



Alstonville Anglicans

Advent 4

Bulletin for Thurs 19th Dec - 22nd Dec 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 Bundjalung Land.



ADVENT LOVE– We are in the fourth week of getting ready to come close to the mystery of Christmas. In this fourth week we remember the Magi, the wise people. They came from the East and they were so wise that people thought

they were magic. We get our word magic from the name they were called in their language - Magi. Of all the things they knew, they knew the most about stars. When they noticed a wild star they were curious and decided to follow where it was going. The wild star led the Magi to love - the Christ child. The fourth candle is lit for the charism of love. The Magi do for Jesus the Christ child what he cannot do for himself - they assure him of love.

There are some things that human beings cannot do for themselves, Jesus included. No human can teach him or herself language. Human beings cannot assure themselves of their worth, that they are heard, valued and taken seriously. The gift of love is the real gift that the Magi offer Jesus. The treasures the magi offer Jesus assure him that he is worthy, valued, noticed, heard and taken seriously.

**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.**

The Gospel according Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



Christmas Bowl - Finding strength in LOVE after fleeing Syria. How do we share God's unconditional love with those who have suffered unimaginable violence? Through your gifts you can help support Syrian refugees as they rebuild their lives.

Donations can be left in the bowl in the front of the church.



Congratulations

Barbara Fewtrell was presented with her LLM certificate last week at our 8am service. Congratulations! Thank you Barbara for your tireless dedication to ministry within our parish.

Sunday@6

January **Sunday@6** services will be held at Robyn Hannah's home, 1/18 The Avenue Alstonville.

Thank you

Rev Desiree and Marius wish to thank you all most sincerely for your care and concern during their recent ill health.

Whether you have been naughty or nice ...

Who are
you inviting
for
Christmas?



Alstonville Anglicans have a place for you

Family Christmas 5pm 24 December St Bartholomew's

Christmas Eve Holy Communion 6pm St Peter & St Paul's Tregagle

Christmas Eve Carols Holy Communion 11.30 pm St Bartholomew's

Christmas Day 9am St Bartholomew's



Prayer for...

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

Bible Readings

22nd December 8.00am	Isaiah 7:10-16	Matthew 1:18-25
25th December 11.30pm	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-14
25th December 9.00am	Isaiah 52:7-10	John 1:1-14
29th December 8.00am	Matthew 2:13-23	

Rosters Sunday 29th December 8.00am (5th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Carol Vidal **Worship Leader:** Charlie Handley

Music: Carol Vidal **Sound:** Graham Ireland

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee

Church Cleaning: Lyn Stuckey, Denise Fenwick, Mary Ireland

Friday Service

Please note there will NOT be a 10.00am Friday Service on Friday 27th December.

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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	22nd Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's, Tregeagle
Monday	23rd Dec	4.00pm	Families @4 (in recess)
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 St Bart's
		10.00am	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	24th Dec	10.30am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful (in recess)
		5.00pm	Family Christmas Service
Wednesday	25th Dec	11.30pm	Carols and Holy Communion
		9.00am	Holy Communion Service
Thursday	26th Dec	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's (in recess)
		9.30am	Play Place (in recess)
Friday	27th Dec	6.00pm	Contemplative Church, (in recess)
		26th Dec	
Saturday	28th Dec		
Sunday	29th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's, Tregeagle
		4.00pm	Families @4 (in recess)
		6.00pm	Sunday@6