



Alstonville Anglicans

Easter 6

Bulletin for Wed 22 May–Sun 26 May 2019

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. We recognize 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.



One of our goals as Alstonville Anglicans is ministry to families with a focus on children, youth, and young adults. To this end we have developed Messy Church, a fresh expression of worship that creates a safe space for people who haven't grown up in church to experience faith.

Messy Church is a great entry point into a life of faith, but how do we further develop our discipleship of the young? Among many other tools, I have found that "Godly Play" is a wonderful gift to deepen faith. Our sacred space embodies this Godly play. Over the coming weeks, I share some thoughts and experiences about how Godly Play is used in many of our worship services. Foremost, our approach is that children, youth, and families already have an experience of the Divine. What they may lack is the language to describe and deepen these experiences. Thus, our approach is not about filling them with information about God, but to experience God and reflect on that experience themselves. Story is a foundational way to experience God. Story is the most elemental way of knowing. In Godly Play, we enter into story with as much presence and attention as we can, and discover something new. Godly play is centred on story and in entering story we play with the hide-and-seek God, a God whose presence is always accessible, but also always elusive. Stories cannot be caught, they catch us. I invite you to enter into our sacred space and prayerfully gaze on and play with our Godly Play equipment, which is now a rich aspect of our liturgical life as Alstonville Anglicans.

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.

John 14: 23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

'Time for a Spruce Up' Working Bee

Saturday 1st June at 8am. Sanding, painting blue areas outside Ministry Centre. Bring your own gear or use what we have available. Please come even if you can only offer an hour or two. Enquiries: Paul Earner 0416280140

Save the Date

Women's Breakfast Saturday 15 June.

Pentecost Sunday 9 June

Please wear **Red** to services.



Six Day Silent Retreat for Advent "Hearts Open to Love"

30 Nov–6 Dec 2019, Mercy Place, Bardon, Brisbane. Guided and directed by Catherine Hefferan and Robyn Fitzgerald.

Please register by 31st May at : <https://www.trybooking.com/BAMUQ>

BCA 100th Anniversary

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. They are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ. In partnership with Anglican Dioceses across the country, Bush Church Aid places committed and gifted Christians in a variety of locations to help people connect with the grace of God revealed in Jesus.

2019 Mothers' Day Fete:

Fete Raffle Prize Winners

1st Prize - Wendy - Basket of Groceries and Coles Voucher

2nd Prize - Edna - Alstonville Quality Meats Voucher

3rd Prize - Chrissie - Landy Wholefoods Voucher

4th Prize - Lorraine - Lazy Susan Rotating Platters

Congratulations to all - Enjoy!

Fete Committee Meeting

Tuesday 28 May 4.30pm

What is National Reconciliation Week?

Sunday 2 June is Reconciliation Sunday. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

How can we participate

1. Begin a journey of cultural awareness by a visit to this website <http://www.shareourpride.org.au/>
2. Acknowledgement of country at our service
3. Flying of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Baptism

Today we welcome Archie Moore-Evans, his parents Emma and David and his godparents as they celebrate Archie's baptism.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a spiritual development experience. Past participants are asked to wear their scarves on 'Show Your Colours Day' celebrated today.

Bible Readings

26th May Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29

2nd June Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

John 17:20-26

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through this church electronically to the Parish Provider. **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 32931**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	26th May	4.00pm	Messy Church
		6.00pm	Pub Church
Monday	27th May	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	28th May	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		4.30pm	Fete Committee Meeting
Wednesday	29th May	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		3.00pm	Sacristy meeting
Thursday	30th May	9.30am	Play Place
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Community Meal
Friday	31st May	10.00am	Holy Communion St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir practice
Sunday	2nd June	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6 St Barts

Messy Church

Come along today "Parents Pamper Party"!

Rosters Sunday 2nd June 8.00am (1st Sunday team)

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

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

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie