



# Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 9

Bulletin for Wed 7th August–Sun 11 August 2019

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. We recognise 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.



Jesus always said: "Follow me". Not once did Jesus ever say: "Worship me!" For some people, religion can be the best way to avoid the trauma of being transformed by Christ. Said another way, worshipping Jesus is the best way to avoid following Jesus. Similarly, Isaiah condemned a religion that comforts the rich not the poor and disturbs the

underprivileged not the affluent: 1:10 "Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 1:11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 1:16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 1:17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow". Worship is worship insofar as it transforms us into caregivers, activists, justice seekers, fighters for justice and channels of love. May our religion never protect us from the true call to worship - service to the outsiders.

**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 12:32-40**

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

## **AREA Envelopes**

1. If you contribute to AREA via envelopes please collect your new ones (for July 1 onwards) from the Church Office. There is a letter that goes with each set of envelopes.
2. All those supporters of AREA please collect your tax receipt envelopes. They are also available for collection from the Church Office. THANK YOU all for your essential, prayerful and financial support for Bruce Fleming's valuable work with our teenagers at Alstonville High School.

## **BCA Newsletter**

Copies of the latest BCA newsletter are available at the back of the church.

## **Romero Multicultural Hub**

We have received a letter of thanks from the Romero Multicultural Hub for our cash donation which accompanied the donation of food and other goods we donated.



## Question & Answer Series today & 18th August

You are invited to submit questions regarding life, faith and everything in between. Questions can be placed in the box in the front of the church.

## LinC

Alstonville Anglicans is hosting the annual LinC gathering on Tuesday evening 13th August 5.00pm in the Ministry Centre. As is usual all parishioners and LinC volunteers are welcome to attend. There will be soup and buns, a guest speaker (Bruce Fleming), election of Office Bearers and finish with a cuppa and slices just after 7pm. Please indicate to Des Fitzpatrick, Barry Campey or John Watt if you are **unable** to attend.



**Today Families@4!**  
Join us at 4pm.

## Sunday@6

Join us at 5.30pm for a cuppa followed by 6pm service.



## St Bart's Day

August 25, 12pm. Let's celebrate with a picnic lunch on the lawns around St Bart's. BYO picnic lunch, blanket and chairs. Relax in the gardens @ St Bart's. Garden Party entertainment provided.

## Monday Life Group

Now at 10.30am in Ministry Centre Meeting Room. New members welcome.

## Rosters Sunday 18th August 8.00am (3rd Sunday team)

**Person in Charge:** TBC **Worship Leader:** Iris Cowie

**Music:** Carol Vidal **Sound:** Mark Stuckey

**Flowers:** Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

## Bible Readings

11th August

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Luke 12:32-40

18th August

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-59

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We give thanks to God for all people making offertories to the vision of God's Kingdom here on earth. If you would like to contribute electronically to the Parish Provider these are the details: **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 32931**

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>Today</b>	<b>11th Aug</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion St Peter &amp; St Paul's, Tregearle</b>
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Families@4</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	12th Aug	10.30am 1.00pm	Life Group Meeting Room Sew Helpful
<b>Tuesday</b>	13th Aug	7.30am	Women's Birthday Breakfast, Nat's Wollongbar
		7.30am	Men's Breakfast, 86onMain
		10.00am	Social Justice Meeting, Options
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home (currently in recess)
		5.00pm	LinC Meal & Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	14th Aug	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meditation Group, St Bart's</b>
		11.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	15th Aug	9.30am	Play Place
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Church Healing</b>
<b>Friday</b>	16th Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
Saturday	17th Aug		
<b>Sunday</b>	18th Aug	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Families@4</b>
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6</b>