



# Alstonville Anglicans

## Ephiphany 4

Bulletin for Thurs 30th Jan - 2nd Feb 2020

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.



### Halfway

It's always encouraging to get to the point where we are "half way" there. It's the point when we become much more likely to continue on than to go back.

This weekend, our Rector Desiree is half way through her long service leave.

And this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is when we are half way between the Season of Christmas and the Season of Lent. A good time to reflect on our journey (that is our Spiritual Journey).

Was the beginning at Christmas really exciting and meaningful? Or was it just another round of the same old stuff we always do with a little bit of Celebrating Baby Jesus thrown in?

Do we see any real significance in the approach of Lent? Some people might be starting to think of Lent coming up wondering if it mightn't be a good idea to try giving something up again this year. Others might be planning to do some extra reading or study throughout Lent.

Maybe you are like me and have had the thought pass through your mind that "I just don't know what I should do".

As I was preparing for the services this weekend, I discovered the answer in the sentence for today from Micah Chapter 6 Verse 8 ... "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**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 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Annual Report & AGM

Could reports for the Annual Report please be emailed to the office by the 28th February. The AGM will be held Sunday 15th March 10am.

## Messy Church Team Meeting

Messy Church Team meeting time for Wednesday 5th February has changed to 3pm.

## Queensland Ballet

This is Charlie Low's first year as a QB company member and he is performing in the '60th Anniversary Gala' which runs 20-28th March. Can we get a group together for the Sat or Sun matinee 1.30pm 21st /22nd March? Come along and support Charlie. Contact: Sherry Ann 66285466.

## Rosters Sunday 9th February 8.00am (2nd Sunday team)

**Person in Charge:** Margaret Brown **Worship Leader:** Barbara Fewtrell

**Music:** Ros Sharp **Sound:** Shane McBurney

**Flowers:** Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie

**Church Cleaning:** Lynne Watt and Paul Earner

## **Messy Church 2020**

Today, a fun water slide afternoon at Paul & Leslie Earners home. Please bring nibbles for sharing.

## **Play Place**

Play Place recommences Thursday 6th Feb at 9.30am. There will be free mangoes on offer! Thank you Ken and Margaret Brown.

## **Life Group**

Life Group at Carol Stone's home recommences Tuesday 4th February at 1.30pm.

## **30 years Anniversary Lismore Soup Kitchen**

You are invited to attend this celebration. Friday 21st February 2020 at 7pm. Generation Go Church, 7 Union St Lismore.  
RSVP by 10th Feb Mike Bell 0407789528

## **Fete Meeting**

A meeting of 2019 Fete workers will be held on Tuesday 4th February 4.30pm in the Ministry Centre. We would like to hear people's thoughts on how we might proceed in 2020.

## **Sew Helpful**

The Sew Helpful Craft Group will resume creative activities in the front meeting room of St. Bart's Ministry Centre on Monday, 3 February at 1 pm. Please bring your current project, ideas for a new crafty endeavour, and perhaps invite a friend who might like to contribute ideas or just enjoy some company. All welcome."

## **Bible Readings**

2nd February	8.00am	Micah 6:1-8	Matthew 5:1-12
9th February	8.00am	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Matthew 5:13-20

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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: **BSE: 705 077 / Acc: 32931**

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Feb</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>4.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion St Barts</b> <b>Families @4 (in recess)</b> <b>Sunday@6 St Bart's</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3rd Feb</b>	10.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Prayer Meeting St Bart's Life Group (in recess) Sew Helpful
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th Feb</b>	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5th Feb</b>	<b>9.00am</b>  3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm	<b>Meditation Group, St Bart's</b> <b>(in recess)</b> Messy Church Meeting Property Committee Meeting Worship Hub 8am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6th Feb</b>	9.30am 3.30pm <b>6.00pm</b>	Play Place Op Shop Meeting <b>Contemplative Church,</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7th Feb</b>	10.00am 2.00pm	Holy Communion, St Bart's Choir Practice, St Bart's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8th Feb</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th Feb</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b>  <b>4.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion St Barts</b> Holy Communion, St Peter & St Pauls, Tregearle <b>Families @4 (in recess)</b> <b>Sunday@6</b>