

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

17 MAY 2026

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 our locum priest.

## PRAYER AND CARE

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

### Parish Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for your care and faithfulness. Help us to cast all our anxieties on you as you care deeply for each one of us. Make us alert and steadfast in our faith. When trials come to discourage us, strengthen us so we can stand firm. God of all grace, after every season of hardship, restore us, confirm us and strengthen us so that our life is built on your unshakeable foundation and fill us with peace. Amen.

### Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Felicity Ross, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, Alison Lee, Joyce Dooley, Rev. Russell Trickey, Beverley Grant, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Janice Bruem, Joan Swinbourne, and Cedric Stedman.

### Schools Prayer

Give thanks for the many opportunities in our schools to foster and develop student creative gifts and skills; for the teachers and tutors who give freely extra time to encourage creativity.

Pray for the EAC Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- for all involved in the performances.

*Tuesday Commemoration: Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d988)*

## FEATURED NEWS

### DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday 24 May is when we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. Please come celebrate with us and remember to wear something red!

### FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESENTATION BOARD

The first meeting of the Presentation Board to commence the discernment process for our next Rector will be held on Thursday 21 May at 10am. Please pray for members of the Board- The Bishop; Clergy Representatives- The Venerable Kay Hart, Rector of Maclean and The Reverend Kevin Booth, Rector of Sawtell; Parish Representatives- Hugh McIntosh, John Phillips and John Bryen.

### Walk The Creation Carer Talk Thoughts:

Do you have things you do, big or small, to care for this world given to us by our Lord? Please send your ideas in to the Office so that we all may join in as they will be published anonymously in the Bulletin.

For example:

Why use a plastic (made from hydrocarbons) pen or biro which will exist empty in the environment long after we have died? When a pencil would do just as well and it captures carbon in the graphite, is made of degradable, renewable wood and is easily sharpened.

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

Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5;  
John 17:1-11

## READINGS for next week

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13;  
John 20:19-23

### OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 – 12.30

#### Free Community BBQ Breakfast

8-10 am at St Mary's 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays,

**Next one is 23 May.**

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)**

### CONTACT US

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*Tuesday and Wednesday*

#### Parish Office

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#### Facebook

Ballina and Lennox Head  
Anglicans

#### Parish YouTube Channel:

Ballina Lennox Head  
Anglicans

### GIVING OPTIONS

**By Direct Debit or online**

BSB: 705077 Acc:

00040134

Ballina Anglican Parish

#### **In Person**

Gifts can be placed in  
offertory box during services

#### Birthdays:

Clare Howell-Smith

Cathie Guest

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Information To Parishioners Re Home Communion

Home Communion can be organised by Kerry Johnston, Licensed Lay Minister at this Parish. Please contact Cathie at the office. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who is unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion.

#### Organ Vespers

5-5.30pm Tuesdays 19, 26 May and 2 June. Come, listen to the pure resonance of 1000 pipes. Let this be a musical refreshment at the end of your day.

#### Emmanuel Anglican College

##### Musical:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-  
Roald Dahl

##### Performances:

Thursday 21 May: 5pm

Friday 22 May: Evening 7pm

Saturday 23 May: 2pm Matinee

and Closing Night 7pm

Tickets- \$35. Booking online  
through the College webpage.

#### Syrinx Vocal Ensemble

24 May 6pm St Mary's

Choral music exploring threads of light from the dawn of creation and celestial wonders of nature to the deeply personal.

#### Pentecost Combined Church Service

24 May 6pm Limitless Church

### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 17 May*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Tuesday 19 May*

10.00am St Andrews Village

*Wednesday 20 May*

10am Ballina

*Sunday 24 May*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 27 May*

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Thursday 28 May*

10.30am St Andrews

2pm RSL Lifecare

#### **ON EVERY WEEK**

Mondays 9.30am

##### **Craft Group**

*Function Room*

Thursdays 2pm

##### **St Mary's Singing Group**

*Function Room*

Thursdays 3pm

##### **Prayer Group,**

*Mariners Chapel*

#### **ON EVERY MONTH**

##### **Men's group**

*Second Wednesday monthly*

8.30am The Corner Café

##### **Death Café**

*First Saturday of each month*

10.30am Function Room

next 2 June

### **Mission of the Month of May - Anglican Church of Australia: Families & Culture**

#### **Commission.**

As part of our response to Domestic Violence Sunday on 3 May, our Mission of the Month is the Families & Culture Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia. The money is used to train leaders and clergy in responding to domestic and family violence, creating resources to change church culture, leading national prayer, advocacy and awareness campaigns and more.