All funds raised go to the ongoing ministry of our church and its engagement with our community.

BANGALOW UNITING CHURCH  
*Harvest Festival*

### Open Church / Cuppa & Conversation

After evaluating the Open Church initiative after a year, the Church Council has decided to make a few changes to our weekly schedule. Open Church will continue at Byron Bay, but now on a Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am. Rev Phil will be there each Tuesday and available for people to stop by for a cuppa and a chat and to connect with people in our community. At Bangalow, we will now have Cuppa & Conversation each Wednesday from 10am-11:30am. This is an opportunity to join a small group who will spend time in conversation around matters of faith, scripture and bible study.

### Byron Bay Church Monthly Morning Tea

On the first Sunday of each month we celebrate Communion during our gatherings. The Byron Bay Church will host a morning tea following each of these Communion gatherings as an opportunity to connect and enjoy spending time together. If you are attending please feel free to bring along some delicacies for us to share.

## Lectionary Readings

<b>27 February</b>	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
<b>6 March</b>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
<b>13 March</b>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36
<b>20 March</b>	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

# Gathered Worship

<b>Sunday 27th February</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	9:30am Byron Bay - Communion & Morning Tea 5pm Bangalow - Harvest Festival	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 13th March</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow - Communion	- Rev Phil
<b>Sunday 20th March</b>	9.30am Byron Bay 5pm Bangalow	- Rev Phil

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES

*Let us PRAY*

Week of 27 February: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Week of 6 March: Ireland, and United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

### Prayer Points:

- Peace in our world, especially in Ukraine at this time.
- Those who speak out against rape and gender-based violence in our community and those who provide practical and emotional support to survivors.
- Our Growing Young Project, as we as a whole church process the six essential strategies of Growing Young and as we engage in the idea of ministry to the younger generations.
- Our local communities, young people and families - those who are our local neighbours.

**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.