



Alstonville Anglicans

Pentecost 17

Bulletin for Wed 2nd - 6th October 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.



One of the hardest things to do is to forgive. In Luke 17:4, using a metaphor of a mulberry tree, Jesus describes the hard work of forgiving. Forgiving repeatedly is to forgive comprehensively: rooting out bitterness and giving up the tendency to rehearse one's pain. A mulberry tree has a vast network of roots radiating out in all directions. It is an enormous task to pull out all the roots without leaving a trace of one left. How do we achieve the heart wrenching task of a lifestyle of forgiveness? The Good News is that the tiniest seed of faith will guarantee success. Faith is a gift so powerful that it could stroke the ego. Thus, using the image of a slave's call to serve continuously, Jesus warns about being humble and grounded and not taking faith for granted; . The vocation to authentic humility is unwelcome and prepares us for the ingratitude of the nine lepers in the next episode.



**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 to Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?' ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Bishop Murray's visit

13 October, 8am service. St Peter & St Paul's congregation are invited to join us. This will be followed by morning tea where you can meet the Bishop. After morning tea Bishop Murray and the leadership team will go to Heartfelt House and present them with the \$3000 raised. Everyone is welcome to attend this presentation. 301 Lismore Rd, Wollongbar.

Mental Health Awareness Week: Commencing 6th October.

Christmas Hampers

It may seem a little early to start thinking about Christmas but the Mental Health Support Group has to have the first Christmas Hampers ready for distribution by the end of November. If you are able please could you place something non perishable or a gift into the basket that will be at the entrance to Church from next week? A weekly donation would help enormously. Last year we distributed more than 60 Hampers that made a huge difference for those families. Thank you in anticipation. Barbara Swain

Rosters Sunday 13th October 8.00am (2nd Sunday team)

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

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

Flowers: Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

Church Cleaning: Diane Mueller, Diana Westall, Susan Hinchley



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..

Anti Poverty Week

October 13 starts Anti-Poverty Week. This week supports the Australian community to have an increased understanding of poverty and to take action collectively to end it.

Cursillo

Regener8 Weekend - Cursillistas are invited to this new initiative of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese to be hosted by St Mark's, Casino on the weekend of 26 - 27 October. Theme is Heading for Higher Places (Habakkuk 3:17-19). Cost is \$40.00 to cover meals. For further details please see the noticeboard. Application Forms available at the Parish Office or contact Mark Stuckey: 0428404783.

Some News

The Evening of Rhythm raised \$1500. Many thanks to the organizing team and all who supported the event.

Many thanks to all who attended the Family Movie Night. 'Ponyo' and 'Storm Boy' are available for borrowing from the parish office if you would like to see them again or were not able to attend.

36 people attended 'The Search for Meaning'. It was a very successful day. Thank you to the Anam Cara team who helped create a very special event.

Bible Readings

6th October Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26 Luke 17:5-10

13th October Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

Luke 17:11-19:

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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	6th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
		4.00pm	Families @4 (in recess)
		6.00pm	Sunday@6 St Bart's
Monday	7th Oct	10.30am	Life Group Meeting Room
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	8th Oct	7.30am	Women's Birthday Breakfast
			Nat's Wollongbar
		7.30am	Men's Breakfast 86 on Main
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	9th Oct	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
Thursday	10th Oct	9.30am	Play Place (in recess)
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch Bungaraya
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, Taize
Friday	11th Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice, St Bart's
Saturday	12th Oct		
Sunday	13th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion St Barts
			St Peter & St Pauls worshippers will join us at 8am.

Memorial Remembrance Service

A services of Remembrance for the dearly departed. Sunday October 27