

# Alstonville Anglicans

## Sharing the Good Life

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

16th September 2018

### Sky Sunday

*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.*



**Sky** refers to all the domains of creation above and around Earth. **Sky** especially refers to the domains close to Earth—the wind, the clouds, the air—the atmosphere. It is important to note that the term translated ‘heavens’ in the

Old Testament normally means **sky**, not some abode of God far above. In our call to worship we invite all the domains of the **sky** to worship with us. In our confession we recall how we have polluted the atmosphere. The **skies** are in tune with the presence of God revealed on Earth, whether in majesty or in misery.

**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.**

### **Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### **Worship: Our theme for September is "Creation"**

For the month of September we pray for creation. We began with Earth, then Humanity, today Sky, then Mountain, & Blessing of the Animals.

### **Sunday@6pm—16th September**

Asking questions, seeking answers. Join us Sunday@6 pm. Come for a cuppa and fellowship at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome!

### **Church Works**

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to the team who have been working so hard all week creating a larger flat worship space at the front of the church.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Samaritan's Purse is running Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are due back 30th September.

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

A meditative service that energises and refreshes you for life.  
This week Contemplative Healing.

### Prayer Chain

Carol Stone will be leading the Prayer Chain while Lynne Watt is away. Carol's contact details are: 66866787 / 0438158268. You can also call the office during office hours.

### Auction of Promises



Put the date in your diary, and invite all your friends for an evening of entertainment, of all kinds, and especially an Auction of Promises. You are guaranteed to have fun, good food, and great company. Saturday 3rd November 2018, 6.30pm, in the Ministry Hall. Tickets are \$15/person. Tickets available from the parish office. Dig out your promises, and contact your friends this week.

### Families@4pm—Coming soon!

Families@4 is a new service aimed at young families and those exploring faith for the first time. Services commence Sunday 14th October.

### Thank you

Thank you for prayer, caring and thoughtfulness in this sad loss of Morrie's daughter. We are upheld by the Lord's love and mercy. Morris & Lesley.

### Life Group

Our home group would like to invite new members. At present we are studying "The Life of Christ". We meet at 1.30pm on Tuesdays at Ballina Heights. On offer: good company, discussion and a cuppa in a comfortable environment. If interested contact Carol Stone on 66866787

### Mothers Union



The monthly meeting of Mothers Union will take place on Monday, 17 September 2018 in Meeting Room 1 of the Ministry Centre at 9.30 am. We will be planning our participation in the 'Celebration Day' at Grafton on 25 October 2018. Joyce Shepherd, Branch President

### Rosters—Sunday 23rd September

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (4th Sunday team).

**Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

**Music:** Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** D Fenwick & L Stuckey **Sound:** Shane McBurney

**Flowers:** Gerri White, Sheila Hobbs, Narelle Smee

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

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday    | 17th Sept | 10.00am | Life Group (in recess)                  |
|           |           | 9.30am  | MU Meeting Room                         |
|           |           | 1.00pm  | Sew Helpful                             |
| Tuesday   | 18th Sept | 11.00am | SDA Service                             |
|           |           | 1.30pm  | Life Group at Carol Stone's home        |
|           |           | 6.00pm  | Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess) |
| Wednesday | 19th Sept | 9.00am  | Meditation Group, St Bart's             |
|           |           | 6.00pm  | Parish Council Meeting                  |
| Thursday  | 20th Sept | 9.30am  | Play Place, Ministry Hall               |
|           |           | 6:00pm  | Contemplative Church, St Bart's         |
| Friday    | 21st Sept | 10:00am | Holy Communion, St Bart's               |
|           |           | 10.00am | Group Supervision, Meeting Room         |
|           |           | 2.00pm  | Choir, Ministry Hall                    |
| Sunday    | 23rd Sept | 8.00am  | Holy Communion, St Barts                |
|           |           | 10.00am | Tregeagle, St Peter and St Paul's       |
|           |           | 5.30pm  | Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts           |

### Bulletin

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin please add your name and email address to the list in the church or the office.

### Bible Readings

16th September Proverbs 1:20-33

Mark 8:27-38

23rd September Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

Mark 9:30-37