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Mission Statement:

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

During Covid-19, our Eucharist is in individual serves only -
"This is the Lord's table – all who seek God's mercy are welcome"

We invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Book,
Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share a cuppa after our services.

SUNDAY NOV 1, 2020 - *We praise You, heavenly Father, that You have knit together Your chosen ones in one communion & fellowship in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous & godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with You & the Holy Spirit lives & reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
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ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA: Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.
1st Wednesdays of Month: 9am - Healing Eucharist
Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist, with Music Reflection
Musicians: Mary, Denise, David, Steve, Mick,

ALL SAINTS, BODALLA: Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer
Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn

Aged & Pastoral Care Deacon: Ven Jane Simmonds,
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Financial Support: Cheques to Bodalla Parochial Council. PO Box 535 Narooma 2546;
Direct Deposits: Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020: ALL SAINTS DAY;
and International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

1 John 3: -3

Psalms 34: 1-10, 22

Matthew 5: 1-12

George H

Jen M

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: "In Matthew's Gospel significant events in Jesus' life occur on mountains: his temptation, the feeding of the 4 000, the Transfiguration, his arrest, and his final commissioning of his followers. Today we remember the countless unrecognised saints who lived out the life of faith in Jesus and many of whom gave their lives for him.

- **May God help** us examine our lives & be inspired by the saints to more closely follow our Lord.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar
- **Pray Healing for:** Bob B; Marion; Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray for** our Link Missionaries, the Tingle Family, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) "Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who'll equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen."
- **Please continue to pray for revival,** & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for our field."
- **"Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed."** Ps 72:19 (APBA)

Please Pray for our Refugee Family, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya. **Their refugee visa appeal is set for next Tuesday Nov 3, at 10am, in ACT.** "May the Lord bless & protect you, dear friends, may He be gracious to you, show you His favour, & give you His peace." (Num 6: 24-26)

To MAKE OR CHANGE A RESERVATION for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please advise Rhonda: rhonda.both@me.com PH.: 0457 477 485.
A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.



TODAY, NOV 1, 1pm-5pm, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to learn important helping skills -

A FREE 'MENTAL HEALTH UNWRAPPED' Workshop:

*NOTE: We are running this workshop from St Paul's Hall, still some seats free -
If you are interested, please call Marie on 0438 273726*

This Workshop addresses mental health issues pastorally and practically.

Some of the topics covered include: ***Understanding Mental Illness, *Mental Health Friendly Churches, *Prayer & Healing, *Mental Illness & Ministry.**

Or for more info: Embracing Ministries on info@embracingministries.org.¹ July Anglican News.

FR NOV 6, 10.30am, St Paul's – WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, & Fellowship of the Least Coin collection. (No morning Tea, unfortunately.)

SAT NOV 14, 9.45am-3.30pm. FREE. ANGLICARE DISASTER RECOVERY TRAINING WORKSHOP, Batemans Bay. All training materials provided. Bookings essential, RSVP to: disaster.recovery@anglicare.com.au; Lesley – 0419 608800; helen.bennett@anglicare.com.au

NOV 29, 10am: COMBINED Service at St Paul's, to be followed by an extra-ordinary **Electoral Meeting** to elect a Warden & Parish Councillor for St Paul's, & a Synod Rep.

FRI DEC 18, 7pm at All Saints: – Nine Lessons & Carols,

DEC 24, 5pm at St Paul's – NATIVITY.

DEC 25, 9am: Christmas Day Service at St Paul's.

ABM LARAPINTA CHALLENGE #2, from 28 June - 04 July 2021 – Another opportunity to join in, & support the empowering of ABM's indigenous & overseas partner communities:

To find out more, go to: <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/abm-larapinta-2021-dep2/>

"We give thanks for the unbroken chain of Christian saints through the ages without whose

witness we would not experience the grace of Christ." (V Rev' P Saunders, ABM Pew Sheet Reflect'n 2020)

"As their mule cart joggled & swayed across the empty wastes of the Gobi Desert, Mildred Cable & her two companions, sisters Eva & Francesca French, were trying to avoid drama at all costs.

*As **Christian** missionaries, their dearest wish was to spread the Gospel far & wide. However, in the **early 1900's**, they could scarcely have chosen a more dangerous place to attempt it....*

*The population were deeply suspicious of outsiders & lived in fear of death from starvation, disease or execution by brutal warlords.... **The three missionaries worked hard to win their trust, setting up schools and places of worship wherever they could... The trio crossed the Desert five times, armed only with a wagon full of Bibles....**" Jo Woolf - Free Spirits, The People's Friend, Special No.192*

MANDY'S MESSAGE: The Sermon on the Mount. The traditional site for the Sermon on the Mount is on a hill above the beach called Amnon. It is a high place and remote place, and it would have required considerable effort for those who came to listen to Jesus there.

Consider then, how much more difficult it is not just to come to Jesus and listen, but to obey his instructions. He told them not to fear or despair, but instead to trust and hope in God. To be content no matter their circumstances or station in life. To be humble and patient. To be industrious and modest, not measuring their standards by the values of the world.

And there is more: to forgive and do good to those who persecute you. Jesus had just called his disciples to follow him and then climbed a mountain. In the beatitudes he was moulding their character, reinforcing their relationship to God, and to their fellow man.

It was a transforming experience, and it gave them insight into the Kingdom of God, where lies true wisdom and joy in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was teaching them that the world's formula for happiness will most often oppose them, and these beatitudes would be seen as madness or blasphemy by many. The faithful Christian who has put them to the test however, learns to realize their unquestionable truth.

But how can we, tired, weary and sore, keep going up that mountain to be with Jesus as he teaches and encourages us, as he prays and sends us on into an uncertain future?

The answer is very straightforward, we follow a tried and true method, used by millions of Jesus followers before us. We re-member the saints who

have gone before us, and setting an example for the ones who are following after us. We re-member the saints.

Today we celebrate 'All Saints Day' – the countless martyrs, and heroes of the faith, great and small who have faithfully followed Jesus. Those that have been, who are now living and those who are yet to come – the communion of saints – that's us!

What one can't do alone, can be done with the help of others.

Becoming and remaining a saint comes from being in contact with God and God's people. The Holy Bible and Holy Communion keep us connected to the Holy One, which maintains us as the Holy People the Saints.

It helps us belong, believe and behave like other saints!

The church is the good news, the radical, possible impossibility of being joined together with people different from ourselves, even with people we may not like very much. For Christ's sake, the church is the reality of the alienated reconciled, the rebellious returned, the lonely encompassed with love.

(Norma Cook Everist in The Difficult But Indispensable Church, "Re-Membering the Body of Christ: Creating Trustworthy Places to Be Different Together,").