



Alstonville Anglicans

Lent 5

Bulletin for Wed 3 April–Sun 7 April 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.



What words do you use to describe a prophet?
Confident speaker?
Loud proclamation?
Forth-teller of God's dream for the world?

And what examples would you offer as prophets?
Isaiah - that we heard today?
Desmond Tutu?
Gandhi?

I offer you Mary as a prophet, a sensual prophet who speaks without saying a word. The response of those around her is not unusual. We are uncomfortable with prophets. We are often uncomfortable with our bodies, uncomfortable with sensuality and sexuality in the realm of the holy. This sensual image of a woman anointing and massaging the feet of Jesus with her hair is poetic in its genuine response to Christ; it is sensitive, tender and gentle.

**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.**

By anointing Jesus Mary takes on the role of prophet. Since prophets anointed kings, her action would have been understood immediately as a **prophetic recognition of Jesus as king**.

There is more, Mary understands the vision of the kingdom as suffering love and service, not kingly rule and glory. She anoints his body for death. The gospel reader is alert to this and can sense that it is a tense atmosphere; Jesus is about two miles out of Jerusalem and the leaders are plotting to kill him.

The shock and scandal against Mary the prophet is also because of the extravagance of her gift. Jesus rejects the reactions against her anointing of him and thus provides as a **model of discipleship, a disciple and discipler**.

John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Fellowship Lunch

Every second Thursday of the month a group of us meet at the Bunga Raya restaurant for lunch and fellowship. We extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to lunch with us. Our next meeting will be midday April 11. Contact Carol Vidal or Lorna Simpson for information.

Maundy Thursday

6pm Service followed by an all night vigil 8pm - 8am.

Office Hours

The Parish office will now be closed on Tuesdays. If you have any questions please speak to Johnnie Sernberg.

AREA Breakfast - Save the Date!

Saturday May 18th, 7:30 - 9:30am at the Alstonville Baptist Church. \$15 each for delicious cooked breakfast and scintillating talk by Bruce. All funds raised go to support the Alstonville Religious Education Association, who fund Bruce Fleming's work at our local high school.

Ministry & Mission Plan

Please email the office if you notice information that is incorrect or has been left out by 28th April.



Families@4

Our Families@4 Service today at 4.00pm and is the final service for this term.

We will recommence Sunday 6th May for Term 2.

2019 Mothers' Day Fete: Saturday 11 May—5 weeks to go!

Produce & Preserves - Donations of home-made and home-grown items welcome. Contact Robyn Hannah.

Beautiful Baskets - Empty baskets available. Suggested items: soap, talcum powder, face washers, shampoo, moisturiser, chocolates, hankies, etc. Contact Cathy Angus.

Raffle Hamper - Donations welcome. Please check USE-BY dates are current. Items can be left at the office. Ticket sellers required for fete day.

Plant stall - Time to start plotting plants. Contact Barbara Fewtrell.

Stepto's Corner - All sorts of recyclable/saleable items accepted. Please take to Op Shop by 30 April. Contact Barry Campey, 6628 3089.

Thank you Des Fitzpatrick: 66289014, 0408397182

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 6pm, 8pm Vigil

Good Friday 10am

Easter Family Saturday 4pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise 6am

Easter Sunday 8am & 6pm

Easter Sunday, St Peter & St Paul's 10am

Safe Church Awareness

27th April 9am-4.30pm,

St Andrew's, Lismore.

Compulsory for all Ministry leaders. Contact Linda on 66424122 for bookings.

Bible Readings

7th April Isaiah 43:16-21

14th April Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 3:4b-14

Luke 23:1-49

John 12:1-8

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	7th April	4.00pm	Families@4
		6.00pm	Sunday@6
Monday	8th April	1.00pm	Sew Helpful Craft Group
Tuesday	9th April	7.30am	Men's Breakfast Swish, Ballina
		7.30am	Women's Breakfast The Point, Ballina
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		4.30pm	Fete Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10th April	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		11.30am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Thursday	11th April	9.30am	Play Place
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
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Friday	12th April		10.00am Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	14th April	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Bart's

Rosters Sunday 14th April 8.00am (2nd Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Worship Leader: Barbara Fewtrell

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

Flowers: Nancy West., Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke