



# Alstonville Anglicans

Lent 2

Bulletin for Wed 13 Mar–Sun 17 Mar 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.



## Jesus weeps therefore we weep

On the anniversary of the destruction of the temple by the Babylonians in 587 AD the Jewish temple was burnt again, this time by the Roman army in 70 AD. The last to fall was Masada where the defenders chose suicide over surrender. The writer of Luke laments this violence through the tears of Jesus; knowing that had the people learnt the things that made for peace, this destruction would not have happened. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Jesus still weeps over Jerusalem and is heard wailing near the Gaza strip where conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians still dominate. Jesus weeps over us too.

Jesus weeps over our injustice to the earth, and weeps over how we are destroying ourselves by destroying the environment. Isaiah says: "Ho he who thirsts come to the waters." Yet 884 million people lack access to safe drinking water (WHO/UNICEF). The United Nations have warned that by the year 2025, if present trends continue, 1.8 billion people will be living in countries or regions with water scarcity by 2025, and two-thirds of the world population could be subject to water stress.

**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.**

Jesus weeps over us and our destruction of the earth, this burden weighs heavily on Australians whose emissions are only surpassed by that of China and the US yet we are only a small percentage of the world population.

By weeping Jesus aligns himself with the Lamenting women, who are prophets and who stand in a long tradition of professional mourning women. Jeremiah for example says: "Call for the mourning women to come. Send for the skilled women. Let them quickly raise a lament over us. Let them cry for us so that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids overflow with water. Let them teach us to cry, to lament, to mourn, to weep in response to devastation." By lamenting Jesus places himself in solidarity with the prophets which include this professional class of women.

### **Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

### **Women's & Men's Breakfast**

On the second Tuesday of each month the men of the of the parish meet for breakfast at 7.30am at "Swish", Ballina. The women of the parish meet at "The Point", Ballina. This is an open invitation to everyone.

For more information phone Margaret Brown: 66283206  
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### **Bible Readings**

17th Mar Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Luke 13:31-35

24th Mar Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

## **William Black's Play "Boy Overboard"**

Theatre Productions presents "Boy Overboard" Temple Theatre , 111 Magellan Street Lismore Friday 22nd March 7.00pm and Saturday 23rd March 2.00pm and 7.00pm. This is an evocative, moving tale of courage and heroism based on the novel by the award winning author Morris Gleitzman. William is playing the one of the lead male roles. Please come along and support him. Tickets available at the door.

## **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.



## **Retreat "Come to the Calm"**

An introduction to silence. A weekend retreat from 29-31 March 2019. Facilitated by Rev Desiree Snyman and Diana Eagles. Ballina Beach Village. Information sheets available at the back of the church, from the Parish Office or register on the website.



## **Families@4**

Our Families@4 Service Sunday 17th March at 4.00pm. An imaginative, creative approach to spiritual guidance. Suitable for faith seekers and families.

## **Lenten Studies—"Celebration of Discipline"**

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are interested in participating. We have Lenten study books available in the office for \$10 each or on Sunday in the foyer. Place \$10 in the honesty box.

## **Auction of Promises**

Thank you to all who supported this event. Approx. \$4500.00 was raised. There are videos of the event on Facebook.

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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

<b>Today</b>	<b>17th Mar</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Families@4</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6 (5.30pm for a cuppa)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	18th Mar	1.00pm	Sew Helpful Craft Group
		6.30pm	Marriage Course
<b>Tuesday</b>	19th Mar	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	20th Mar	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meditation Group, St Bart's</b>
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	21st Mar	9.30am	Play Place
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Church, St Bart's</b>
			<b>Healing</b>
<b>Friday</b>	22nd Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday Lent 3</b>	24th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion
			St Peter & St Paul's
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Bart's</b>
	29th Mar		"Come to the Calm" Retreat

### Rosters Sunday 24th March 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

**Person in Charge:** Johnny Sernberg **Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

**Music:** Ros Sharp **Sound:** Shane McBurney **No flowers in Lent.**