

Alstonville Anglicans

Trinity Sunday Bulletin for Wed 12 June-Sun 16 June 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.



In the past few weeks I have been reflecting on Godly Play. I have explained how our fundamental belief is that children are mystics, that they, like all humans, already experience unity with God. What we aim to do is to invite them to reflect on their experience of God,

to be more fully in God's presence, and to empower them with language and ritual in their spiritual practice. I have also explained that the heart of Godly play is the creating or re-creating of sacred space, part of this you can see in our church architecture. Alstonville Anglicans are invited to deeply respect this space as a sacred place where faith is nourished. Like the Spirit at Pentecost, Godly Play as a spiritual practice is concerned with the building of relationships and community.

In this reflection I want to pay attention to play. Godly Play is an invitation. No one can make you play – play does not work that way. For play to be play, there has to be freedom. What is play? Catherine Garvey in "Play!" says that

Play is fun.

Play has no extrinsic goals, we play for the sake of play.

Play is voluntary, it has to be characterised by a lack of compulsion.

Authentic play involves deep engagement on the part of the players.

In Godly play our invitation is not general play, but to play with the language of God's people: our stories, parables and even our silences. Through the community of players, we hear a deeper invitation: to play with God.

John 16:12-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 18 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

St Peter & St Paul's Day

Please remember St Peter & St Paul's in your prayers as they celebrate their Patronal Festival. To mark the patron saints'day for the little church at Tregeagle the congregation is planning a large celebration:

Please join us on: **June 30th 10.00am.** Praise Service with a Graze morning tea to follow!

Our regular fifth Sunday Praise 'n' Graze will highlight the ministries of these two early leaders of Christianity: Come and celebrate with us!

SYNOD Weekend

SYNOD will take place the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd June. Please keep our Diocese and our representatives in your prayers.



NAIDOC Week

July 7-14. Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.

Romero Centre

On Thursday 13th June we delivered all the donations of items to the 'Romero Centre' in Brisbane to support struggling refugees. This has been done jointly by the Catholic, Uniting & Anglican church communities of Alstonville. To all parishioners who were able to donate; thank you very much!

Heartfelt House Bare Foot Bowls Day

June 23rd 10.30am, Alstonville Bowling Club, Deegan Drive Alstonville Tickets \$12 each per adult, Children free.

Come along and have some fun and help support Heartfelt House Tickets will be available after Church or contact Margie Smith 0423772217 or Tre Rawstorne 0403562471.



Bonfire Night

You are invited! June 30 at 4pm.
Charlie & Jenny Handley's home:
1385 Bruxner Highway Lindendale.
Rainforest walk, soup & damper and the
Fire Brigade will be there for the children.
Please bring warm clothing, covered
footwear, a torch and a fold up chair.



World Refugee Day

On World Refugee Day, held every year on June 20th, we commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees.



Today Families@4! Join us at 4pm.

Sunday@6

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

Bible Readings

 16th June Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5,
 John 16:12-15

 23rd June 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a Galatians 3:23-29,
 Luke 8:26-39

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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	16th June	4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Sunday@6
Monday	17th June	9.30am	MU Meeting @ Orio's
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	18th June	10.30am	
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	19th June		Meditation Group, St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	20th June	9.30am	Play Place
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Healing
Friday	21st June	10.00a.m	Holy Communion St Bart's
Saturday	22nd June		SYNOD
Sunday	23rd June		SYNOD
		8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion,
			St Peter & St Paul's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6 St Barts

Rosters Sunday 23rd June 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Barry Campey Worship Leader: Helen Nicholson

Music Ros Sharp Sound: Shane McBurney

Flowers: Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell