



# Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 6

Bulletin for Wed 17 July–Sun 21 July 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.



Colossian 1 begins with a great Hymn to the Cosmic Christ: ... The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Who or what is the Cosmic Christ? The term Cosmic Christ is the faith that the risen Christ is presence at the heart of the tiniest piece of matter - at the centre of tiniest atom, and Christ's presence radiates into the largest universe. As Iron is plunged into fire and it burns and transforms in the presence of that fire, so too creation is plunged into the Divine presence of God and radiates that heat.

What does the Cosmic Christ mean for me? In the incarnation we have the perfect marriage of matter and Spirit - God takes flesh and dwells among us. (John 1). Thus, Christ is whenever and wherever the material and the Divine co-exist—which is always and everywhere and in all things. Thus:

1) We experience a healing of opposites: For Teilhard, all polarities -- science and religion, matter and spirit, body and soul, prayer and work -- are reconciled in the Cosmic Christ.

**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.**

2) Christ is literally in all things; therefore, we find God moment by moment in all things, in the Magnificent Mundane.

3) Evolution is holy, we have an evolutionary spirituality, an evolutionary consciousness. Chardin's vision of evolution embraces the whole of the cosmos, the whole of creation, the whole of humanity and the whole human person - matter, mind and spirit. For Chardin, humanity is not a passive holder of evolutionary processes, but an active participant in evolution. Gradually we are evolving forward and upward into a greater consciousness, deeper into God, deeper into unity.

### **Luke 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

### **AREA Envelopes**

1. If you contribute to AREA via envelopes please collect your new ones (for July 1 onwards) from the Church Office. There is a letter that goes with each set of envelopes.

2. All those supporters of AREA please collect your tax receipt envelopes. They are also available for collection from the Church Office. THANK YOU all for your essential, prayerful and financial support for Bruce Fleming's valuable work with our teenagers at Alstonville High School.

John Noble

### **Clergy School & LLM Conference**

The LLM conference is being held August 2-4. Clergy School is August 5-9.

### **St Bart's Day**

August 25. We hope to celebrate with a picnic lunch on the lawns around St Bart's.

## Question & Answer Series 11th & 18th August

You are invited to submit questions regarding life, faith and everything in between. Questions can be placed in the box in the front of the church.



### Baptism

Today we warmly welcome Lexi Ava Beacham, her parents Stacey and Matthew, her Godparents and friends and family as we celebrate together Lexi's baptism.

## LinC

Alstonville Anglicans is hosting the annual LinC gathering on Tuesday evening 13th August 5.00pm in the Ministry Centre. As is usual all parishioners and LinC volunteers are welcome to attend. There will be soup and buns, a guest speaker (Bruce Fleming), election of Office Bearers and finish with a cuppa and slices just after 7pm. Please indicate to Des Fitzpatrick, Barry Campey or John Watt if you are **unable** to attend.



### New PC Members

**Paddy Flanagan** is the new PC Secretary. Paddy is a Play Place and Messy Church parent.



### New PC Members

PC have appointed **Jenny Noble** as the 2nd Warden. Jenny and John worship on Sundays at 8am.

Rector's appointment: **John Noble** as Safe Church Officer.



**John & Jenny Noble** are now the Grievance Contact Officers.

A copy of the grievance procedure can be found on the Meeting Room notice board. Draft copies of the PC minutes are on the notice board in The Ministry Centre.



### Mother's Union

Mary Sumner Day Friday August 9, 9.30am. St Bartholomew's Anglican Church. All welcome.

## Bible Readings

21st July Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1:15-28,

Luke 10:38-42

28th July Luke 11:1-13

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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

<b>Today</b>	<b>21st July</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	22nd July	10.00am 1.00pm	Life Group Meeting Room Sew Helpful
<b>Tuesday</b>	23rd July	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home (in recess for the time being)
<b>Wednesday</b>	24th July	<b>9.00am</b> 10.00am 4.00pm	<b>Meditation Group, St Bart's</b> Maranatha Executive Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	25th July	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Play Place <b>Contemplative Church</b>
<b>Friday</b>	26th July	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
<b>Sunday</b>	28th July	8.00am <b>10.00am</b> <b>4.00pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Holy Communion, St Bart's <b>Holy Communion St Peter &amp; St Paul's, Tregeagle</b> <b>Messy Church</b> <b>Pub Church</b>

### Rosters Sunday 28th July 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

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

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

**Flowers:** Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie