

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

15 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

Dear Lord, we have so much to celebrate in our lives especially what baby Jesus coming to earth has brought to us. Let us celebrate and be grateful for all that is good in our lives. We give praise for our blessings and thank you for the hope you give to all who are burdened.

We have freely received so help us to freely give. Give us hearts of compassion, forgiveness and love so that your precious gift of life can be recognised and everyone will know you are God of all. 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

As the school year ends we give thanks for all the opportunities available in our area to meet the needs of our children and young people. We give thanks for the high quality educational facilities and commitment by the community to support learning.

We pray for a safe and refreshing holiday break during the Christmas and New Year season. We pray that families will make the effort to seek a place to celebrate the birth of Jesus in one of our Christian congregations.

Thanks to all members of our congregation who continue to pray for our schools.

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.

This week we pray for what we hope for our community. What gives you hope as you see God at work in our community and our nation? How do you hope that God will continue to move?

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

BEACHSIDE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

If you're coming to the Lennox Head beachside service on Christmas Day, please bring a chair for yourself and, if possible, one for someone else to use.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR OUR AGM

Due by Friday 24 January, sooner if possible. If you have any questions, or wonder if you need to prepare a report, email office@anglicanballina.com.au.

Please share any photos that are suitable for inclusion in the report.

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 3

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

Luke 3:7-18

READINGS for next week

Advent 4

Micah 5:2-5a; A Song of Mary;

Luke 1:39-45

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)

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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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Advent Music Reflections

Tuesday 17 December,

5.00pm St Mary's

30 minutes of beautiful organ
music and a poem.

Take time to sit in God's
presence.

Christmas Closures

Op Shop will be closed
25 December –
reopening 2 January

Men's Group next meeting
22 January

St Mary's Singers 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 next meeting tba

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 15 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Tuesday 17 December

10am St Andrews Village

Wednesday 18 December

10am Ballina

Friday 20 December

7pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Tuesday 24 December

6pm Family Christmas Eve
Service

Wednesday 25 December

7.30am Beachside Christmas
Lennox Head

9am Christmas Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Mondays 9.30 am

except Public Holidays

Craft Group – In recess after
16 December

Thursdays 10.30 am

Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina
in recess

Thursdays 2pm

St Mary's Singing Group
in recess