

THIS WEEK: 26 August – 1 September

Monday	26 August	9:00am	Lead 2019 Seminar, Coffs Harbour
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
		6:30pm	The Buttery Board Meeting
Tuesday	27 August		<i>Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387)</i>
Wednesday	28 August		<i>Augustine of Hippo, bishop & teacher (d. 430)</i>
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		10:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow
		2:00pm	Combined MMR Meeting, Lismore
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	29 August		<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	30 August		<i>John Bunyan, preacher, spiritual writer (d. 1688)</i>
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	31 August		<i>John Bunyan, preacher, spiritual writer (d. 1688)</i>
Sunday	1 September	9:00am	Eucharist, Eureka



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All Souls' Bangalow
St Aidan's Eureka

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost — 25 August 2019

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

*God of freedom,
you desire no one to be bound in sickness
and poor health. Heal us and set us free
from all that holds us back that we might
rejoice in your wonderful works.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Bangalow Anglican Church

SERVICE TIMES

Bangalow		
Sunday	9.00am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10.00am	Eucharist
Eureka	1 st 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 25 AUGUST 2019 – PENTECOST 11

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

NEXT SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 – AIDAN

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Matthew 19:27-30.



Of Mutability

Too many of the best cells in my body
are itching, feeling jagged, turning raw
in this spring chill. It's two thousand and four
and I don't know a soul who doesn't feel small
among the numbers. Razor small.
Look down these days to see your feet
mistrust the pavement and your blood tests
turn the doctor's expression and grave.



Look up to catch eclipses, gold leaf, comets,
angels, chandeliers, out of the corner of your eye,
join them if you like, learn astrophysics, or
learn folksong, human sacrifice, mortality,
flying, fishing, sex without touching much.
Don't trouble, though, to head anywhere but the sky.

Jo Shapcott (1953-)

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Sabbath as Antidote to Anxiety

It is usual to say that the goal of the generative work of creation is restfulness. It is usual to say that restful Sabbath is ordained into the fabric of creation. What is not so often said is that God was tired, perhaps exhausted—for generativity is hard work—and had come to the end of God's own energy. That conclusion, moreover, is reinforced by the odd note in Exodus 31:17. In that seldom-read text, God has commanded Moses and Israel for six chapters about the detailed design of the tabernacle, the model for an ordered community. The first six speeches of YHWH in that text concern fabric, design, and workmanship. But the seventh speech, beginning in Exodus 31:12, turns from the design of *space* to purpose for *time*. The seventh speech, not unlike the seventh day of creation, is a command on Sabbath—see Exodus 31:12-14. It is a God-given rule for the human community. The surprise of the text, however, is the final verse of the entire section, in which it is asserted: "It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and *was refreshed*" (Exod 31:17). God rested and "was refreshed." The verb "refreshed," used only three times in the Old Testament, is from the noun *nephesh*, "self." The verb is in the Niphal, a passive or reflexive verb to be translated either "was refreshed" or "refreshed himself." If we pay attention to the frequently used noun that lies behind the verb, then the verb is best rendered "was re-nepheshed" or "re-nepheshed himself." Either way, the text suggests that God's *nephesh* had been wearied and diminished by generative work, was depleted, and needed time, space, and freedom from responsibility for the recovery of God's own self. It is the same God in world-making and in tabernacle-making, exhausted and diminished after six days of world-making and six speeches of tabernacle design.

This remarkable liturgical assertion, moreover, is that God desisted from the quintessential work of creation and rested. God exhibits no anxiety about creation, no foreboding about tabernacle design, no sense that the world will not work in God's absence. God has complete confidence in the staying power of creation (or of the tabernacle design) and is not committed to more work, more productivity, more accomplishment. God has no anxiety about the world God has made and knows limits to generative investment.

The text, moreover, has a claim that the human couple in Genesis—and Moses in the book of Exodus—is to replicate God's own life in God's own image. Human persons are to be free of anxiety that propels achievement, productivity, or accomplishment. Human persons, along with the Creator, can trust that the world will work without constant attentiveness...YHWH's life-giving system is a sharp and complete contrast to Pharaoh's brick-making system, in which everyone is propelled by production anxiety? It is a radical either/or. When Moses says to Pharaoh, "Let my people go that they may worship me," the intent is to choose *the rest system of YHWH* over the *anxiety system of Pharaoh*, but Pharaoh cannot relinquish his companions in anxiety.

Brueggemann, Walter. *Disruptive Grace: Reflections on God, Scripture and the Church* (London: SCM Press, 2011), pp. 59-60.

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Bishop Murray advises that The Rev'd Keith McPherson has announced his resignation as Rector of the Parish of Sawtell. Rev'd Keith will be on long service leave from 19 August until 18 November and the Bishop asks us to please pray for Rev'd Keith, his family, and the Parish of Sawtell.
- ★ Bishop Murray also advises that The Rev'd Bronwyn Marchant has announced her resignation as Rector of the Parish of Kempsey. Rev'd Bronwyn has accepted the position of Priest-in-Charge in the Parish of Gisborne in the Diocese of Waiapu, New Zealand. Her last Sunday in the Parish will be 24 November 2019. Please pray for Rev'd Bronwyn during this time of transition and for the Parish of Kempsey.
- ★ We celebrate the Feast of St Aidan on Sunday 1 September at 9:00am at St Aidan's, Eureka. This will be the only service in the Parish for that day. Please organise to carpool where possible— and bring a plate of food to share for Morning Tea.
- ★ The Rev'd Peter Dillon has died. Rev'd Peter was ordained in Grafton Diocese in 1966 and served throughout the Diocese including Grafton; Dunoon and Lismore.
+Eternal rest grant to him O Lord.
- ★ ABM Day in Grafton is Saturday 21 September beginning with a service in the Cathedral at 10:00am followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker is the Rev'd John Deane, Executive Director of ABM. To reserve a place for the luncheon please phone Jackie Draffan on 6582 5040.
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Casino, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, and The Bellinger. The Parishes of Mullumbimby and Mid-Richmond are in transition.

Fr Matthew

Prayers

Lord, you do wonderful things with us.

You free us and make us whole.

Anglican Communion — The Anglican Church of South America: The Most Rev'd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

Australia — Diocese of Willochra: Bishop John Stead, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Emmanuel Anglican College Ballina: Principal Robert Tobias, Chair Canon John Bryen; Parish of South Grafton: Rev'd Tim Waghorn, Rev'd Jenny Parker

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

Anniversaries of Death — George Ernest Smith, Albert Ernest Swift, Frances May Priestly, George Frederick Hawkins, Cecil Edgar Brooker, Mabel Edith Alexander, Allan Leslie Amor, Richard Joseph Thomas (Keith) Timms, Gertrude Matilda Dengate, Florence May Smith, James Record Reigus Martin, Malcolm Charles Randall