

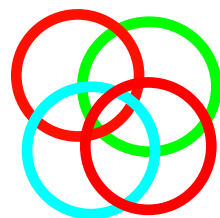


Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 23

Bulletin for Thurs 14th Nov - 17th Nov 2019

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 Aboriginal Land.



What does it mean to be an Anglican Church in the 21st century? For Alstonville Anglicans, a 21st century Anglican Church knows there is "no one size fits all". We thus implemented diverse worshipping communities that each have a distinctive style of worship and "flavour" of spirituality, supported by empowering leadership and good governance.

Anam Cara on a Wednesday and Contemplative Church on a Thursday offers a meditative experience of worship. Fridays at 10 am and St Peter and St Paul's are traditional Anglican services. Sundays at 8am offers innovative tradition using contemporary liturgy. At 4pm we focus on families. 6pm on Sundays is about experimental, emerging worship that offers discussion, teaching and creative worship.

How is all this working?

We promised that we would review our mission plan with you and would appreciate it if you could offer us your stories. A handout will be available next week.

People ask 60 Minutes creator Don Hewitt the secret of his success. His answer? Tell me a story. Our stories offer clues to God's purpose in our lives.

**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.**

That is why the heart of our church's review process will be the telling and hearing of our stories. The recurring themes that arise from these stories will then be summarized. These themes will give us guiding clues as to where God is at work and our strategy will be to join God there.

What type of questions might we ask? For example, one invitation could be....

Tell me a story of a time in the last 12 months when you have felt energized and enlivened by your worship service/community. This is time when you felt most alive, most involved, spiritually touched, or most excited about your involvement.

The Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.



Christmas

Who are you inviting for Christmas??? See insert for Service times.



Christmas Hampers

The Mental Health Support Group has to have Christmas Hampers ready for distribution by the end of November. Non perishable goods or a gift can be placed into the basket at the entrance to the church. Last year 60 hampers were distributed. Thank you in anticipation. Barbara Swain.

Mowing Roster

An invitation is extended to all parishioners, men and women to be part of 7 caring teams to do the lawn mowing & edging here at St Bart's. New roster due middle of Nov. Each team has 3 turns per year. Contact Barry Campey 66283089.

Catering Team "Wind Up" Celebration

Graeme Booth invites all his catering team, slice makers, helpers and partners to join with Messy Church and Messy Church catering teams and their families for a "Wind Up" celebration at Meldrum Park, Norton St ,Ballina. BYO nibbles and drinks.

Wednesday 4th December 4pm onwards.



Messy Church

Sunday 24th November 4pm.

The theme this month is "Jonah and the Whale"
Come have a "Whale" of a time.



Prayer for...

Jeremiah 29:10 says "Seek the welfare of the city".
Prayer for youth, children, families and the church Monday strictly 10am-10.30am.

Rosters Sunday 24th November 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Cathi Angus **Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

Music: Ros Sharp **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee

Church Cleaning: Lynne Watt, Paul Earner

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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	17th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 St Bart's
Monday	18th Nov	9.30am	MU Meeting
		10.30am	Life Group Meeting Room
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	19th Nov	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	20th Nov	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	21st Nov	9.30am	Play Place
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, Healing
Friday	22nd Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
Saturday	23rd Nov		
Sunday	24th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's, Tregagle
		4.00pm	Messy Church
		6.00pm	Sunday@6

Bible Readings

24th November Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43