



Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 3

Bulletin for Wed 26 June–Sun 30 June 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 Aboriginal Land.



2 Kings 2:6-14 offers a story of two great prophets, Elijah and Elisha, that is comparable to the great movies of our time such as 'Lord of the Rings', 'Black Panther', 'Captain America' and 'The Avengers': Here are some verses that offer a magical imagery: ... Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

These cosmic and ecstatic images of chariots of fire, whirlwinds and Elijah being wrapped in a cloud and taken to heaven are symbols for the presence of God. The central image in the text is the mantle carried by Elijah and inherited by Elisha. The mantle passing from one to another is a symbol of how the legacy of faith is carried through the generations.

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.

The disciples who gathered around Elijah recognise Elisha as their new leader.

What we have in our congregation are Elijahs, faithful guides, advisors, teachers and wisdom keepers - mentors and potential mentors. We can be imaginative and experimental in our mentoring of Elishas who are to come. A great example of Elijah's passing on the mantle to Elishas is Puccini. Giacomo Puccini's opera Turandot was finished by his students whom he had mentored - he died of cancer before the opera could be finished. It is a good example of passing on the mantle and the need to do so in community.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



NAIDOC Week

July 7-14 . Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Murray Harvey will no longer be visiting our Parish on Sunday 14th July but will come at a later date.

Barbara Whittred Scholarship 2019-2020

The two-year scholarship was awarded earlier this year to Kairo Byrne at Alstonville High School. Kairo is interested in progressing toward a career in political journalism. She also has a special interest in Russian language. To aid these interests she will use the scholarship funds to (a) develop her Russian language skills by attending extracurricular course, and (b) travelling to Moscow in December-January to undertake interviews for a journalistic piece of writing.

Kairo has registered in the University of Queensland's 'Russian Survival Course' to develop her pronunciation skill and vocabulary. She has contacted the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to arrange an interview with the Australian Ambassador in Moscow. Kairo proposes to use the interviews to construct an informative article on the way Australian society differs to Russia's. She proposes seeking publication of her article in the local media. Kairo's parents are supportive of her venture and will accompany her to Russia.



Bonfire Night

You are invited! Today at 4pm.
Charlie & Jenny Handley's home:
1385 Bruxner Highway Lindendale.
Rainforest walk (commencing 4.15pm), soup & damper and the Fire Brigade will be there for the children. Please bring warm clothing, covered footwear, a torch and a fold up chair.
Contact: 0427462 540.
If you are able to bring soup please contact Jenny.



Mother's Union

Saturday August 10, 9.30am. Kempsey Anglican Church
"Forgiveness—The Big Picture". All welcome.

Emmanuel Anglican College

Secondary Ensemble Showcase. Thursday July 4. Soup in a cup from 5.30pm show starts at 6pm.

Bible Readings

30th June 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62
7th July 2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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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: **BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 32931**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	30th June	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's
		4.00pm	BONFIRE NIGHT
Monday	1st July	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	2nd July	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	3rd July	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		3.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
		4.00pm	Messy Church Meeting
Thursday	4th July	9.30am	Play Place
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church Sound Healing
Friday	5th July	10.00am	Holy Communion St Bart's
Saturday	6th July	12.00pm	Op Shop Volunteer's Lunch
Sunday	7th July	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6 St Barts

Rosters Sunday 7th July 8.00am (1st Sunday team)

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

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

Flowers: Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke