



Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 10

Bulletin for Wed 14th August–Sun 18 August

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.



If You Had a Vineyard

Sinéad O'Connor writes the following song where Jerusalem refers to Israel and Judah refers to Palestine. It is a moving prayer based on our readings for this week; [Isaiah 5:1-7](#) describing the promising vineyard that gives only wild grapes and God's frustration. Psalm 80 parallels Isaiah but asks for God's intervention: "Restore us, O Lord of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved".

*If you had a vineyard
On a fruitful hill
And you fenced it and cleared it
Of all stones you till
You planted it
With the choicest of vine
And you even built a tower
And a press to make wine
And you looked that it would bring
forth sweet grapes
And it gave only wild grapes
What would you say
Jerusalem and Judah*

*You be the judges I pray
Between me and my vineyard
This is what God says*

*What more could I have done in it
That I did not do in it
Why when I ask it for sweetness
It brings only bitterness*

*For the vineyard of the lord of hosts
Is the house of Israel
And the men of Judah
His pleasant plant*

**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.**

And he looks for justice but beholds
oppression
And he hopes for equality but hears a
cry
Jerusalem and Judah
This is god's reply

Sadness will come
To those who build house to house
And lay field to field 'til there's room
For none but you to dwell in the land
Oh in the land

And sadness will come
To those who call evil good
And good evil who present
Darkness as light
And light as darkness
Who present as sweetness
Only the things which are
bitterness

For the vineyard of the lord of hosts
Is the house of Israel
And the men of Judah his pleasant
plant
Oh oh his pleasant plant

Oh that my eyes were a fountain of
tears
That I might weep for my poor people

For every boot stamped with fierce-
ness
For every cloak rolled in blood
Jerusalem and Judah
I'd cry if I could

Song writers: Sinead Marie Bernarde O'connor
If You Had a Vineyard lyrics © O/B/O Apra
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Luke 12:49-59

⁴⁹ "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? ⁵⁷ "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."



Question & Answer Series today.

Find the answers you are seeking. 8am & 6pm.

LinC Thank you!

To all who attended and assisted at the LinC AGM held on Tuesday 13 August.



St Bart's Day

August 25, 12pm. Let's celebrate with a picnic lunch on the lawns around St Bart's. BYO picnic lunch, blanket and chairs. Relax in the gardens @ St Bart's. Garden Party entertainment provided.

Help Wanted Church Cleaning

1 hr each 3 months includes vacuuming. Di Mueller and Diana Westall need a third person to complete their team Please take this on and help. Phone Diana Westall: 66295101



Alpha

Alpha Program commencing Sunday 13th October 6pm-7pm. Alstonville Anglicans Ministry Centre. Food, talk and discussions about life,

faith and meaning. Sign up via the website: anglicans.live

Sunday@6

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



Today Families@4!

Join us at 4pm.



Prayer Practice

Jeremiah 29:10 says "Seek the welfare of the city". Prayer Practice commencing Monday 19th August strictly 10am-10.30am. We will especially be praying for the young people of Alstonville.

Bible Readings

18th August

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-59

25th August

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

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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

Today	18th Aug	4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6
Monday	19th Aug	9.30am	MU Meeting Room
		10.30am	Life Group Library
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	20th Aug	10.00am	SDA Service
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	21st Aug	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	22nd Aug	9.30am	Play Place
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Sound Healing
Friday	23rd Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
Saturday	24th Aug		
Sunday	25th Aug	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul's, Tregeagle
		4.00pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Pub Church

Rosters Sunday 25th August 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: TBC **Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

Music: Marius Maulder **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie