

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 DECEMBER 23, 2018:

Prayer of the Day – *“Gracious God, You have visited Your people & redeemed us in Your Son: as we prepare to celebrate His birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your word, & move us by Your Spirit to bless Your wonderful works. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30: Prayer of the Day – *“God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so love & respect those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to You, but make choices according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn

SUNDAY DEC 23– 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT, & a warm welcome the Tingle family today:

Micah 5: 2-5a Song of Mary, APBA p31 Heb 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

Iris C

Lachie McO

Morning Tea: Today – Mary & George

Dec 30 – Peter & Eva (No 9am Service on 26th)

ABM PEW SHEET REFLECTION 2018: “Is there greater witness to true discipleship than the deep and meaningful engagement of Mary through her words, “My soul magnifies the Lord”? Where would we be if she had said, “No”? What thoughts came to mind as she travelled the long distance from Nazareth to Ein Karem near Jerusalem to visit with Elizabeth? Did she have doubts? Did she have any regrets? Imagine her relief at hearing Elizabeth’s greeting and the affirmation afforded by John the Baptist who leapt for joy within the womb! What reassurances do we need in our own discipleship? What affirmation do we seek?”

- **Pray that** we may know how to say “yes” so that our souls might also magnify the Lord!
- **Pray for** the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do.
- **Pray for** the Tingle family, our link missionaries in Chiang Mai, - on leave.
- **Give Thanks & Pray for:** **SRE: Narooma P/S** – Tim & Mandy, & for Thea’s replacement in 2019.
Bodalla P/S – Jenny & Jan; **Narooma H/S Chaplain**, Phoebe; **ISCF** – Chris & Prudence.
- **Pray Healing for:** Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Joy J; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray for:** Selva & Julyat, Lawrence & Marya, & for the success of their refugee appeal.

ABM 2018 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEAL Your gift will help students at Australia’s Nungalinga & Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges, school children in Eastern Kenya & youth at St Peter’s Bible School in Myanmar. **To Donate:** www.abmission.org or Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Vic Building, NSW 1230

STAMPS: Don’t forget to save and bring your stamps to church. They are worth \$\$\$ to the Bush Church Society. Thanks, Janie. ABM requests stamps have a 1 cm border

MON DEC 24, 5pm – Christmas Pageant at St Paul’s, children to arrive 4.30pm for dress-up.
and at 11pm – Carols & Communion at All Saints

TUES DEC 25, 9am at St Paul’s: – CHRISTMAS DAY service:

Isaiah 62: 6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3: 4-8a Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20 or
Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12) John 1: 1-14

ABM PEW SHEET REFLECTION 2018: “Our time of eager, patient, & watchful anticipation has come to an end for in a manger on the outskirts of Bethlehem, a Child is born! What joy fills our hearts as shepherds, angels, & kings come to adore him! We are drawn to this pure, perfect, and loving babe who has chosen to live among us, as one of us, bringing us out of darkness into the bright celestial light of a loving & caring God. For now, it is enough to bask in the glow of his light.”

- **Pray that** all may experience the light of Christ’s life and love.
- **Pray for** the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem & the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do.

SUNDAY DEC 30: 1st SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS:

1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

Frank M

Dale W

Morning Tea: Today – Peter/ Eva

Marie S

Vera M

Jan 6 – Sally/Diana M Wed Jan 2 – Healing Serv.

ABM PEW SHEET REFLECTION 2018: “As New Year’s Eve draws near, we would do well to heed the wise advice St Paul offers in his letter to the Colossians. We could do worse than clothe ourselves with “compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, & patience.” We also need to learn to forgive if we are to taste of the true goodness of this life. And we need to place love at the heart of our being. New Year’s resolutions? Think we know what needs to be done...or undone!”

Pray that we may clothe ourselves with these virtues, learn how to forgive, and act always with the same love that Jesus modelled for us so graciously and generously.

Pray for the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God’s mission in the world.



SUN JAN 13 – All Annual Reports Due, so they can be readied for publication prior to AGM

SUN FEB 6 – Nominations for P/Councillors & Wardens Due.

FRI FEB 15, 2019, 4.30pm @ St Paul’s – AGM & AEM.

SAT APR 6, 11am – Bishop Elect Rev’d Dr Mark Short’s consecration in Goulburn.

Dayspring.com: “Living your faith is not something that is only confined to the four walls of the church... Instead, it’s an everyday, outward expression of your love for God and what He is doing in your life. It’s a choice that we must make, & it’s one that impacts everyone around us.

Radiate positivity. - A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.
Prov 17:22 CSB

Living your faith can be as simple as just having a positive attitude! Every morning, before we even get out of bed, we have a choice to make as to whether or not we will be positive or look for all of the small things to worry about. People take notice of our attitude & actions, & it’s our task as Christ-followers to be an example for others in this way. There is always going to be something that goes wrong or doesn’t go as planned, but we have the freedom to choose how we react to it, & we can choose to react by glorifying God with our attitude, & in turn, living our faith. **Try to simply smile at one or two strangers today, you’ll be blessed by how it makes you feel and you never know what kind of impact it can have on their day.**