

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

23 FEBRUARY 2025

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

Gracious God, you give us clear guidance on what love means. We only have to look to your love for your Son, our Lord, who laid down his life for us to show us the depth of its meaning. Let us live our life in love for you and for one another with the same understanding. Amen.

### Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Phil and Felicity Ross, Mavis McDonald, Maisie Stratton, Yvette Paish, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, Alison Lee and Bonnie.

### Schools Prayer

This week give thanks for all our schools who provide quality education for all our students in high quality facilities. We pray for our school staff, students and their parents as they return to school, back into regular routines. We especially pray for Kindergarten and Year 7 as they begin the next stage of their education - for a smooth transition. Also pray for Year 12 as they commence their final year of secondary schooling. May they be blessed with a balanced lifestyle.

### Bring in your old palm crosses

Please bring in your old palm crosses from last year. These will be burned on Shrove Tuesday to prepare the ash which we will use on Ash Wednesday.



## FEATURED NEWS

### Hope at the Op Shop

Hope25 will run from Easter Day to Pentecost Sunday. In this time Anglican churches around Australia are encouraged to connect with their communities, and to share hope in Jesus.

We will do this through meaningful conversations with people in our community. And what better place to meet people than at our Op Shop! Throughout the Season of Hope we will be in front of the Op Shop talking (maybe even praying) with passers-by.

Would you like to be part of this? You can be rostered on as little or as often as you wish. There will always be at least 2 people present, including one of the clergy, and there will be practice/training to prepare for this ministry.

Hope at the Op Shop: 1- 3 pm each Tuesday and Thursday, from 29 April to 5 June  
Contact Rev. Cathy

### Invitation to a High Tea for all Volunteers Saturday 22 March from 10 am, St Mary's

This is for everyone who has given their time, gifts and talents in the service of God in this parish, whether now or in the past. Join us for a delicious high tea as we say thank you. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, to help us with catering.

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**  
*Matthias, Apostle and Martyr*  
Acts 1:14-17, 20-26; Psalm 113;  
John 15:9-17

**READINGS for next week**  
*Transfiguration*  
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;  
Luke 9:28-36

**OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS**

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

**Free Community BBQ Breakfast**

8-10 am at St Mary's 3rd Saturday of each month.

Come for a delicious breakfast and friendly conversation.

All are welcome.

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Coffee & Conversation**

10am Thursday 27 February,  
Goanna Café, Lennox Head

**Faithfulness In Service**

**Workshops**

**Friday 28 February 9.30am - 11am;**

**Saturday 1 March 2pm - 3pm.**

Enrolment Forms- back of each church, Parish Office and Op Shop. Further information: John Bryen 0417678564.

**Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday)**

10.30am Tuesday 4 March at McDonalds 54 Bangalow Rd. Please complete the attendance sheet in the foyer for catering purposes.

**Ballina Coast High School Museum**

**3pm Wednesday 5 March.**

Please complete the attendance sheet in the foyer.

**Sing for Joy - Choral & Orchestra Concert**

Sunday, 9 March, 3pm  
Amatori Choir and Orchestra present excerpts from Mendelsohn's Oratorio 'Elijah' and Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Tickets: \$25/\$20 Concession at the door Or book:

[www.themusicestuary.org](http://www.themusicestuary.org)

**WORSHIP TIMES**

*Sunday 23 February*

10am Combined Service at Ballina

11.15am AGM

*Tuesday 25 February*

5.15pm Evening Prayer Ballina

*Wednesday 26 February*

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Thursday 27 February*

10.30am St Andrews Home

2pm RSL Lifecare

*Sunday 2 March*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Shrove Tuesday 4 March*

12pm Private Confessions

Ballina

5.15pm Evening Prayer Ballina

*Ash Wednesday 5 March*

*Imposition of Ashes*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

**ON EVERY WEEK**

*Mondays 9.30 am*

*except Public Holidays*

Craft Group

*Thursdays 10.30 am*

Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina

*Thursdays 2pm*

St Mary's Singing Group

2 pm Function Room

**CONTACT US**

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**GIVING OPTIONS**

**By Direct Debit or online**

BSB: 705077 Acc:

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**In Person**

Gifts can be placed in offertory box during services

**Anniversaries:**

Duncan & Elaine Moyle

David & Gwen Taylor

**Tenders are called for the purchase of a John Deere 12yo Z155R 42" 17hp ride on mower.**

Tenders in sealed envelope marked "MOWER-CONFIDENTIAL" addressed to PROPERTY COMMITTEE to be handed to Office Administrator no later than midday Monday 3rd March. Further details contact Hugh McIntosh 0488721153

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:**

**MISSION FOR FEBRUARY: Anglicare Affordable Housing Foundation.** There are many people in our region who have difficulty affording suitable accommodation. The Foundation assists people who are disadvantaged in some way and are unable to afford to pay normal market rent. There are strict eligibility guidelines to ensure that the Foundation operates in a very fair and equitable manner.