

# Alstonville Anglicans

## Sharing the Good Life

18th November 2018

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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



In Mark 13.2, as Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Jesus' attack on the temple is to subvert the very heart of the ideological, philosophical, governmental, theological and financial centre of the universe of his time. There is no more thorough attack. He has ripped out the very centre of people's existence. Jesus' reason for doing so is clear. His God requires that orphans, widows and refugees form the centre of what we do and how we think about what we do. The temple as the centre is corrupt, abusive and exploitive. For this reason, it will be thrown down. Not by might or force, but by vulnerable love.

Likewise, unless the vulnerable are the very centre of how we use our money, how we think about using our money, how we structure society, how we develop our industry, how we do politics: our institutions will always be like these Markan temples with big stones that will also be overturned (see Mark 13.2).

**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 13:1-8

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### Sunday@6pm—18th November

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

### Save the Date

#### "The Coming of the Light" Saturday 8th December

**6-8pm at St Bartholomew's Church.** A special occasion to celebrate Advent. BBQ meal & desserts by Mothers Union in the (Ministry Centre), followed by "Three Lessons and Carols" in our church, with a light surprise. Families and friends are invited. Transport by arrangement.



### Mowing Roster

Men and women are invited to be part of the lawn mowing teams for the next year December 2018-November 2019. Typically each team of 2 or 3 people has 3 turns a year at mowing and doing the edges. Please give your name to Barry Campey 66283089 by third week in November as the new roster starts early December. Thank you.

### Bible Readings

18th Nov

Mark 13:1-8

25th Nov Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

### **An Opportunity to do Mission in our Local Area 2019**

Scripture in Schools is a great way of reaching children in our community with the Gospel. In 2019, the SRE team will be 3 teachers short of a full team. Two teachers are moving away from this area and have been teaching on Tuesdays and one teacher is retiring and has been teaching on Fridays. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry while we are still able to go into the schools, please contact Merlene on 0428 116 744.

### **Messy Church**

The next Messy Church celebration is Sunday 25th November 4.00pm



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

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

### **Frock Club's Retrospective Fashion Show Saturday 17th November**

This is a grand showing of all the fashion Frock Club has created and brought together over the past 2 years from Crawford House Museum's archives and private collections. The fashion show, in a dazzling walk down memory lane, will carefully lead us through 'a life in clothes as it happened on the Alstonville Plateau - 1890 to 1960'.

The setting is in the glorious gardens of historic Crawford House.

\$20 per person, Contact: Lois Hennes 66283970

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/retrospective-fashion-show-a-life-in-clothes-1890-to-1960-tickets-50713178482>

### **LinC Alstonville**

To all Linc volunteers: You are invited to an end of year 'Thank you Christmas Luncheon': Tuesday 4th December 12.00 at the Wollongbar Tavern. Further enquiries 66286960. NB: Spouses or family members are welcome but are asked to contribute to the cost of the meal. A more detailed flyer is available from Lynne Watt.

### **Baptism**

Please pray for our Baptism Families:

The Green Family, Ella and Harrison were baptised Sunday 4th November,  
Catherine Ryan who will be baptised Sunday 18th November,

The Beavis Family, Anna will be baptised 1st December

The Lusk Family, Amelia and Joshua will be baptised Sunday 9th December,

The Prentice Family, George will be baptised Sunday 9th December

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

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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

Monday	19th Nov	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		9.30am	MU meeting
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	20th Nov	11.00am	SDA Service
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	21st Nov	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Executive
		6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	22nd Nov	9.30am	Play Place
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
		10:00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
Friday	23rd Nov	10.00am	Spiritual Directors, Group
			Supervision, Meeting Room
		2.00pm	Choir, St Bart's
Sunday	25th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul's, Tregagle
		4.00pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

### Rosters—Sunday 25th November

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

**Person in Charge** Carol Vidal **Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

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

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