



Alstonville Anglicans

Lent 3

Bulletin for Thurs 12th March - 15th March 2020

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 Bundjalung Land.



Exodus 17:1-7

God delivers water from the rock to the grumbling Israelites.

John 4:5-42

A Samaritan woman and Jesus at Jacob's well.

John 4 describes a scene where both Jesus and a Samaritan receive living water and have their deepest needs met. Exodus 17 describes the people of God asking for drinking water. Wandering through the desert, the people are thirsty and complaining, they are in desperate need of water. At no point does God reprimand them for their complaints. Instead God provides. God instructs Moses to strike a rock. Moses then provides water for the physical needs of his community by hitting a rock. The need for spiritual **living water** is as important to the need for safe **drinking water**. Like the Hebrew people, the poor of today cry out to leaders for water. Without safe drinking water people will ask (Exodus 17.7): "is the Lord with us or not?" In this situation it would be hard to speak of the reality of Jesus as the **living water** when there is no **drinking water**. Unusually, the lucky country Australia, counts itself among the poor crying out for water. There is never an appropriate time to have a water shortage.

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.

However, the bushfires that burnt through Australia for months on end exacerbated the dismay of dry rivers and drought conditions. Like Jesus we too can demand access to water for all. Jesus is at the well but has no access to the water. He says to the Samaritan woman "give me a drink". With this demand Jesus authorises the poor of the world to demand their right to clean water. Water is a gift from God for us and all creation that all might have life and have life in all its fullness. What is our response to the state of water? Moses' response was to hit a rock. We too need to hit the "rocks", such as multinationals and governments that stand as stumbling stones blocking access to water. How do we strike the rock? Dripping water wears away stone, not by force, but by persistence, said the poet Ovid. "Dripping water" is to persistently call for justice. "Dripping water" is to be insistent in water justice for all.

Leadership Dedication Service

Sunday 29th March at the 8am and 6pm services we will be welcoming and praying for our newly elected Parish Councillors, Coordinators, Wardens any other new leaders. We will also be praying for our Clergy leadership team.

Mystery Car Tour

Sunday 29th March 10am. Start organising into groups of 4 or 5. Fun for all ages. BYO lunch.

Parish Fete

The next planning meeting is Tuesday 24th March 4.30pm in the Ministry Centre. Everyone welcome with ideas and suggestions

Hymns 15th March

693 Come As You Are

Taizé In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (see insert)

661 Woman in the Night

569 Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Bible Readings

15th March	8.00am	Exodus 17:1-7	John 4:5-42
22nd March	8.00am	1 Samuel 16:1-13	John 9:1-41

St Peter & St Paul's AGM

Sunday 22nd March following the 10am service.

Pastoral Care

Please let the office or a member of the Pastoral Care team know if you are sick or in hospital.

Life Group Book Club

Are you looking for inspiring, thought provoking discussion and company? Then this is your invitation to join the Book Discussion Group Thursday evenings from 7-8.30pm at the home of Dave and Cathy at 275 Cameron's Road, Macleans Ridges. The Book we will be using is 'Low Carbon and Loving It'.

For further details, phone Cathy 0434438585.

Records Update

We are currently updating our records re the courses that you may have completed to make church a safe place for all. There are letters available today for all who have volunteered in some way. Thank you.

AGM

The AGM will be held Sunday 15th March at 10am in the Ministry Centre



Messy Church

Sunday 22nd March 4pm–6pm. The theme is 'Who am I? Please invite families you know to attend. Parishioners are most welcome to come and join this unique type of regular monthly church service.

Rosters Sunday 22nd March 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Barry Campey

Worship Leader: Helen Nicholson

Music: Ros Sharp

Sound: Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee

Church Cleaning: Lyn Stuckey, Denise Fenwick, Mary Ireland

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

Ministers	all the baptised!	
Rector	The Reverend Dr Desiree Snyman	0402 764 969
	priest@anglicans.live	
Associate	The Reverend John Kidson	0411 394 213
	The Reverend Geoff Vidal	0447 645 456
	Life Groups Chaplain	
	The Reverend Greg Ezzy	0412 660 742
Parish Office:	The Ministry Centre, 8 The Avenue, Alstonville	
Telephone:	6628 0231	
Postal:	PO Box 451, Alstonville NSW 2477	
e-mail:	office@anglicans.live	
website:	anglicans.live	

The Anglican Op Shop 1 The Avenue, Alstonville **Tel:** 6628 8777

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

Sunday	15th March	8.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion St Barts Families @4 (in recess) Sunday@6 St Bart's
Monday	16th March	9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Mother's Union Meeting Prayer Meeting St Bart's Life Group (in recess) Sew Helpful
Tuesday	17th March	10.30am 1.30pm	SDA Service Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	18th March	9.00am 3.30pm 6.00pm	Meditation Group, St Bart's Lenten Discussion Group at Helen Nicholson's home Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	19th March	9.30am 7.00pm 6.00pm	Play Place Life Group Book Club Contemplative Church
Friday	20th March	10.00am 2.00pm	Holy Communion, St Bart's Choir Practice, St Bart's
Sunday	22nd March	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion St Barts Holy Communion, AGM St Peter & St Paul's, Tregeagle Families @4 (in recess) Sunday@6