

Alstonville Anglicans

Palm Sunday Bulletin for Wed 10 April–Sun 14 April 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.



A brief reflection on Palm Sunday

This day about 6 years ago Julius Malema the chair of the ANC youth league marches into the city of Johannesburg surrounded by six body guards dressed in black suits and red ties, armed with semi automatic N17 guns. He was on his way to court. The legality of this action is questionable under the South African fire arms

act. It is not about security. It is more about insecurity. It is about intimidation. It is a public demonstration of where his faith is, in violence, in weapons, in death, in fear and in destruction. Such a parade of force is a common theme in world history. After every victorious conquest the Roman Emperors and the Roman Generals would parade through the streets of Rome and other areas showing the signs of their victory. These Victory Marches were called Triumphs.

British imperialism also had a similar show of force. One of the ways of insuring its dominance in India was through parades and theatre. For example the great durbar of 1902-3, organised by the Viceroy Lord Curzon, was a celebration of British rule in India and a commemoration of the Coronation of Edward VII.

Photographers gathered from all over India to record the processions and ceremonies which took place in a specially designed amphitheatre during the first week of 1903. However, this durbar was designed to make clear that the British were in charge.

These "Victory Marches" are a reminder of what happened centuries ago in Palestine in the days when Pontius Pilate was ruler. Scholars explain that at every Passover, Pontius Pilate would prove a show of force with chariots, horses and soldiers. Why? At Passover Jews remember that they were saved from Egypt. They remember that God saved them. If God saved them from Egypt, God would save them from Rome too. To quell any potential resistance to Roman oppression, Pontius Pilate would parade through the streets of Palestine displaying the might of the Roman power through force, theatre, and drama to intimidate the Jews into subservience.

Maundy Thursday

6pm Service followed by an all night vigil 8pm - 8am.



All Night Vigil

Maundy Thursday from 8pm until 8am. This vigil is symbolic of being on the Mount of Olives with Jesus on the night of his arrest. (read Luke 22:39-45). There is a list of the vigil hours at the back of the church. Please place your name against the hour you are able to sit in silence in the church and watch and wait......



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 6pm
Vigil Thursday 8pm
Good Friday 10am
Easter Family Saturday 4pm
Easter Sunday Sunrise 6am
Easter Sunday 8am & 6pm

Easter Sunday, St Peter & St Paul's 10am

Office Hours

The Parish office will now be closed on **Tuesdays**. In addition to this it will also be closed **Monday 22**, **Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25 April**. If you have any questions please speak to Johnnie Sernberg.

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.

Ministry & Mission Plan

Available at the back of the church. Please email the office if you notice information that is incorrect or has been left out by 28th April.



Families@4

Our Families@4 Service today at 4.00pm and is the final service for this term.

We will recommence Sunday 6th May for Term 2.

2019 Mothers' Day Fete: Saturday 11 May-4weeks to go!

Produce & Preserves - Donations of home-made and home-grown items we know. Contact Robyn Hannah.

Beautiful Baskets - Empty baskets available. Suggested items: soap, talcum powder, face washers, shampoo, moisturiser, chocolates, han kies, etc. Contact Cathy Angus.

Raffle Hamper - Donations welcome, Please check USE-BY dates are current. Items can be left at the office. Ticket sellers required for fete day.

Plant stall - Time to start plotting plants. Contact Barbara Fewtrell.

WANTED—Yummy Home-made Cakes-old favourites are best. Please list ingredients. Labels available. Coordinator: Robyn Beck 66280116.

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Safe Church Awareness

27th April 9am-4.30pm, St Andrew's, Lismore.

Compulsory for all Ministry leaders.

Contact Linda on 66424122 for bookings.

Bible Readings

14th April Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 23:1-49 21st April Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-8

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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	14th April	6.00pm	Sunday@6
Monday	15th April	1.00	Sew Helpful (in recess)
Tuesday	16th April	8.00am	Art Group in church
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	17th April	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
			Farewell for Robyn Fitzgerald
Thursday	18th April	9.30a.m	Play Place (in recess)
		6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
		8.00pm	Easter Vigil begins
Friday	19th April		10.00am Good Friday Service,
			St Bart's
Saturday	20th April	4.00pm	Easter Family Celebration
Sunday	21st April	6.00a.m	Sunrise Service
		8.00a.m	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter &
			St Paul's "Christ is Risen"
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Bart's

Rosters Sunday 21st April 8.00am (3rd Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Worship Leader. Iris Cowie

Music Choir Sound: Mark Stuckey

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee