



Alstonville Anglicans

Lent 1

Bulletin for Wed 6 Mar–Sun 10 Mar 2019

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. We recognize the significant role the past and future Elders play in the life of the region. We are mindful that within and without the beautiful sandstone church, the Land always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.



Today we begin our Lenten Journey to Jerusalem.

As we travel alongside Jesus over these weeks we will reflect upon our own communities of today. On this first Sunday of Lent we go with Jesus into the wilderness as he reflects on his ministry.

What is God calling him to do and be?

What kind of Messiah is he?

These stones remind us of the stones Jesus was tempted to turn into bread. Feeding the hungry is such a worthy cause yet Jesus rejected the way of sensationalism. Instead He took the downward path of walking alongside and sharing with the needy and challenging those

who promoted the status quo. Let us reflect on the journey of our faith into our communities. What is God calling us to do? Is it enough simply to feed the hungry? What might we do to challenge the causes of hunger and poverty today? What must change in our society for all to know fullness of life? Jesus turned his back on the easy life he was tempted to follow to take the path of self-sacrificial love.

Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.

Please turn off your mobile phone during worship. Toilets are located in the front of the Hall.

First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.

Luke 4:1-15

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please." ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here," ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Men's Breakfast

On the second Tuesday of each month (next is Tuesday 12th March) men of the parish meet for breakfast at 7.30am at "Swish", River St Ballina. All men are invited. For more information phone Graeme Booth 0430471889

Women's Breakfast

On the second Tuesday of each month (next is Tuesday 12th March) the women of the parish meet for breakfast at 7.30am at "The Point", Ballina. All women are invited, and those with birthdays that month are celebrated. For more information phone Margaret Brown: 66283206.

Bible Readings

10th Mar Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-15

17th Mar Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Luke 13:31-35

Auction of Promises

Many thanks to those who joined in the fun at Auction of Promises.

Piano

In consultation with the organists, the choir and the leaders I have negotiated to have the clavinova moved to the back of the church alongside the sound desk. This will take place from the 17th March. There are three good reasons why I have deemed it necessary to make this adjustment.

1. For our Families@4 service, the parents will engage with the theme in the side Chapel area and the clavinova creates an unnatural barrier between where the children will be and where the parents will be.
2. We believe the congregational singing will improve with the choir giving us a strong lead from the back. The lighting for them is also better there.
3. We want to offer the ministry of prayer during communion and the side chapel provides a space for this.

AREA Breakfast - Save the Date!

Saturday May 18th, 7:30 - 9:30am at the Alstonville Baptist Church. \$15 each for delicious cooked breakfast and scintillating talk by Bruce. All funds raised go to support the Alstonville Religious Education Association, who fund Bruce Fleming's work at our local high school.

Retreat "Come to the Calm"

An introduction to silence. A weekend retreat from 29-31 March 2019. Facilitated by Rev Desiree Snyman and Diana Eagles. Ballina Beach Village. Information sheets available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.



Families@4 Today!

Our Families@4 Service Sunday 10th March at 4.00pm. An imaginative, creative approach to spiritual guidance. Suitable for faith seekers and families.

Lenten Studies—"Celebration of Discipline"

We have Lenten study books available in the office for \$10 each. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are interested in participating.

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through this church electronically. **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 40130**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	10th Mar	4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 (5.30pm for a cuppa)
Monday	11th Mar	1.00pm	Sew Helpful Craft Group
		6.30pm	Marriage Course
Tuesday	12th Mar	7.30am	Men's Breakfast, Swish, Ballina
		7.30am	Women's Breakfast, The Point, Ballina
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	13th Mar	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
Thursday	14th Mar	9.30am	Play Place
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch, Bungaraya
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
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Friday	15th Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday Lent 2	17th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Bart's

Rosters Sunday 17th March 8.00am (3rd Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Charlie Handley **Worship Leader:** Barbara Fewtrell

Music: Choir **Cleaning:** Robin Delaney **Sound:** Mark Stuckey

Flowers: Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke