



Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 8

Bulletin for Wed 31st July–Sun 4 August 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.



Hebrews 11 gives an eloquent confident poem about faith: faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen; by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God.

Such a rousing hymn of faith is inspiring yet may be of little comfort when we embrace doubt as an aspect of growth in faith. In times like these, I take comfort in the prayers of the saints, such as Thomas Merton who prayed:

*My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going,
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end,
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,*

**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.**

*Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

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Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

AREA Envelopes

1. If you contribute to AREA via envelopes please collect your new ones (for July 1 onwards) from the Church Office. There is a letter that goes with each set of envelopes.

2. All those supporters of AREA please collect your tax receipt envelopes. They are also available for collection from the Church Office. THANK YOU all for your essential, prayerful and financial support for Bruce Fleming's valuable work with our teenagers at Alstonville High School.

Monday Life Group

Now at 10.30am in Ministry Centre Meeting Room. New members welcome.

Clergy School

Rev Desiree will be attending Clergy School August 5-9. For any pastoral matters please contact the Parish Office.



Question & Answer Series 11th & 18th August

You are invited to submit questions regarding life, faith and everything in between. Questions can be placed in the box in the front of the church.

LinC

Alstonville Anglicans is hosting the annual LinC gathering on Tuesday evening 13th August 5.00pm in the Ministry Centre. As is usual all parishioners and LinC volunteers are welcome to attend. There will be soup and buns, a guest speaker (Bruce Fleming), election of Office Bearers and finish with a cuppa and slices just after 7pm. Please indicate to Des Fitzpatrick, Barry Campey or John Watt if you are **unable** to attend.



Today Families@4!
Join us at 4pm.

Sunday@6

Join us at 5.30pm for a cuppa followed by 6pm service.



Mother's Union

Mary Sumner Day Friday August 9 at 9.30am. St Bartholomew's Anglican Church. All welcome.



St Bart's Day

August 25, 12pm Let's celebrate with a picnic lunch on the lawns around St Bart's. BYO picnic lunch, blanket and chairs. Relax in the gardens @ St Bart's. Garden Party entertainment provided.

Sunday 8am Hub Meeting

Hub meeting for Sunday 8am worship leaders. Wednesday August 7 at 5.00pm in the Meeting room.

Bible Readings

4th August	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Luke 12:13-21
11th August	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Luke 12:32-40	

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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	4th August 4.00pm	Families@4
	6.00pm	Sunday@6
Monday	5th August 10.30am	Life Group Meeting Room
	1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	6th August 1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home (currently in recess)
Wednesday	7th August 9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
	3.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
	4.00pm	Messy Church Meeting
	5.00pm	Hub Meeting Sunday 8am leaders
Thursday	8th August 9.30am	Play Place
	12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch, Bungaraya
	6.00pm	Contemplative Church
		Taize
Friday	9th August 10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
Saturday	10th Aug	
Sunday	11th Aug 8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
	10.00am	Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul's, Tregear
	4.00pm	Families@4
	5.30pm	Sunday@6

Rosters Sunday 11th August 8.00am (2nd Sunday team)

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

Music: Carol Vidal **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee