



Alstonville Anglicans

Easter 4

Bulletin for Wed 8 May–Sun 12 May 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.



Some of you may have met my dog Bella, a Bichon Frise. While we lived in Albany WA, Bella and I would often go for a run along the esplanade. On one occasion I reached the end of the esplanade and realised she wasn't with me. Bella often draws attention due to her fluffy grooming; I spotted her quite a distance away

enjoying affection and treats from coffee shop customers. I whistled for Bella, her ears pricked up, then ignoring the offers of food or friendliness, she ran the famous bichon dash until she reached me.

I often think of this experience when I read John 10.22-30: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁹I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." Like Bella who knows my whistle and can hear it from far away and ignore other distractions, we too instinctively know Creator God's voice. I am the true home for Bella, not the coffee shop customers who are enticed by her powder puff fluffiness. Creator God is our true source of living the Good Life, ignoring the clutter of voices that shout for attention we too respond to the whistle of our Good Shepherd and come bounding home to the true source of our identity.

**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.**

John 10: 22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."



Six Day Silent Retreat for Advent "Hearts Open to Love"

30 Nov–6 Dec 2019, Mercy Place, Bardon, Brisbane.

"Leaning into silence, we will open ourselves to contemplation and to our deepest longing to become so one with our indwelling God that we say: "I live no longer, but He lives in me." In the

beautiful setting of Mercy Place, drawing on the rich wisdom of mystics and poets, we will cultivate rhythms of slow attentiveness, preparing the womb of our hearts to receive the One child. The retreat will be directed and will offer morning and evening contemplative communal prayer, Eucharist and opportunity for spiritual direction for all drawn to it."

Guided and directed by Catherine Hefferan and Robyn Fitzgerald.

Please register by 31st May at : <https://www.trybooking.com/BAMUQ>

Clergy Retreat

Reverend Desiree will be away at Clergy Retreat 20th -24th May.

Baptism

Please pray for Tessa Ruby Beaumont and her parents Hannah and Michael as they prepare for Baptism.

Bible Readings

12th May Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

19th May Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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.



Today Families@4!

Join us at 4pm.

Sunday@6

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

2019 Mothers' Day Fete: Saturday 11 May

A huge thank you to all those who gave of their time and talents to make the Fete such a success.

Mother's Union Meeting 20 May

The next Mother's Union meeting is Monday 20th May 9.30am in the Ministry Centre.

What is National Reconciliation Week?

Sunday 2 June is Reconciliation Sunday. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

How can we participate

1. Begin a journey of cultural awareness by a visit to this website <http://www.shareourpride.org.au/>
2. Acknowledgement of country at our service
3. Flying of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.
4. The screening of a recommended Indigenous film on 1 June?

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through this church electronically to the Parish Provider. **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 32931**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	12th May	4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa followed by Sunday@6
Monday	13th May	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	14th May	7.30am	Birthday Breakfast
		10.00am	Social Justice meeting, Options
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	15th May	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	16th May	9.30am	Play Place
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Healing
Friday	17th May	10.00am	Holy Communion St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir practice
Sunday	19th May	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa followed by Sunday@6

Rosters Sunday 19th May 8.00am (3rd Sunday team)

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

Music: Choir **Sound:** Mark Stuckey

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee