

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

**23 MARCH 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**

### **Prayer for Hope**

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;  
by your Spirit awaken in us  
a true vision of your kingdom,  
a greater certainty of our salvation, and  
a deeper dedication to your service;  
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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, Bonnie and Jeanette Peard.

### **Do you have a prayer need?**

Our Prayer Chain is a group of mighty pray-ers who will pray for you. This is completely confidential. Contact Pat Kerr on 0412 297 766 or email pat.kerr.01@gmail.com with any prayer request.

## **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

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

Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9;  
Luke 13:1-9

## READINGS for next week

Lent 4

Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:11-32

### OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

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

Our Op Shop is well-known around town for selling high quality items at low prices. At times we even give items to people who are doing it really tough. Most recently the Op Shop sent bedding and clothing to the disaster evacuation centre during ex-Cyclone Alfred. We also welcomed a refugee family by giving them clothing and toys. The family has just settled in Ballina, after fleeing Syria and spending 5 years in a refugee camp in Iraq.

Our Isaiah 61 BBQ breakfast was very well attended on 15 March, with many new friends who heard about us from the disaster evacuation centre.

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

### CONTACT US

#### Rector

The Rev'd Cathy Ridd  
0427 836 988  
revridd@gmail.com  
Days off: Friday & Monday

#### Assistant Curate

The Rev'd Mandy Larkin  
0460 872 944  
mandylarkin08@gmail.com  
Days off: Friday & Saturday

#### Parish Office

Phone: 6686 2094  
office@anglicanballina.com.au

#### Website

www.anglicanballina.com.au

#### Facebook

Ballina and Lennox Head  
Anglicans

### GIVING OPTIONS

#### By Direct Debit or online

BSB: 705077 Acc:  
00040134

#### In Person

Gifts can be placed in  
offertory box during services

#### Birthday:

Greg Kingdom

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Lent Bible Study

Join our Hope25 Lent study at  
Lennox Head each Sunday from  
4 - 5.30 pm, or Ballina each  
Tuesday from 2 - 3.30 pm.

Bring your Hope25 study book,  
Bible and a pen.

#### Orava String Quartet Concert

3pm Sunday 23 March St Mary's.  
This is a world class  
presentation and is being  
co-hosted by  
Byron Music Society.

#### March Men's Group

Please join us for a chat 8am  
Wednesday 26 March at  
St John the Baptist,  
Lennox Head.

RSVP to [john.bryen@gmail.com](mailto:john.bryen@gmail.com)

#### Coffee & Conversation

10am 27 March  
Goanna Café, Lennox Head

#### Combined Service

10am 30 March Ballina

### WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 23 March

8am Lennox Head  
10am Ballina

Tuesday 25 March

5.15pm Evening Prayer Ballina  
or by Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3499296241?pwd=9ol76lJiQtu56mYaZDb1pBuiVBxtLA.1#success>

Wednesday 26 March

10am Ballina  
11.30 Palm Lake Resort  
1pm Youth Service (EAC  
Primary) Ballina

Thursday 27 March

10.30am St Andrews Chapel  
2pm RSL Lifecare

Sunday 30 March

10am Combined Service 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  
2pm Function Room

### MISSION OF THE MONTH:

**MISSION FOR MARCH: Anglican Lent Appeal 2025.** ABM AID's Lent Appeal 2025 features our partners and the women they empower through education, livelihoods, and community leadership in Zambia, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Vanuatu, and the Philippines. Together, we help them transform lives and challenge injustice.