



# Alstonville Anglicans

## St Bartholomew's, Alstonville with St Peter and St Paul's, Tregearle

### 15th April 2018

#### Third Sunday of Easter

**Broken hearts and burning hearts** Although today's story is a powerful experience of Resurrection, it is only an Easter story in so far as real space is given for darkness, doubt and the absence of life. Tucked away in the encounter of the Resurrected Christ is the translation of one unusual Greek word "but we had hoped." Four words, yet they are utterly heartbreaking and surely a summary of



what it means to gain maturity. But we had hoped - a phrase that is so devastating because it not only speaks of the grief of loss in the present - it speaks to the emptiness of the future - a hole in future imaginings. But. We. Had. Hoped... - the cancer that returned - the addiction that was never overcome - the job that didn't materialise - the prayer that was never answered - the longed for child that was never born...

Just as before the resurrection there is crucifixion so in this story just before burning hearts are broken hearts. To be Easter people of the Resurrection we must be a people that makes space for broken hearts. We must be able to admit our darkness, our hurt and our betrayals. We admit to broken hearts not as a gateway to Resurrection but because its part and parcel of the mystery of being human. We grieve our lost futures, the futures that will never be in order that we may possibly hear and receive the future that God has created and prepared - when we are ready to hear and as we are able.

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.

**"Sharing the Good Life"**

**Sunday@6—15th April**—Experience a cosmic walk in the New Creation.

**Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6**—Be still and know that I am God. A peaceful, reflective, prayerful service offering nourishment for your soul. Come.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer**—There will be **NO services** on **Wednesday 18th or Wednesday 25th April**

**St Peter & St Paul's "Say So" Service**—Sunday 29th April, 10.00am. An open invitation is extended to this second annual "Say So" Service at Tregeagle, with special guest speakers Loretta and Mark Stuckey. Morning tea to follow.

**Memories of ANZAC—Concert & Sing along**—Sunday 29th April, 1.30pm at St Mary's Ballina. \$10 Admission. Lucky door prizes and afternoon tea. All Proceeds to Legacy. Contact: St Mary's—6682 2094.

**Altar Linen**—Do you have a calling to care for the Altar Linen? If you are able to fulfil this special ministry, contact Helen Nicholson—0416 281 013.

**Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain**—Your well-being is important to us. Please advise the Parish Office if you are sick or in hospital and if you would like to receive prayer through the Prayer Chain.

**Rosters for St Barts @ 8am**—The rostering system has changed. All people currently on a roster are part of a worship team. They will be doing something on a set Sunday of the month. Your Worship team leader will be in touch with you. The Roster for April has been set and if you need to change please see your team leader. 1st Sunday—Mark Stuckey, 2nd—Barbara Fewtrell; 3rd—Iris Cowie; 4th—Helen Nicholson and 5th—Charlie Handley.

**Outreach Missions**—Are you interested in supporting and promoting Missions through our church? If so, contact Susan Fitzpatrick—6628 9014, 0428 414 767. The Missions Committee will be meeting soon.

**Office Hours**—In preparation for the arrival of the new administration staff, the office hours are being changed to **Monday to Friday from 9am to 12noon**. The Parish Administrator will manage the office with assistants Mon-Thu, with a dedicated assistant on Fridays whilst the PA does finance. This will commence **from Monday 23rd April**.

**2018 Mothers' Day Fete—Saturday 12th May—4 weeks to go!**

**Produce & Preserves**—Donations of home-made and home-grown items welcome. Rose Dutton—6628 6139.

**Beautiful Baskets**—Baskets available. Suggested items: soap, talcum powder, face washers, shampoo, moisturiser, chocolates, hankies, etc. Lynnette—0411 294 446.

**Raffle Hamper**—Donations welcome. Please check USE-BY dates of food items are current. Items can be left at the office.

**WANTED-Yummy Home-made Cakes**—old favourites are best! Please list ingredients. Labels available. Robyn—6628 3560

**Stepto's Corner**—Recyclable/saleable items accepted. Please leave items at Op Shop by 30th April. Barry—6628 3089.

**ANAN CARA—Walking the Labyrinth—ANZAC Day Peace Walk**

**Wednesday 25th April, 8.30am–10.00am—Lismore Trinity Catholic School.**

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol for the journey of life which twists and turns, moving between darkness and light, suffering and joy. These feelings can be exacerbated as we cast our eyes to the state of the world where war continues to rage, where 65 million people are displaced as refugees and where violence and terror continue to weave through the lives of many Australians. Our only choice is to put one foot in front of the next and allow ourselves to be open to and led deeper into Life. The labyrinth is also an ancient symbol for the presence and embrace of the Divine: wherever we are and however we feel in it, whether we are on the outskirts or right in the centre, we are always in God, and God is always in us. And here, in the very midst of life, we find peace. On this ANZAC Day, we will walk the labyrinth as a way of sinking more deeply into the presence of God and into Jesus' promise, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you".

The walk will finish at 10am in order to give you time to move onto the **Peace Celebration** to be held at RaH in the Lismore Anglican Church Hall, **"A Different, Compassionate ANZAC Day", 11.00am-1.00pm.**  
Details—<https://www.facebook.com/events/430108350755887/>

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	16th Apr	9.30am	MU—Meeting Room 1
Wednesday	18th Apr	8.00am	<b>NO</b> Morning Prayer this week
		9:00am	Meditation - St Barts
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirit Exec
		6.00pm	Parish Council
Thursday	19th Apr	6:00pm	Contemplative Church- St Barts
Friday	20th Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
Sunday	22nd Apr	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion—Tregeagle
		4.30pm	Messy Church
		6.00pm	Sunday@6—St Barts

**MU Alstonville**—The monthly meeting of Mothers Union will take place on **Monday, 16th April** in Meeting Room 1 of the Ministry Centre at 9.30am.

This will be a very special meeting as it will be close to Anzac Day and Carol Vidal will be our Guest Speaker. Carol will talk of her recent visit to the Somme. This year is also very important, as it will be the Centennial Celebrations of the Armistice in 1918. AMUA welcomes anyone who would like to hear Carol's talk. Joyce Shepherd.

### Bible Readings

<b>15th April</b>	Acts 3: 12-19,	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24: 36b-48
<b>22nd April</b>	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18