

THIS WEEK: 26 November – 2 December

Monday	26 November	<i>Ember Day</i>		RIGHT & BELOW: Wells Cathedral, United Kingdom.	
		9:00am	Morning Prayer		
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer		
Wednesday	28 November	<i>Ember Day</i>			
		9:00pm	Morning Prayer		
		10:00am	Eucharist		
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer		
Thursday	29 November	<i>Ember Day</i>			
		9:00am	Morning Prayer		
		1:00pm	Op Shop Volunteers Christmas Gathering, Heritage House		
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer		
Friday	30 November	<i>Ember Day</i>			
		9:00am	Morning Prayer		
Sunday	2 December				
		8:00am	Advent Study, Bangalow		
		9:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow		
		11:00am	Eucharist, Eureka		



**LORD GOD, MAY OUR COMMITMENT
TO YOU LEAD TO THE REALISATION
OF YOUR KINGDOM IN OUR TIME AND
PLACE, UNTIL THE COMING OF OUR
REDEEMER AND KING, YOUR SON,
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.**



Bangalow Anglican Church

SERVICE TIMES

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



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All Souls' Bangalow
St Aidan's Eureka

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regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

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Christ the King — 25 November 2018

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



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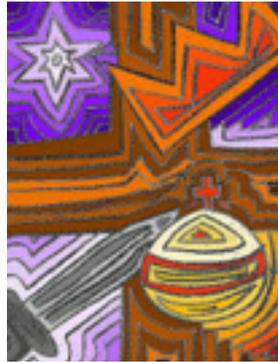
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Op Shop	Kath Amor	6687 2228	Mon - Fri 10:00am-3:00pm Sat 9:30am-12:30pm

Christ the King

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

(Charles Wesley)



Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; and that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

The feast of Christ the King is a fitting climax to the Church's liturgical year on the last Sunday before Advent. A relatively new feast, Pope Pius XI established it in the Roman Catholic Church by the encyclical *Quas primas* (11 December 1925) to be celebrated on the last Sunday in October. The pope wrote, "...it is at the end of the liturgical year, and thus the feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year, and [...] we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect."

It was changed after Vatican II to transplant the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, a fitting time to celebrate the apex of all we strive for – Jesus Christ, our spiritual King – the Lord and Giver of Life, maker of Law, the supreme judge and ruling Authority in the minds, wills and hearts of all his people.

By celebrating this Feast on the final Sunday of the liturgical year we are paying homage to our Sovereign King as his subjects in fulfilling the words of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary in Luke 1:32-33, "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

COVER: From Life of Jesus Series, by Ellen Draper (Moree) in *Our Mob, God's Story: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artists Share Their Faith* (Sydney: Bible Society Australia, 2017), p. 81.

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ The Reverend Canon Zoe Everingham has announced her resignation as Rector of the Parish of The Bellinger with her final services in the Parish being on Christmas Day 2018.
- ★ 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 next 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."
- ★ The Diocese is planning to give Archdeacon Gail a gift to say thank you for her many years of faithful service and is providing the opportunity for parishes, organisations and individuals to make a monetary contribution to this gift. Your contribution will not only enable the purchase of a suitable gift but will also emphasise that it is truly representing best wishes from across the Diocese. To make a contribution to the gift for Archdeacon Gail, please deposit directly into the following AFGD account by midday on Friday 7 December.
Account name: Gail's Gift
BSB: 705-077
Account number: 00041100
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Coffs Harbour, Kingscliff, Mullumbimby, Nambucca Heads, South Grafton, and Tweed Heads.

✠ Matthew

*The soul of one who loves God always swims in joy,
always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.*

John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Prayers

May your reign/kingdom/dominion/rule/reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Communion — The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Rev'd Jorge Pina Cabral

Australia — Diocese of Willochra: Bishop John Stead, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Emmanuel Anglican College, Ballina: Principal Robert Tobias, Chair Canon John Bryen; Parish of South Grafton: in transition, Rev'd Jenny Parker

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

Anniversaries of Death — George Simon Arnett, Rachele (Nellie) Buchan, Frederick Leo Crosswell, Anne Isobel Archer, George Bonser, Harry Bate, John Blewett, Sidney Edwin Farmer, Joyce Isobel Gallagher, William Kevin Jenner, Una Jean Sheaffe



Sunday, 25 November 2018, is the feast of Christ the King in the church's calendar, and the patronal festival of our Diocesan 'mother church', Christ Church Cathedral in Grafton.

Today we pray especially for, and with, our Cathedral: Dean Greg Jenks, the Cathedral Chapter, and the Cathedral parish community.

We pray for their special ministry and role in the life of our Diocese.

Living and eternal Christ,

 bless the ministry of our Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer.

May its doors and ours always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth.

Draw us deeply

 into the mystery of your life, your death,
 and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON
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God's mystery in revelation

Christology, set face to face with the fact of Jesus Christ, is an effort to understand that the objective possibility of God's revelation involves what our thesis calls the "irremovable mystery" of God in his indirect communication, but also the mystery of God which has entered time and history, which has become palpable and actual, in God's encounter with us by virtue of the incarnation. Not seeking at all to remove veils that human thought and speech cannot and should not remove, a serious christology (I mean by this one that is not historicised or psychologised), a christology like that which the early church enjoyed and we must try to recover, is a necessary and elementary theological measure which we must take in order to ensure the revelatory character of the final basis of Christian preaching, in order to safeguard the insight that not just God's deity in itself (the theme of the doctrine of the Trinity) but also what he extends to us without ceasing to be himself, in a factual encounter, is a mystery of God which we must worship as such and also contemplate and confess as such... Only an age which increasingly lost all sense of God's mystery in revelation and lusted after direct communication could so fail to see the salutary intention of the early Christian doctrine that it accused it of the very thing of which it was itself guilty in a different and most monstrous way, that is, of trying to penetrate and master the divine, not perceiving how much more respect there was for the element of inaccessibility, for the hidden God, in the so-called theological intellectualism of the ancients than in its own sentimentalism, with which it thought it could smuggle itself into the world of God, not with the mind, but with the heart, conscience, and feelings.

Karl Barth, *The Göttingen Dogmatics: Instruction in the Christian Religion, Volume 1* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1991), pp. 152-153.

A Heroic Prayer

I would rather
 be here with you
 than anywhere else
 without you

I would rather
 have nothing
 and be with you
 than have everything else
 without you

I would rather be mocked and ridiculed
 with you
 than be living comfortably
 and well thought of
 but without you

I would rather hold to your truth
 and take the consequences
 than live an easy lie.

I would rather have you for my King,
 crown of thorns and all,
 than follow any other leader.

Remember me.

Gerald O'Mahony in Geoffrey Duncan comp., *Let Justice Roll Down: A Christian Aid/CAFOD Anthology for Lent, Holy Week & Easter* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2006), p. 177.



Caring Presence

It is through caring that the power of illness and death is broken. Curing, thankfully, sometimes may take place, but caring is central. The ministry of presence breaks alienation. It is presence that relieves the sting of death.

The church has some experience in knowing the central mission of the hospital: it is *hospitality*... Indeed, by the fourth century it was common for congregations to have "houses of lodging for strangers." These were the first rudimentary hospitals in the West. Caring for the stranger's ailments was part of their task, but central was their ministry of presence and hospitality. If too often the modern hospital is a place of isolation—isolating the sick from the rest of us—we can try to recover the central meaning of the original hospital movement.

James B. Nelson, *Body Theology* (Louisville, Ky.: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992), p. 136.