

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here **22 DECEMBER – 5 JANUARY**

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.

## PRAAYER AND CARE

### Parish Prayer for the Season of Christmas

Loving Lord, as we journey through the Christmas season and prepare for the new year, help us to be conscious of the needs of others. Give us patience with ourselves and others, and give us humble and gentle hearts to forgive others when we are hurt. Help us to always know that you love us so much, that you sent Jesus to show us how to live and you give us the promise of life forever with you. May we always recognise your amazing creation and give you praise for all that you do in our lives. 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.

## 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 world. What gives you hope as you see God at work in the world? How do you hope that God will continue to move?**

As each prayer is added, the Christmas tree will be 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](mailto: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 week of**  
*22 December*  
*Advent 4*

Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary;  
Luke 1:39-45

**READINGS for week of**  
*29 December*  
*Christmas 1*

Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17;  
Luke 2:41-52

**READINGS for week of**  
*5 January*  
*Christmas 2*

Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14;  
John 1:1-18

**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**

Community Christmas Lunch - 12 - 2 pm at St Mary's on Christmas Day.  
All are welcome.

Next BBQ breakfast is Saturday 18 January from 8-10 am.

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

***The Parish office is closed  
from 25 December, reopening  
6 January.***

*In an emergency please contact  
Rev. Mandy on 0460 872 944.*

***Rev. Cathy is on leave from  
26 December, returning  
Tuesday 21 January.***

***Rev. Mandy is on leave from  
26 December, returning  
Thursday 2 January.***

While the clergy are on leave  
please contact the church  
wardens John Bryen, Kerry  
Johnston or John Phillips with  
any issues.

**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 again  
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 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

*Sunday 29 December*  
10am Combined Service Ballina

*Sunday 5 January*  
8am Lennox Head  
10am Ballina

**ON EVERY WEEK**

*Mondays 9.30 am*  
Craft Group -in recess

*Thursdays 10.30 am*  
Coffee 'n' Chat – in recess

*Thursdays 2pm*  
St Mary's Singing Group  
- in recess



**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.