

# Welcome to **Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans** church!

We're so glad you are here

## 8 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**

We look to you O God to help us make our way to you. The path is clear, and we have heard it many times, but we get distracted by worldly things. In Advent let us focus on the story that leads to you and your kingdom through the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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**

We continue to pray for Year 12 as they prepare to receive their HSC results. We pray they will recognise the results are only one measure of who they are as a person and of their achievements. Give them perspective and wisdom as they decide on their future as young adults. Help them to be open to advice.

This week, give thanks for all the avenues and opportunities available for school leavers – at university, technical and further education and in employment.

### **FEATURED NEWS**

#### **'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 on one of the coloured cards and hang it on the Christmas tree.

**This week we pray for what we hope for our family and friends. What gives you hope as you see God at work in your loved ones? How do you hope that God will move in their lives?**

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

#### **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.

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 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Song of Zechariah;

Luke 3:1-6

## READINGS for next week

Advent 3

Zephaniah 3:14-20; A Song of Isaiah;

Luke 3:7-18

### OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

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

Op Shop will be closed 25 December – reopening **2 January**

### ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Our **BBQ Breakfast**: There is no BBQ breakfast in December. Instead, we will be hosting the Community Christmas Lunch.

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Advent Music Reflections

**Tuesdays 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](http://www.musicestuary.org)

**Rev Cathy is on leave, returning 9 December**

#### **Christmas Closures**

Op Shop will be closed  
25 December –  
reopening 2 January

St Mary's Singers last rehearsal  
13 December, next rehearsal  
30 January

Craft Group meets 16 December,  
then not again until 3 February.  
Threshold Choir next practice 4  
February

Coffee & Conversation at Lennox  
next meet 27 February

Coffee 'n' Chat meets 12  
December, next meeting tba

### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 8 December*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Tuesday 10 December*

10.30am Crowley Chapel

*Wednesday 11 December*

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Sunday 15 December*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Tuesday 17 December*

10.00am St Andrews Village

*Wednesday 18 December*

10am Ballina

*Friday 20 December*

7.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols

### 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

### CONTACT US

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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

### 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's work with disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney, providing them with life-changing educational opportunities.