

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

1 DECEMBER 2024

If you're new we'd love to connect with you and hear more of your story.
Fill in a follow-up card or talk to one of the priests.

PRAYER AND CARE

Parish Prayer for the week

Marvelous Lord, keeper of your eternal promises, make us bold and strong in keeping the promises that we have made to you. May we also, like your servant Jeremiah, the Father of the Saints, rely solely on you and not on buildings and institutions which always pass away. Grant us the strength to look up to you, to trust in you, despite this world's wars, floods, famines, and all the troubles that surround us and afflict our bodies. Remind us of your promise that when we look to you, you draw near to us. Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Gerri White's granddaughter, Phil and Felicity Ross, Ramin Nairyzi, Mavis McDonald, Betty Missingham, Damien Bourke, Margaret Saul, Maisie Stratton, Yvette Paish, Jimmy Gistitin, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, Val Barnes, and Alison Lee.

Schools Prayer

Give thanks for the Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers who visit our schools to share the Christian story of love, hope and forgiveness.

Pray for the SRE Co-ordinator and the Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC); for continued support from Ballina churches and church members and as they prepare for 2025. Pray for a continued welcome from our schools and a willingness from parents/carers to allow their child/children to attend SRE classes.

FEATURED NEWS

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

How about giving someone the gift of a relaxing massage? We have been donated some gift vouchers for SeaScape Massage Centre in Lennox Head. Each voucher is valued at \$120 but you can purchase them from the Parish Office for \$80. The money will go to the Isaiah 61 Project.

Contact the office on 6686 2094.

'PRAYERS FOR HOPE' CHRISTMAS TREE

During Advent we have a Christmas tree with a difference:

a prayer tree, where we will hang our prayers of hope.

You are invited to write a short prayer, or even a few words to God, on one of the coloured cards and hang it on the Christmas tree.

This week we pray for what we hope for ourselves.

What gives you hope as you follow Jesus?

How do you hope that God will move in your life?

As each prayer is added, the Christmas tree will be a visible reminder of the hope we have in Christ.

These prayers will be gathered and used during Lent next year as part of Hope25 (you will hear more about this soon!)

God calls us to...

Worship and pray *creatively* encountering God in old ways and new

Think and learn *eagerly* discovering more about God and faith

Serve and care *generously* sharing God's love and justice in our community

Accept and include *compassionately* because God's table has a place for everyone

READINGS for this week

Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;

Luke 21:25-38

READINGS for next week

Advent 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Song of Zechariah;

Luke 3:1-6

OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 - 1.00

ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Our **BBQ Breakfast**: The word is spreading and we had many new diners last month. There is no BBQ breakfast in December. Instead, we will be hosting the Community Christmas Lunch.

Community Christmas Lunch: Preparations are well underway, thanks to the support of many individuals and organisations in the community. Our team of 34 dedicated volunteers is ready to serve good food and joy to 150+ diners who are hungry for love and care.

God calls us to bring good news to the poor and the oppressed. (Is. 61:1)

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GIVING OPTIONS

By Direct Debit or online
BSB: 705077 Acc: 00040134

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
offertory box during services

SPECIAL EVENTS

Labyrinth Walk

Sunday 1 December

3.00pm St Mary's

marking the start of our
Advent walk

Advent Music Reflections

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 December,

5.00pm St Mary's

30 minutes of beautiful organ
music and a poem

Take time to sit in God's
presence.

Light Eternal

Christmas Choral Concert

Sunday 15 December,

3.00pm St Mary's

Vox Caldera Chamber Choir
directed by Nicholas Routledge.

Tickets \$25/\$20 Concession
available at the door,
or book at www.musicestuary.org

Christmas Closures

Craft Group meets 16/12/2024,
then not again until 03/02/2025.

Op Shop will be closed

25/12/2024 –

reopening 02/01/2025

Please let the Office know if your
group is having a Christmas
break.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 1 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

3pm Advent Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday 3 December

5pm Advent Music Reflection

Wednesday 4 December

10am Ballina

Sunday 8 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Tuesday 10 December

10.30am Crowley Chapel

5pm Advent Music Reflection

Wednesday 11 December

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

ON EVERY WEEK

Mondays 9.30 am

except Public Holidays

Craft Group - St Mary's Function
Room

Thursdays 10.30 am

Coffee 'n' Chat - Gallery Cafe,
Cherry St, Ballina

Thursdays 2pm

St Mary's Singing Group
Function Room

**Rev Cathy is on leave from
4 - 9 December.**

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) Advent and Christmas Appeal 2024. This Advent and Christmas, share peace and hope by supporting ABM AID's work with disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney, providing them with life-changing educational opportunities.