



Alstonville Anglicans

Easter 2

Bulletin for Wed 24 April–Sun 28 April 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.



We gather with the disciples in an upper room, behind locked doors, for fear of the Jews. The fear of the Jews pervades the Gospel of John. The Resurrection has been seen moments ago. Yet the followers of God are not yet Easter people. That moment will come, but it is not yet. **Jesus appears among them, breathes on them and says receives**

the Holy Spirit. Jesus, the first born of the new creation, is so filled with the Holy Spirit, the presence of Love, God's presence, that Jesus becomes a source of God's presence for others. Jesus then breathes on us his followers, filling us with holy breath, and sends us out as apostles, to live as Resurrection People, Easter people, who are so filled with the presence of God that we become a source of that presence for others.

It is a relief to know that the disciples are given the gift of God's presence while behind locked doors, while it is evening and while fear of the Jews is the atmosphere. There is no ordered-ness about their lives; there is no deep manifestation of faith, just darkness, fear and locked doors. Jesus appears within their place of fear and breathes on them the holy spirit and commissions them as apostles.

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 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Today Messy Church!

Sunday 28th April 4pm. 'The Treasure of health and healing.'

Tonight Pub Church!

Sunday 28th April from 5.30pm Federal Hotel.

Office Hours

The Parish office will now be closed on **Tuesdays**. If you have any questions please speak to Johnnie Sernberg.

AREA Breakfast - Save the Date!

Saturday May 18th, 7:30 - 9:30am at the Alstonville Baptist Church. \$15 each for delicious cooked breakfast and scintillating talk by Bruce. All funds raised go to support the Alstonville Religious Education Association, who fund Bruce Fleming's work at our local high school.

Ministry & Mission Plan

Available at the back of the church. Please email the office if you notice information that is incorrect or has been left out by 28th April.



Families@4

We will recommence Sunday 5th May for Term 2.

2019 Mothers' Day Fete: Saturday 11 May—2 weeks to go!

Produce & Preserves - Donations of home-made and home-grown items welcome. Contact Robyn Hannah.

Beautiful Baskets - Empty baskets available. Suggested items: soap, talcum powder, face washers, shampoo, moisturiser, chocolates, hankies, etc. Contact Cathy Angus.

Raffle Hamper - Donations welcome. Please check USE-BY dates are current. Items can be left at the office. Ticket sellers required for fete day.

Plant stall - Time to start plotting plants. Contact Barbara Fewtrell.

WANTED—Yummy Home-made Cakes - old favourites are best. Please list ingredients. Labels available. Coordinator: Robyn Beck 66280116.

Thank you Des Fitzpatrick: 66289014, 0408397182

Safe Church Awareness

Thank you to all who attend Safe Church Awareness training. Please provide a copy of your certificate to the parish office for our records.

Bible Readings

28th April Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

5th May Acts 9:1-6

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through this church electronically. **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 40130**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	28th April	4.00pm	Messy Church
		6.00pm	Pub Church
Monday	29th April	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	30th April	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	1st May	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		3.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
		4.00pm	Messy Church Meeting
Thursday	2nd May	9.30am	Play Place
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Eucharist
Friday	3rd May	10.00am	Holy Communion St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir practice
Saturday	4th May		
Sunday	5th May	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa followed by Sunday@6

Rosters Sunday 5th May 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