



Alstonville Anglicans

Epiphany

Bulletin for Wed 30 Jan–Sun 3 Feb 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.



Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I

send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**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.**

There is a commonly held conviction that "calling" applies to pastors only. I would like to break that definition. The truth of the matter is quite different. Every human being has a vocation, has a "calling". By baptism you have already accepted the invitation to carry out your vocation, to carry out your "calling". Every Christ follower is a called person. Listen to the words of Jeremiah, they apply to each of you: "before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you were born I called you". One of the chief tasks of an ordained person is to help people uncover and develop their calling. What is a calling? Calling is a Biblical word to describe how each person has something beautiful to do for God. Each of us has an assignment to do that has our name written on the tag. Each of us has a song to sing, a message to deliver, a special gift of love to offer that no one else can offer. This is what Jeremiah could mean when he says that "even while I was in my mother's womb you formed me, you called me."

You have something beautiful to do for God, I wonder what it could be?

Auction of Promises

Saturday 9th March at 6.00pm in support of Heartfelt House.

Roll up! Roll up! Now is the time to purchase your tickets for an evening of fun, frivolity, friendship and great deals. Tickets are \$15, including a delicious dinner, and are now available at the church office. But of course, you can't have an Auction of Promises if no one puts anything forward to be auctioned. So, get your thinking caps on and submit your promises to the office as soon as possible. Suggested promises might include - lawn mowing, window washing, car washing, ironing, dinner for 2 (your place or mine), cakes, casseroles, drawings, paintings, gardening etc etc. There is a multitude of things that can be offered. and, if you can't come along, you can still submit a promise.

Contacts: Carol Vidal - 0427 326 832; Johnny Sernberg - 0411 724 440.

Faithfulness in Service Training (2 courses available)

Saturday 23rd February at 2.00-4.00pm and Monday 25th February 10.00am-12.00pm in the Ministry Hall. **This is compulsory training for anyone involved in any level of ministry.** Registration forms available in the church and in the office.

Bible Readings

3rd Feb	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
10th Feb	Isaiah 6:1-8		Luke 5:1-11

Thanks

We have received a heartfelt letter of thanks for the prayers and well wishes during Brian Delaney's recent illness. The letter is at the back of the church. Brian was humbled by the outpouring of care for him.

AGM

Notice to all Parishioners. The Anglican Parish of Alstonville Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday 17th February 2019 at 10.00am in the Ministry Centre, cnr The Avenue & Daley Street, Alstonville.

Please pray for our current, potential and future leaders, lay ministers and councilors and servers. Pray also for yourselves and each other as we listen to the heartbeat of the Spirit at work in our community through our church. Nomination forms are available in the church and must be returned 10 days prior to the meeting. There is an apologies list in the parish office. The Annual Report available from Wednesday 6th Feb.



World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March, 10.00am, Alstonville Baptist Church, 103 Wardell Road, Alstonville. Slovenia.
Morning Tea provided

Serving God in your Local Area

Is God calling you to serve in our local primary schools?

There is a need for 2 SRE teachers for 2019 - 1 Infants teacher to teach at Rous & Tregeagle each Friday morning and 1 Upper Primary teacher to teach at Teven/Tintenbar School each Tuesday afternoon.

Please contact Merlene on 0428 116 744 if you are able to join the team of SRE teachers for 2019.

Calling all Gen X Women

We would love to have you join Desiree for a **Women's Group Beach Picnic, Saturday 9th Feb 4.00pm at Shaw's Bay, Ballina.** Enjoy some swimming, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. Bring some food to share. PS: Generation Xers were raised with divorced baby boomer parents, called latch-key kids, buried themselves in Hip-Hop and Grunge, and were eye witnesses to some of the best and worst humanity had to offer. **Gen Xers** were born between 1965 - 1979 and are currently between 39-53 years old - give or take a few years on either side.

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

THIS MONTH IN OUR PARISH

Monday	4th Feb	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
		6.30pm	Marriage Course
Tuesday	5th Feb	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	6th Feb	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's,
			Begins
		11.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting
		3.30pm	Property Committee
		4.30pm	Messy Church Meeting
Thursday	7th Feb	9.30am	Play Place
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	8th Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir
Sunday	10th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's

Rosters Sunday 10th February 8.00am

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (2nd Sunday team).

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

Music: Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** Barry & Barb Campey **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee