

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

28 JUNE 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

Prayer of the week

Heavenly Father, may we bless you at all times, and may your praise continually be on our lips. Let our hearts boast only in your goodness and faithfulness, so that others who are weary and burdened may find hope and rejoice in you. Continue to deliver us from all that troubles our hearts. Turn our eyes toward you, that we may shine with the joy of your presence and never be overcome by shame. Surround us with Your protection and remind us that those who trust in you are never abandoned. You faithfully provide every good thing for us, your children. Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Felicity Ross, Cate Bible, Alison Lee, Joyce Dooley, Beverley Grant, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Janice Bruem, Joan Swinbourne, Cedric Stedman, Lexie Hurford and Rhonda McCaughey.

150 YEAR CELEBRATION: FIRST SERVICE IN THE FIRST ST MARY'S CHURCH

The first service was on 28 January 1877. A number of events and activities are planned to acknowledge this event: High Afternoon Tea on Saturday 30 January 2027 at 2pm; Combined service- Sunday 31 January 2027 at 10am. Parish Council has formed a Committee to organise appropriate celebrations. If you would like to be part of this Committee, contact John Bryen (0417678564) or leave a message at the Parish Office. The focus will be on the early history of an Anglican presence up to the formation of the Parish of Ballina in the mid 1890's.

Saints Days This Week: *Wednesday: Coming of the Light first missionaries to the Torres Strait (1871)*

FEATURED NEWS

NAIDOC Week 5-12 July,

This will be our theme for services 5 July.

Bible Study with Rev Cathy: God's people in the wilderness

Sundays 4-5.30 pm at Lennox Head, from 5 July - 9 August

Rev Cathy has been spending her retirement writing a new Bible study on the book of Numbers. So join Cathy as we explore this story of God's people in the wilderness: it's not as boring as its title implies! Discover how it speaks to us and challenges us today. We, too, are God's people in a wilderness.

Bring your Bible, a pen and an enquiring mind.

To ensure we print enough study booklets, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Message from Rev'd Mark

Dear friends, It is with sadness that, due to changed family circumstances, Sarah and I have had to make the decision to end our time with you a month earlier than planned. We will finish at the end of July. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. Mark and Sarah.

NAIDOC Celebration Walk –

Ballina Shire Council

Monday 6 July 2026

Meet 10.00am at Ballina RSL carpark, River Street, Walk commences 10.30am. Includes participation by students from Emmanuel Anglican College.

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

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:1-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18;
John 21:15-22

READINGS for next week

Pentecost 6

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 66.7-19;
Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30

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, 4th and 5th Saturdays,

Next one is 13 July.

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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By Direct Debit or online

BSB: 705077 Acc:

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Ballina Anglican Parish

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
offertory box during services

Birthdays:

Mary Stedman

Catherine Bible

*The Parish Office will be
closed Monday 29 June*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amatori Choir & Orchestra

Concert

3pm Sunday 28 June St Mary's
featuring the Requiem by Joh.

Adolf Hasse.

Cursillo Fire Day

9.30am Saturday 4 July

St James Church Kingscliff.

The theme is Holiness.

Cost is \$10 which includes
morning tea and lunch.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRESENCE COMMENCES

1847: The Reverend John
McConnell baptised three children
in Ballina.

It is possible the first Church of
England service took place earlier
in 1844.

1871: 4 June. The Minute Book
states the first service was on 4
June 1871, followed by Divine
Worship in August held in the
Temperance Hall with the
Harmonium used for the first time.

1875: December. The Bishop of
Grafton and Armidale hoped a
church building would be
commenced in Ballina.

1876: 12 June. The Foundation
Stone was laid for a church to seat
100.

1877: 28 January. The first
service in the new church building.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 28 June

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 1 July

10am Ballina

Sunday 5 July

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 8 July

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

ON EVERY WEEK

Craft Group

Mondays 9.30am

except Public Holidays

Function Room

St Mary's Singing Group

Thursdays 2pm

Function Room

Prayer Group

Thursdays 3pm

Mariners Chapel

ON EVERY MONTH

Death Café

First Saturday of each month

10.30am Function Room

next is 4 July

Men's group

Second Wednesday monthly

8.30am The Corner Café

next is 8 July

Mission of the Month – Church Missionary Society: Lasting Hope Appeal 2026

For over two centuries, God has worked through CMS to transform the lives of Christians across 80 countries – all for *a world that knows Jesus*. The long-term presence and commitment of CMS missionaries is imperative to this vision, and it is through your generosity that they have the resources and focus to do this important work.