



# Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 11

Bulletin for Wed 21st August–Sun 25 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.



## **Wounded hero: St Bartholomew and the virtue of vulnerability**

Bartholomew was One of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Acts. Bartholomew is not mentioned in John's Gospel although Nathaniel is. Many people therefore identify Nathaniel with Bartholomew.

Bartholomew is not mentioned in church literature before 260CE Pentanes, Head of the Catechetical School of Alexandria preached in India. Pantaenus was told that Bartholomew had ministered in India and had gifted his converts with the Gospel of Matthew in Hebrew.

It is not exactly known how Bartholomew died. Some sources say that he was beheaded. Other sources indicate that Bartholomew was skinned alive. In art, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin; an image that evokes deep vulnerability. Vulnerability is not often considered a virtue, yet vulnerability is the core of being human. How do we come to terms with our vulnerability? As a wounded hero, Bartholomew is an icon for us in exploring the virtues of vulnerability for individuals, community and society. Where are the safe places that you can remove your skin and be vulnerable with another? When and where is vulnerability inherent for you? In what ways can your vulnerability be a virtue?

**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.**

## Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



## Pub Church Season End

Our Pub Church Season has come to an end. A big shout out to our fabulous musicians and the public who supported us. Grateful thanks to the Federal Hotel.



## Messy Church

Today 25th August 4pm. 'Family as Treasure'  
This week we take our boxes home.

## Kaleidoscope

Contributions for the next Kaleidoscope can be left at the Parish Office or emailed to Iris: [philiris\\_cowie@bigpond.com](mailto:philiris_cowie@bigpond.com).



## Baptism

Please pray for Daxton Griffiths and his family as they prepare for his baptism at our Families@4 service 1st September.



## St Bart's Day

Today, 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.

## Judith Pickering Book Launch

Anam Cara & Contemplative Church Quiet Day 28th September 9am-3pm at St Bart's. The theme for the day will be 'The Search for Meaning' and Judith will launch her book of the same title.



## 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](http://anglicans.live)



## 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.

## Organ Concert

Sy Mary's Ballina is hosting an organ concert. Sunday 1st September 3pm. St Mary's Anglican Church, Ballina. Entry by donation.



## An Evening of Rhythm

Saturday 21st September 7pm, St Bartholomew's Church. Voice, keyboard and instrumental entertainment. \$20 per head. Interval refreshments and Art Exhibition. All proceeds to Anglicare Affordable Housing. Tickets can be booked online via the website.

## Bible Readings

25th August

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

1st September

Job 38:1-8

Ephesians 1:3-10

Luke 5:1-11

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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>25th Aug</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6 St Bart's</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26th Aug</b>	10.30am	Life Group Library
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27th Aug</b>	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28th Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meditation Group, St Bart's</b>
		10.00am	Maranatha
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29th Aug</b>	9.30am	Play Place
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Church</b>
			<b>Community Meal</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30th Aug</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>31st Aug</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Sep</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Families@4</b>
		<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday@6</b>

### Rosters Sunday 1st September 8.00am (1st Sunday team)

**Person in Charge:** TBC **Worship Leader:** Mark Stuckey

**Music:** Carol Vidal **Sound:** Geoff Vidal

**Flowers:** Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke