

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Bodalla and Narooma

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Mission Statement:

To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.

SUNDAY DEC 22, 2019

Prayer of the Day – “Gracious God, You chose the virgin Mary, by Your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with Your grace, that with her we may rejoice in Your salvation, and in all things embrace Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA:

Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

1st Wednesdays of Month: 9am - Healing Eucharist & 3.30pm-6pm – Messy Church

Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist, with Music Reflection

Musicians: Mary, David, Denise, Steve, Mick, Tim & Carol

ALL SAINTS, BODALLA:

Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer.

Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn

SUNDAY DEC 22 – 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT:

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

Jenny M

Jock M

Vera M

Dale W



Morning Tea: Today – Mary; George Dec 29 – Jock; Jenny Wed Dec 26 – No Service.

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2019: “They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us’. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called ‘the most tremendous tale of all’ in his poem, ‘Christmas’. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God’s life. Alleluia! Salvation is at hand!

- **Pray** this week that you may become more & more like God himself by following Jesus’ example.
- **Give thanks** for the work of PNG Anglican Church, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.
- **Pray for:** Selva, Julyat, Lawrence & Marya, & for a successful conclusion to their appeal.
- **Please pray** for revival, & “pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for the field.”
- **Pray for** the Tingle family, our link missionaries in Chiang Mai. **Latest newsletter on N/Board.**
- **Give Thanks & Pray for: SRE: Narooma P/S – Mandy, Prudence, Kathi – Bodalla P/S – Mandy & Thea; Narooma H/S Chaplain, Phoebe; ISCF – Chris & Prudence.**
- **Pray Healing for:** Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for Joan & her family, & for all who grieve.
- **Please continue to pray** for healing rains across our drought & fire-ravaged nation.

ABM’S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019 - supporting **Wontulp-Bi Buya College & Nungalinya College** where Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are trained to be future leaders, & **Kenyan Livelihood Improvement Project** for drought-affected communities.

The **ABM Christmas Gift** focuses on the work of **St John’s Seminary**, the Anglican Church’s clergy training college in **Kitwe, Zambia**. Info available at: www.abmission.org/Christmas2019
Donations to Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building, Nsw 1230.

****CHILDREN’S BOOKS For SALE:** on “Trust”, “Money” & “Rules”. Beautifully illustrated, suit ages 6-12. **COST:** \$7 per book, inc. \$2 to Parish – Di Mezzino.

TUES DEC 24, 5pm at St Paul’s - **Family Pageant.** & **11pm** at All Saints – **Holy Communion**

WED DEC 25, 9am – CHRISTMAS DAY service at St Paul’s.

Some CRITICAL DATE CHANGES to factor in:

- **SUN JAN 10, 2020 - Annual Reports** to Peter Tough via **email to:** toughp@pcug.org.au or **Handwritten reports** directly to Peter, or to **Ven Carol’s pigeon-hole.**
- **SUN JAN 17 – Last Day for Annual Election Nominations – all positions vacant this year.** Please Give Thought & Prayer as to whether you might nominate for any of the various elected positions in the Parish - Wardens; P/Councillors; Synod Reps; Clergy Appointment Board etc.
- **TUES JAN 14, 7pm – NEXT PARISH COUNCIL** meeting.
- **FRI JAN 24 – AGM & AEM**, followed by 6pm dinner at the Golfie, for those who can make it.

SUN FEB 2 – Ven Carol’s LAST SUNDAY service in the Parish.

WED FEB 5 – Ven Carol’s LAST WEDNESDAY service in Parish, followed by Coffee at Caseys.

SAT FEB 22 – Consecration of Ven Carol as Assistant Bishop & Vicar General in Goulburn.

Molly wants to knit things for the people affected by the fires, as come winter they will need things, and knitting is what Molly does, and beautifully too. But she needs acrylic yarn in 8-ply. If anyone has any they no longer want or need she would be happy to use it – please see, or phone Libby (4476 7906) if you can help.

And a Reminder for us all at Christmas: “Dear Society, be kind to those with a broken heart this holiday season. Please understand that they are doing the best that they can.

Please remember that there is no time-frame for grief.

Grief, in one form or another, will always be felt.

Please know that for some, this is the absolute most difficult time of the year.

The depths of the pain bursting at the seams.

Please be empathetic. Caring. And non-judgmental.

Please think about how you would feel if your everything were no longer here.

Please extend a hand. A hug. And some love.

Please know that we may need you now. More than ever before.

Please know that you cannot heal our grief. Or our broken heart. Nor do we want you to.

Please respect our wishes. And always offer us an invitation. Even if we do not want to attend.

Please know that we are not jealous of your joy. But that seeing others happy

can be a devastating reminder of the pronounced void that now exists.

Please love us through our pain. And above all else. Please.” (email-author unknown, thanks Wendy!)

“It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air” - WT Ellis