



Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

17th June 2018

Parables

Parables are some of the most difficult texts to preach about. Part of the difficulty is that a parable is not a narrative, a story. A parable is the opposite of a story; it is an anti-narrative. The design of the parable is shift consciousness completely, to give you a new head, a different set of eyes, so that you see the world differently. As such a parable is something to experience rather than think about. The parables in Mark 4.26-34 offer the experience of death as a gateway to life. The scattered seeds, like the mustard seed, must allow themselves to die. Buried in the dirt, these seeds are cracked wide open, exposing the vulnerable seed-flesh inside. Mud and water seep in before a fragile arm-like shoot reaches out towards the sun. Jesus will himself become a parable, allowing his own life to end as a gateway to a love that conquers death. *What are the life giving ways that we can welcome self-surrender this week?*



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—10th June

Rediscovering Genesis—Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times.

Join the discussion as we explore what it means to contribute personally and meaningfully to the world entrusted to us. Join us Sunday@6 . Come for a cuppa and fellowship at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Mothers Union

The next meeting of MU: Monday 18th June will be a special Presentation: 'Advanced Care Directives-Who Needs them and Why'. This is an open invitation to all members of our Church community and any others in the community who may also wish to attend. The aim of the Presentation, given by Dr Paul Earner, is to inform people of the purpose, content and importance of an Advanced Care Directive, as well as the process of completing one. The Presentation will be from 9.30am-11.30am and will include morning tea. Attendance is free. All welcome.

Carpet Cleaning

The carpets in the church and the ministry centre will be cleaned Thursday 21st June from 11.30am. (Please note the change of date!)

St Peter and Paul

Next week at Tregeagle 10.00am

We'd love to welcome you along to the Church@the Crossroads!

To: Celebrate the ministries and lives of our church's namesakes!

Enjoy our relaxed country-feel service

Focus on these two apostles and martyrs.

Make this another great parish celebration!

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

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.

Messy Church Sunday 24th June

We need shoe boxes and tissue boxes or similar sized boxes for Messy Church craft. The children will be making box guitars.



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.

Activities happening in Ballina include:

Sunday 8th July Launch 44 Cherry Street Ballina 11am–12 noon.

Monday 9th July NAIDOC Celebration Walk, Grant Street outside Ballina RSL Club 10.00am.

You are encouraged to attend.

Wanted: Knitters!

We have been knitting beanies for the soup kitchen at the Winsome Hotel over the past several years. For various reasons the number of knitters has dried up. Would you consider spending some spare time knitting for this very worthy cause. A simple piece of knitted headwear, nothing necessarily elaborate, would be very well received by the homeless. This week Lorna Simpson delivered 130 beanies to Lismore and 25 to the soup kitchen in Ballina. They were very gratefully received. We have no more to deliver for this winter. Lorna has a simple pattern if you need one to get started. Thanking you in anticipation. Carol Vidal.

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>

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

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

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	18th June	9.30am	Care Directives Presentation
Tuesday	19th June	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	20th June	9.00am	Meditation Group—St Barts
		4.30pm	Worship Spirituality Executive
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	21st June	9.30am	Play Place—Ministry Hall
		11.30am	Carpet Cleaning
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church—St Barts
Friday	22nd June	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
Sunday	24th June	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		10.00am	Tregeagle Service
			St Peter and Paul's
		4.30pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6—St Barts

Rosters.

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship Sunday 24th June.

Worship Leader: Helen Nicholson

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

McBurney, **Flowers:** Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke

Bible Readings

17th June Mark 4:26-34

24th June Psalm 133 Mark 4:35-41