

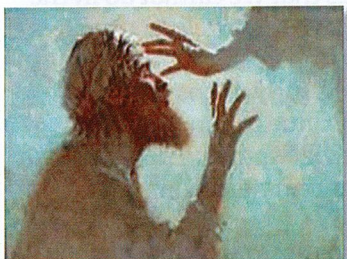


# Alstonville Anglicans

## Lent 4

### Bulletin for Thurs 19th March - 22nd March

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 Bundjalung Land.



#### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

- David as the anointed leader. The person God calls to lead may not be the person we would expect.

#### John 9 9:1-41

Jesus heals the blind man on the Sabbath. Lots of stuff about blindness and seeing.

Jesus heals a man born blind. He heals him through an act of anointing where he creates mud with his saliva. John 9:6: "When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with saliva and spread the mud over the man's eyes." Here Jesus is redoing Genesis where God created Adam and Eve out of mud. The word Adam is from the Hebrew word Adamah and means "mud creature". Jesus is restoring the man to his "original state". The man born blind was never a sinner, although he was judged a sinner by his community who determined that his lack of sight was a punishment from God. In anointing him with the mud of creation Jesus makes clear that the man born blind always was and is an original blessing, blessed to be a blessing to others. The man born blind is also anointing as a king in the new creation inaugurated by Jesus. The new creation is a state of utter unity with God knowing that God is everywhere.

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.

## COVID-19 Response

This is a stressful and challenging time for Australia and the global community.

The spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Australia is causing profound disruption to our lives and to the ministry of our Church communities. This disruption is likely to intensify before the situation begins to improve.

It is important that we take steps to protect and care for our people, many of whom are in the demographic groups most vulnerable to the virus.

In order to express Christ's concern for all people, especially the elderly and vulnerable, **we have decided to suspend all services, activities, and meetings effective immediately.** This is in line with directives from the Grafton Diocese and the Province of the Anglican Church in New South Wales and the ACT.

While the physical health of our communities is paramount, we remain committed to our call to share the Good Life.

Historically, in times of social need, the Church has always made a significant contribution to protecting and caring for others. The current situation is no different. While there may be many routine things that we cannot do in the coming months, with creativity and planning we will have a key role to play. It is not time for the church to retreat from ministry, but to step up. It is not a time to forget our call to care and compassion, but to live it out as fully as possible.

We shall be communicating with you as to how we continue to care for each other. We shall also be developing multiple ways to provide spiritual nourishment. We shall make every effort to care for our church community and the wider public, especially those who are isolated and vulnerable.

We call on all Christians to pray for health workers and those seeking to develop a vaccine, and to pray that the spread of this disease may slow.

## Leadership Dedication Service

**Cancelled**

Sunday 29th March at the 8am and 6pm services we will be welcoming and praying for our newly elected Parish Councillors, Coordinators, Wardens any other new leaders. We will also be praying for our Clergy leadership team.

## Mystery Car Tour

**Cancelled**

Sunday 29th March 10am. Start organising into groups of 4 or 5. Fun for all ages. BYO lunch.

## Bible Readings

22nd March	8.00am	1 Samuel 16:1-13	John 9:1-41
29th March	8.00am	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 11:1-45



### St Peter & St Paul's AGM

Sunday 22nd March following the 10am service.

**Cancelled**

### Pastoral Care

Please let the office or a member of the Pastoral Care team know if you are sick or in hospital.

### Life Group Book Club

Are you looking for inspiring, thought provoking discussion and company?

Then this is your invitation to join the Book Discussion Group Thursday evenings from 7-8.30pm at the home of Dave and Cathy at 275 Cameron's Road, Macleans Ridges. The Book we will be using is 'Low Carbon and Loving It'.

**Cancelled**

### Records Update

We are currently updating our records re the courses that you may have completed to make church a safe place for all. There are letters available today for all who have volunteered in some way. Thank you.



### Messy Church

Sunday 22nd March 4pm—6pm. The theme is 'Who am I? Please invite families you know to attend. Parishioners are most welcome to come and join this unique type of regular monthly church service.

**Cancelled**

### Fete Saturday 9th May 8am - 1pm

Our annual Mother's Day Fete has been held for many years. It has been a fantastic community event. Please link up with the stall coordinators to lend a hand. Msn

**Cancelled**

### St Mary's Music Program

All concerts have been cancelled until further notice.

**Cancelled**

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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 (cancelled)	22nd March	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		4.00pm	Families @4 (in recess)
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 St Bart's (cancelled)
Monday	23rd March	10.00am	Prayer Meeting St Bart's (cancelled)
		10.30am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful (cancelled)
Tuesday	24th March	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home (cancelled)
Wednesday	25th March	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's (cancelled)
		3.30pm	Lenten Discussion Group (cancelled)
Thursday	26th March	9.30am	at Helen Nicholson's home
		7.00pm	Play Place (cancelled)
		6.00pm	Life Group Book Club (cancelled)
Friday	27th March	10.00am	Contemplative Church (cancelled)
			Holy Communion, St Bart's (cancelled)
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's (cancelled)
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