



Alstonville Anglicans

All Saints

Bulletin for Thurs 31st Oct - 3rd Nov 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.



“Zacchaeus” means pure and righteous one. He is a tax collector. He is the chief tax collector. In other words, he is a thug. Tax collectors were grouped with murderers. They killed people in other ways; they killed them by depriving them of that which is needed to sustain life.

Jesus calls this tax collector, this thug, pure and righteous one. Jesus refuses to see us in the shadow of our past. He chooses to see us in the light of our future. When Jesus greets any one of us, he calls us Zacchaeus. You pure and righteous one. It is a greeting of grace.

Grace touches this little person's life. Zacchaeus is a little man. A little man; little in all the things that matter: Little in gentleness. Little in generosity. Little in love. This tax collector spent his whole life hoarding. Now he spends his life sharing. Up to 50 percent. Which is forty percent more than ten percent. May God have mercy on the church who has limited our generosity to ten percent. When grace touches little lives, that life is filled with gratitude. And gratitude overflows in generosity. Andrew Harvey writes that “it is

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First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.**

essential to learn how to awaken and sustain gratitude, for gratitude is the key to many of the highest, most noble, and most transformatory sacred emotions. A heart tuned constantly to be grateful comes to revere the Divine in the whole of existence and slowly to recognize the unity of the Presence behind all diverse appearances. A heart trained always to be grateful will also grow more and more humble; it will be fearless in its recognition of how everything it loves, needs, and celebrates streams in a never-ending river of grace from God." May our All Saints experience be characterised by gratitude. (in *The Direct Path: Creating a Journey to the Divine Using the World's Mystical Traditions*).

The Gospel according to Luke 6:20-36

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Retiring Collection for Rappeville Bushfire Relief

Today & Sunday 10th November.



Christmas Hampers

The Mental Health Support Group has to have Christmas Hampers ready for distribution by the end of November. Non perishable goods or a gift can be placed into the basket at the entrance to the church. Last year 60 hampers were distributed. Thank you in anticipation. Barbara Swain.

Mowing Roster

An invitation is extended to all parishioners, men and women to be part of 7 caring teams to do the lawn mowing & edging here at St Bart's. New roster due middle of Nov. Each team has 3 turns per year. Contact Barry Campey 66283089.



What's your favourite Hymn or Song? Juke Box Sunday 17th November

At 8am and 6pm we will have a service of hymns and songs. What's your favourite hymn or song and why? Let us know via the website or here in the church.



Prayer for...

Jeremiah 29:10 says "Seek the welfare of the city". Prayer for youth, children, families and the church Monday strictly 10am-10.30am.

Sew Helpful

The Sew Helpful group would like to encourage anyone interested in craft or friendship to come Mondays from 1pm to share a cuppa and a chat while learning or teaching a 'crafty' skill.

Save the Date: Christmas Times

24th December 5pm Family Service, 11.30pm Communion & Carol Service
25th December 9am Communion & Carol Service

Rosters Sunday 10th November 8.00am (2nd Sunday team)

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

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

Flowers: Gladys Charters, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie

Church Cleaning: Johnny Sernberg, Marius Mulder

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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

Sunday	3rd Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 St Bart's
Monday	4th Nov	10.30am	Life Group Meeting Room
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	5th Nov	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	6th Nov	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		3.30pm	Property Meeting
		4.00pm	Messy Church Meeting
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, Eucharist
Thursday	7th Nov	9.30am	Play Place
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
Friday	8th Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
Saturday	9th Nov		
Sunday	10th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's, Tregagle
		4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6

Bible Readings

3rd November	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Luke 6:20-36
10th November	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5
	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38