

**THIS WEEK: 27 May – 2 June**

Monday	27 May	<i>Week of Prayer for Reconciliation until 3 June</i>	
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
		6:30pm	The Buttery Board Meeting
Tuesday	28 May	10:00am	Byron Shire Interagency Meeting: Homelessness
Wednesday	29 May	<i>Ascension</i>	
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		10:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	30 May	9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	31 May	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>	
Saturday	1 June	<i>Justin, martyr at Rome (d. c. 167)</i>	
Sunday	2 June	9:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow
		11:00am	Eucharist, Eureka



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All Souls' Bangalow  
St Aidan's Eureka

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**The Sixth Sunday of Easter — 26 May 2019**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge the **Bundjalung Nation**, traditional custodians of this land.

**A Birthday**

My heart is like a singing bird  
Whose nest is in a watered shoot:  
My heart is like an apple-tree  
Whose boughs are bent with thickset fruit;  
My heart is like a rainbow shell  
That paddles in a halcyon sea;  
My heart is gladder than all these  
Because my love is come to me.

Raise me a dais of silk and down;  
Hang it with vair and purple dyes;  
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,  
And peacocks with a hundred eyes;  
Work it in gold and silver grapes,  
In leaves and silver fleur-de-lys;  
Because the birthday of my life  
Is come, my love is come to me.

*Christina Rossetti*



GOD OF PEACE,  
YOU SEND YOUR ONLY SON  
TO DWELL AMONG US  
AND TO TEACH US YOUR WAYS.  
BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
AND WITH CONFIDENCE IN YOUR LOVE,  
MAY WE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF  
CHRIST'S PEACE. AMEN.



Bangalow Anglican Church

**SERVICE TIMES**

Bangalow		
Sunday	9.00am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10.00am	Eucharist
Eureka	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11.00am

**PARISH GOALS**

- to pursue a social justice agenda
- to offer hospitality
- to support the spread of the Gospel in schools
- to maintain environmental care

**THIS SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019 – EASTER 6**

*Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019 – EASTER 7**

*Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-22; John 17:20-26.*



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## The Greater Christ

If Christ is the first-born from the dead, then he cannot be merely 'the new Adam' of a new humanity. He must also be understood as the first-born of the whole creation. All things are created in the vista that stretches forward to the messiah, for the messiah will redeem all things for their own truth, and will gather them for the kingdom of God, thus completing and perfecting creation. But this means that the risen Christ is not present only in the Spirit of faith and in the Spirit that animates the community of his people. Nor is he present merely in hidden form in world history. He is also immanently efficacious in 'the heart of creation,' as Teilhard de Chardin put it. He is present not only in the human victims of world history but in victimised nature too.

If the risen Christ is already the pantocrator [ruler of the universe] now, in a hidden sense, because he has overcome hostility in the whole creation and brings reconciliation into all its different spheres, is he not then to be identified with 'the hidden subject of nature,' about which Ernst Bloch talked? 'The Lord' is a designation for a determining subject. Christ's lordship consists of his conquest of enmity and violence and in the spread of reconciliation and harmonious, happily lived life. Reconciliation binds together what is separated and confers peace. It quickens what has been dead and petrified. Christ's sphere of sovereignty is the whole creation, visible and invisible—all the spheres, therefore, by which humanity is surrounded and in which human beings participate—even the spheres which are remote from human beings because they are inaccessible to them, such as the heavens, the worlds of divine potencies.

Christ's parousia in glory cannot be thought of and expected in merely historical terms, as the end of this world time. It must also be conceived of and awaited as the final coming forth of the Pantocrator hidden in the cosmos, and as the finally accomplished manifestation of the hidden subject nature in a reconciled, redeemed and hence newly created cosmos. To put it simply: the coming of Christ in glory is accompanied by a transformation of the whole of nature into its eternal discernible identity as God's creation. Not only the heavens but the earth too will provide the evident signs. This eschatological transformation of nature was prefigured in Christian tradition, not merely in the sacraments but also in the parable of the earthly spring:

Lay out your leavés lustily,  
From death take life now at the least  
In worship of that Prince worthy  
*Qui nobis puer natus est.*

[William Dunbar (c. 1460–c. 1520), 'Et nobis Puer natus est.' In the old mystical German Advent hymn 'O Heiland reiss die Himmel auf' the earth is exhorted to put forth leaves, and herself to bring forth the Saviour. The ideas in the hymn probably go back to Hildegard von Bingen.]

In the final 'greening of the earth' the cosmic Wisdom-Christ will come forth from the heart of creation, setting that creation in the light of God's glory.

Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Way of Jesus Christ* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993), pp. 278-80.

## PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Thank you to all who contributed to the Guild Street Stall last Friday – the amount raised continues to grow, \$498.80 was raised this year (\$465.35 last year)! Well done!
- ★ Safe Church Awareness Training will be held at St James Parish Hall, 41 Pearl Street, Kingscliff, on Saturday 1 June. For Bookings please contact Kingscliff Parish on 02 6674 1513 or via email to office@apok.org.au.
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Casino, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, South Grafton, The Bellinger and Tweed Heads. The Parishes of Mullumbimby and Mid-Richmond are in transition.

Fr Matthew

## Prayers

Daughter of Jerusalem, sing and shout for joy,  
**for the Lord has risen. Alleluia!**

Anglican Communion — Anglican Communion Sunday: The Anglican Communion, The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

Diocese — Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, Terranora: Principal Stuart Marquardt, Chair Chris Goldstone; Parish of Tweed Heads: in transition, Rev'd Sue Woodcock, Rev'd John Reid, Rev'd Cameron Smith, Rev'd Gavin Talbot, LLMs Mary Birch, John Gandey, Maria Gandey, Adrian Rogers, Joy Maynard, Yvonne Turner

Please pray for Fr Craig, Connor, those who are sick, lonely, homeless, refugees and asylum seekers

Anniversaries of Death — Albert Ernest Buchan, Arthur Beckinsale, Richard William Timms,, Ronald George Lane, John Smith, John Baker, Janelle Joy Jarrett, Alexander McLean, Robert John Swans, John William Wordsworth, Mary Stephens, David Boag

## It all has to do with

It all has to do with a scientific thingamabob called bioluminescence, which refers to thingamajig cells which contain a whatsit called luciferin.

This whatsit can somehow make a whosit called luciferase which, when combined with oxygen, makes a whatchamacallit commonly known to us all as oxyluciferin.

And, of course, it all has to do with sex!

At least, that's what the scientists tell us when we wonder how and why fireflies light up on a summer evening.

Me?

I just let them light my way home from a late meeting at the church and whisper, 'Wow!'

Thom M. Shuman in Burgess, Ruth. *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* (Glasgow: Wildgoose Publications, 2015), p. 317.