

THIS WEEK: 19 – 25 November

Monday 19 November *Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist (d. 1231)*
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21 November *Cecilia, martyr at Rome (d. c.230)*
 9:00pm Morning Prayer
 10:00am Eucharist
 5:00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22 November
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 23 November *Clement of Rome, bishop & martyr (d. c.100)*
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 24 November *Ember Day*

Sunday 25 November 9:00am Eucharist, Bangalow



ABOVE & BELOW: St Nikolai (Lutheran) Church, Hamburg.



**O GOD; YOU ARE THE BEGINNING
 AND THE END OF ALL THINGS AND
 SEASONS; YOU ARE OUR LIFE
 AND OUR HOPE.
 MAY WE LIVE IN JOYFUL
 EXPECTATION OF YOUR ETERNAL
 REIGN IN PEACE.
 IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.**



Bangalow Anglican Church

SERVICE TIMES

Bangalow
 Sunday 9.00am Eucharist
 Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist
 Eureka 1st Sunday 11.00am

PARISH GOALS

- to pursue a social justice agenda
- to offer hospitality
- to support the spread of the Gospel in schools
- to maintain environmental care

THIS SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018 – PENTECOST 25

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-11.

NEXT SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018 – CHRIST THE KING

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BANGALOW

All Souls' Bangalow
 St Aidan's Eureka

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Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost — 18 November 2018

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge the **Bundjalung Nation**, traditional custodians of this land.



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Eschatology

The word Eschatology means the expectation that the end of the world or of the present order is imminent. It is a woeful misunderstanding of the Christian religion to find in it merely an unsatisfied longing for a future catastrophe in which the world as we know it will suddenly come to an end, and a totally new order come into being. To be a Christian is, rather, the recognition that the great catastrophe lies in the past, that God has acted and is acting energetically, that righteousness has been attained by men and women and is attainable by us through the grace of God; that the divisions of sex and race and class are surmounted and overcome in the great catholic fellowship of men and women, Greek and barbarian, Jew and Gentile, bond and free; that God has ceased to be unknown and unrecognised, energetic in Heaven, but inactive in the affairs of men; rather His word 'is nigh thee in thy mouth and in thy heart', since we have 'the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' The Ecclesia of God, the Church of Christ, stands in the world as the home of salvation, because within it God is actively at work: it is the sphere of His authority, the realm of His Spirit, the Body of His Son. Salvation from sin, from pessimism, from the sense that all things pass to inevitable destruction, from materialism, is not for us Christians to be attained by dreaming of a world beyond this world, or by believing in some imminent catastrophe, but by plunging head first into Christian faith and fellowship, believing that the Ecclesia of God is the visible expression in the world of His love and His mercy.

This is Christian language: it is lyrical, it is poetic, but it is not for that reason unreal: it is rather the song of the Christian religion, the song of experienced salvation from the corruption which surrounds us.

The greatness of St Paul lay largely in the clarity of his insight into the significance of the Christian religion, and of the little groups of converted men and women, scattered about in the great cities of the Empire: and consequently, though hardly realising precisely what he was doing, he transferred the language hitherto used to describe what would follow the end of the world in order to describe the fruits of the Spirit actually being given by God to the faithful Christians.

For St Paul the New Age had come; it was a New Creation, and Christianity was the goal of history and the fulfilment of the promises of God. The Church was heaven upon earth, and the fulfilment of the eschatological hope, the hope, that is, that the Last Things were at hand. All the merely physical accompaniments of the traditional imagery of the End of the world tend to drop into the background, the stars do not fall from heaven, but goodness, self discipline, charity, peace have in very truth dropped from heaven as the gifts of the mercy of God.

Edwyn Clement Hoskins (1884-1937), from *Cambridge Sermons* in Geoffrey Rowell, Kenneth Stevenson, Rowan Williams eds. *Loves Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest for Holiness* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), p. 599.

Who we are

The struggle with powerlessness is the struggle for effectiveness, yes, but more than that it is the struggle for simplicity of heart. However much we have cultivated an image of the imperious, the aura of invincibility, the patina of the supremely secure, we are helpless to help ourselves. Life as we have known it ends. We are confronted with the puniness of our existence.

Joan Chittister OSB

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ We observe the Feast of St Cecilia, Patron of Music, on Wednesday 21 November at the 10:00am Eucharist.
- ★ The Parish's annual Thank You Afternoon Tea for Volunteers of the Op Shop is on Thursday 29 November 1:00-3:00pm at Heritage House. Please let Patricia Ellis know if you would like to attend to give thanks for our volunteers.
- ★ Advent Sunday, and the commencement of our new liturgical year, Year C: Luke, is Sunday 2 December. Advent Studies will commence on Advent Sunday at 8:00am in the Chapel and conclude at 8:45am. The resource we will be using is Tom Wright's "Advent for Everyone: A journey through Luke."
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Coffs Harbour, Kingscliff, Mullumbimby, Nambucca Heads, and South Grafton.

Fr Matthew

Co-creation

God created and it was joy: time, space, matter. There *is*, and we are part of that *is-ness*, part of that becoming. That is our calling: co-creation. Every single one of us, without exception, is called to co-create with God. No one is too unimportant to have a share in the making or unmaking of the final showing-forth. Everything that we do either draws the Kingdom of love closer, or pushes it further off.

Madeline L'Engle, *And It Was Good: Reflections on Beginnings* (Wheaton, Ill.: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1983), p. 19.

**I am born a human being;
what I have to acquire is being human.**

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Prayers

We first proclaim the good news.

Speak, Holy Spirit.

Anglican Communion — Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), The Rt Rev'd Nicholas Dill

Australia — Diocese of Riverina: in transition, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Professional Standards Director: in transition, Professional Standards Committee:

Heather McKinnon Chair, Professional Standards Board: His Honour Judge Andrew Colefax SC President; Parish of Mullumbimby: in transition, Rev'd Margaret Rose, LLMs
Laura East, Merle Siwicki

Please pray for those who are sick, lonely, homeless, refugees and asylum seekers

Anniversaries of Death — Joseph John Yelds, Gladys Mary Jarrett, Glen Allen Bryen, Oswald

Ernest Harris, Lyle William Arnett, Margaret Lydia Wills, Hilda Elizabeth Baker, Eleanor Mary Lawrence, Ivy Elizabeth Cook