

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

14th October 2018

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

We acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. 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.



Mark 10:25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" Ched Meyers (2001:32) says that: "The clarity of the text has somehow escaped the church through the ages, which instead has concocted a hundred ingenious reasons why it cannot mean what it says". The church has been so anxious that Jesus may be saying something negative about the rich, but this quote is not about the rich at all! **The text is not about the rich, it is about the kingdom of God!**

For Jesus, **the kingdom of God is a social condition where there are no rich or poor.** Jesus challenges the ruler with economic justice as a **precondition for discipleship**: "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The implication is that **Jesus expects the ruler to deconstruct the economic and political system from which he derives his privilege.** Why? Because the kingdom of God is a place where there are no rich and poor. What are the ways in which we can deconstruct our own privilege?

**Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.
Please return 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.**

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

An Introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of prayers and meditations developed by Ignatius to help people to become spiritually free. Input will offer a brief introduction into who Ignatius is, an overview of the exercises along with the opportunity to explore how the journey might work for you in your daily life. Led by Robin Fitzgerald

St Bartholomew's Church, Wednesday 7th, 13th November 5pm–7pm.

Bible Readings

14th October **Mark 10:17-31**

21st October **Mark 10:35-45**

Families@4pm—Begins today!

Families@4 is a new service aimed at young families and those exploring faith for the first time. Everybody welcome.



Welcome Bishop Harvey

We warmly welcome Bishop Murray Harvey to our Parish today. Iris and Bruce will be confirmed at our 6pm service. All welcome.

Auction of Promises



Put the date in your diary, Saturday 3rd November 2018, 6.30pm, in the Ministry Hall. Tickets are \$15/person. Tickets available from the parish office. Dig out your promises,.

ANSD Australian Network for Spiritual Direction

Invites you to a day of contemplative prayer and quiet reflection. We explore Godly play and prayer. **Saturday 20th October, 9.00am–3.00pm, St Bartholomew's Church, Alstonville.** BYO lunch to share. Coffee/tea and nibbles provided. Cost \$20.00. RSVP Robin Fitzgerald robfitz65@gmail.com / 0411800447.

Life Group

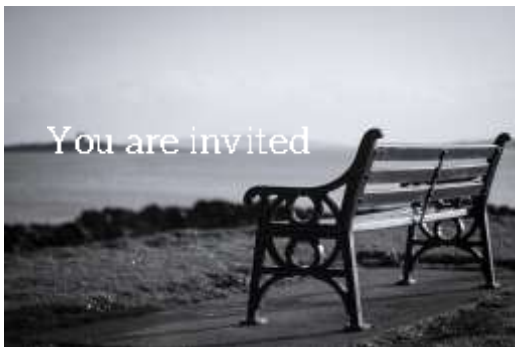
Rev Desiree's Life Group will recommence Tuesday 23rd October 6.00pm with dinner at Alstonville Plateau Bowls and Sports Club. We will then commence on Tuesday 30th with "Life of Jesus" study.

Mother's Union AGM

Monday, 15 October 2018 in Meeting Room, 9.30am.

Mother's Union Celebration Day

Grafton Cathedral, 25 October 2018, 9.30am If you would like a day out or happen to be in Grafton you would be most welcome to join us.



To a Memorial Service
on Sunday 28 October
at 8am or 6pm

The service is open to
the community.

We come together to remember
and honour friends and family who
have died.

We are saving a seat for you
at Alstonville Anglican Church
8 The Avenue

Please take a flyer and give it to your neighbor or a friend!

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	15th Oct	9.30am	MU AGM
		10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
		6.00pm	Meditation Course
Tuesday	16th Oct	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess until 23rd Oct)
Wednesday	17th Oct	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	18th Oct	9.30am	Play Place
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	19th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir, St Bart's
Saturday	20th Oct	9.00am	ANSD Day, St Bart's
Sunday	21st Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		4.00pm	Sunday@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

Rosters—Sunday 14th October

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (3rd Sunday team).

Person in Charge: Carol Vidal **Worship Leader:** Barbara Fewtrell

Music: Choir **Cleaning:** Robin Delaney **Sound:** Mark Stuckey

Flowers: Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee