



# Alstonville Anglicans

## Sharing the Good Life

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1st July 2018

## Healing the nations

*We acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional custodians of the land, the Bundjalung people, on which we worship, work and meet. I recognize the significant role the past and future Elders play in the life of the region. I am mindful that within and without the beautiful sandstone church, the Land always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.*



In Mark 5:21-43, Jesus crosses to the other side of the sea. Jairus' 12 year old daughter is healed as is a woman who has been haemorrhaging for 12 years. At first glance we may wish to discuss a theme of healing, especially as it

becomes real in the lives of a young girl and an (we presume) elderly woman. However, Mark is an exceptionally careful writer so we would do well to pay attention to what is going on in the text itself. When Jesus crosses to the other side of the sea, this is Mark's way of suggesting a change of mind and heart; in the lines that follow we are open to change. Mark also writes in doublets to make a point. In this story a 12 year old girl is paired with a woman ill for 12 years. The 12 is a clue that these women represent Israel—12 being symbolic of the 12 tribes of Israel. This is reinforced by the fact that Jairus is a synagogue leader. The girl is on the point of death and the woman is bleeding. In other words, Israel is on the point of death and is being bled dry because of a multi-level tax system. If healing is to occur for these women, the nation must be healed too.

**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.**

### **Sunday@6pm—24th June**

#### **Rediscovering Genesis—Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times.**

Join the discussion as we explore the story of the Garden of Eden. What is this iconic tale really about? Asking questions, seeking answers. Join us Sunday@6 . Come for a cuppa and fellowship at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome!

### **Reimagine Faith Formation for the 21st Century**

You are warmly invited to join the LLMs on Sunday 5th August 2018 to hear John Roberto, an internationally recognised speaker from the USA, who is a forward thinker and an author in faith formation and intergenerational ministry.

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Tyson Street, South Grafton, Sunday 5th August 9.30am—2.45pm. The cost is \$20.00 and registration is compulsory. To register please contact Maree Collett at the Registry Office on 66424122 or pa@graftondiocese.org.au

### **Annual Silent Retreat**

**The Music of Silence:** a two day live-in silent retreat.

Mercy Place Brisbane

Friday 3rd August—Sunday 5th August

Cost: \$375.00 per person

For further information visit [www.mercyplace.org.au](http://www.mercyplace.org.au)

Application forms are available in the Ministry Centre. Please complete and return as soon as possible to the Ministry Administrator.



### **Messy Church Sunday 24th June**

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Messy Church such a success!

### **Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm**

Be still and know that I am God. A peaceful, reflective, prayerful service offering nourishment for your soul. Come.

### **Bulletin Items**

Any items for the bulletin will now need to be submitted by 9.00am Monday for inclusion in the next Sunday bulletin. This change has occurred to fit in with the part time hours our administration staff are working. Any items that are urgent can be announced during the Services.

### **NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee)**

During the month of July we will be supporting **NAIDOC** by flying the Aboriginal flag only outside our church and having appropriate liturgies and sermons in our church services.

Activities planned for **NAIDOC** week in Ballina that we could support are:

**Sunday 8th July:** Music and Culture Day ("Yardabalair"), Missingham Amphitheatre

10.00am Art Exhibition & Launch 44 Cherry Street Ballina 11am–12 noon.

**Monday 9th July:** NAIDOC Celebration Walk, Grant Street outside Ballina RSL Club to Info Centre 10.00am (flag raising and dancing)

**Tuesday 10th July:** Family Culture Day & Stalls at Cabbage Tree Island 10.30am–1.30pm.

We are planning carpooling transport from St Bart's to assist people to attend.

Further information is available on the Bunjum Facebook page.

### **Worship & Spirituality Hub**

LLMs and Worship Coordinators are reminded that the next meeting is Wednesday 4th July 4.30pm in the Ministry Hall. There will be training in management processes within the church.

**NEW Office Hours— Monday to Friday from 9am to 12noon.**

### **Queensland Ballet Aspire '18**

Charles Lisner Studio, Thomas Dixon Centre, Brisbane Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September, 7.30pm.

Bookings :<http://purchase.queenslandballet.com.au/auxiliary/Reserve.aspx?p=916>

### **Rosters.**

**Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship Sunday 8th July.**

**Worship Leader:** Barbara Fewtrell

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

**Flowers** Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	2nd July	10.00am	Life Group in Meeting Room
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	3rd July	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	4th July	9.00am	Meditation Group—St Barts (In recess until 1st August)
		11.00am	Pastoral Care meeting
		11.30am	Carpet cleaning in church
		3.30pm	Property Committee meeting
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Hub— Ministry Hall
Thursday	5th July	9.30am	Play Place—Ministry Hall
		3.30pm	Op Shop meeting
			6:00pm Contemplative Church— St Barts
Friday	6th July	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
Saturday	7th July	1.00pm	Op Shop Lunch
Sunday	8th July	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6—St Barts

### Bible Readings

1st July	Lamentations 3:22-33	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
8th July	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13	