

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

6 September 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

### Parish Prayer:

Dear God, we worship you all week long and despite all our failings, you still take pleasure in your people; Praise the Lord of never-ending mercy and grace. Help us show our faith to this world by our obedience to you, Lord our Saviour. Guide us to obey you and those who govern us, as we know you've designed the rules for our good. May we never look down or despise any part or person of your creation, whether they be little or large. Please Lord grant these prayers in the name of your dear son our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 and Rhonda McCaughey.

**Schools Prayer this week:** We give thanks for the commitment and support of the office and administration staff, ground and building maintenance staff and cleaning staff; for their support given to teachers, students and parents to ensure a welcoming, well maintained and clean learning environment for all involved in our schools.

**Saints Days This Week:** John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother; Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary; Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer; John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and Missionary WA.

## FEATURED NEWS

### History of The Anglican Presence in the Ballina District

Former Parishioner Marie Hart compiled a history of Anglican involvement in the Ballina Region from 1871 to 1989. Her main sources were Parish Council Minutes, items from local newspapers and parish documents and publications. Marie's account records and illustrates some of the occasions and a few of the faithful people who kept the Anglican faith alive in the Region.

Other histories have included 'Cornerstones' written by Ian Harvey in 1956; 'St Mary's Diamond Jubilee 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> July' written by Diane Mercer and 'Celebration Seventy' written by Muriel Blackman in 1976. 'History of the Work of the Anglican Church in the North Coast District of NSW' 1904 has details of church buildings including St Mary's Church.

Marie also compiled a folder of cuttings and documents and organised the extensive photograph collection. Our task for the 150 anniversary and celebrations is to continue Marie's work from 1989 to the present using Parish Council Minutes, Annual Reports, photographs and other documents to complete the history. This is where parishioners can help.

The 150 Committee of Parish Council- John Bryen-Chair, Jeanette Peard, Kerry Johnston and Vicki Goulding, assisted by other Parish Council members can't do this without support and assistance from parishioners if we are to achieve this goal. Contact John Bryen (0417678564) now to discuss how you can help.

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***Pentecost 15*

Exodus: 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18: 10-20

**READINGS for next week***Pentecost 16*

Exodus: 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-14; Matthew 18: 21-35

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**Next one is 12 September**

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)*****St Mary's Music Estuary****Concerts:** Lismore Symphony Orchestra Sat 12, 7.30pm; Sunday 13, 3pm. Tickets online or at the door.**Sunday 20 September: Guest****Speaker:** Dignity Freedom Network- The Reverend Dr Leah Kadwell. The Network supports the Anglican Ministry, 'Good Shepherd India'. Kate Rodwell, the local representative has previously been a guest speaker. *Hope for the Jogini Girls* dinner Wed 23 Sept 6.30pm \$35pp Register- [dfn.org.au/HopeDinner](http://dfn.org.au/HopeDinner). RSVP- 18 Sept.**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

This Wednesday 9 September, St John the Baptist Church Lennox Head 5.30pm.

**SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS COURSE- FULL COURSE****LISMORE:** Saturday 19 September 9-4pm. Registration: Noah Klane- [safe.ministry@graftondiocese.org.au](mailto:safe.ministry@graftondiocese.org.au). Registrations close 5pm Wed 16 Sept.**MEN'S CHAT:** Next Wednesday 9 September, 8am onwards Corner Cafe.**WORSHIP TIMES***Sunday 6 September*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 9 September*

10am Ballina

11.30am: Palm Lake Resort

*Sunday 13 September*

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 16 September*

10am Ballina

**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

**Men's Group***Second Wednesday monthly*

8.30am The Corner Café

**FORTNIGHTLY****Community Supported****Produce**

Monday 14, 28 Sept

**CONTACT US**Locum

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Ballina Anglican Parish

**In Person**Gifts can be placed in  
offertory box during services**Birthday**

Grace Black

Bev Mills

St Mary's Church and Parish  
Office will be closed on  
Fridays until further notice.**Nursing Home Services:**

Tues 8: Crowley 10.30am.

Sat 12: BUPA 10am.

Tues 15: St Andrews Village  
10am.**Mission of the Month – Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC):** supporting the part-time SRE teacher in Ballina Coast High School. Donations: placing your donation in an envelope marked BCEC or direct deposit to our bank account- Ballina Anglican Parish BSB 705 077 Account number- 00040134. Reference- BCEC.