

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

19th August 2018

Would you like to dance?

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.



Would you like to dance? is the story of John Clark (played by Richard Gere) who has everything yet has an underlying boredom and unhappiness in life. He discovers ballroom dancing. The difference it makes to his life is that he feels alive for the first time in a very long while. This is almost a parable for the Eucharist. The liturgy of the

Eucharist is a dance that you enter; a dance that changes you - it offers you meaning and life in all its fullness.

The Eucharist "Dance" is a real symbol, it makes present what it represents. What does it make present? It makes present Christ's presence in the world, our unity with God and our unity with each other

The Eucharist is the heart of the church. Ultimately, we are a Eucharistic community. In the Eucharist we find all other doctrines summarised. In the Eucharist the ordinary becomes extraordinary, the mundane shines with significance - our now consecrated lives shine through with the mystery of God.

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: John 6:51-58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



**St Bartholomew's
Day August 26th**

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is running Operation Christmas Child. Lynette Outerbridge has boxes available for filling with gifts. These are then distributed to children in need for Christmas. Boxes back by 30th September.



Pot Luck Dinner Saturday 1st September

Dinner and short crazy activity in the Ministry Centre. Have fun together as a Parish. 5.15pm for 5.30pm. Give names to the clipboard person at your service or to the office. Please also indicate your contribution to the dinner eg: something for main course or dessert or can't manage either.

Beyond the Blue Horizon

You are invited to a signature dinner in support of Beyondblue with broadcaster, sports commentator and author Craig Hamilton. Ballina RSL, Friday 7th September 6pm for 7pm start. The cost is \$75 per head and booking can be made at www.ballinarsl.com.au

Our theme for this week is Questions???

Q & A Sundays 19 and 26 August. We will be looking at the questions that have been submitted.

Faithfulness in Service Training

Faithfulness in Service training is being offered at St Andrew's hall Lismore **Wednesday 29th August 6.30pm and Saturday 15th September 2.30pm.** Faithfulness in Service is compulsory training for all Clergy, LLM's church leaders, Op Shop workers and anyone involved in any level of ministry where they are representing the church.

Families@4pm—9th September

Families@4 is a new service aimed at young families and those exploring faith for the first time. Sunday 9th September we are running a "Demo" Service. Any interested adult parishioners are invited to attend.

Sunday@6pm—26th August

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

Choir

Choir has recommenced 2.00pm Fridays. New singers are always welcome to join us.

Queensland Ballet Aspire '18

Saturday 22nd September, 7.30pm, Charles Lisner Studio, Thomas Dixon Centre, Brisbane. In support of Charlie Low, who is performing in this production, a group from Sunday@6 are planning to go. We will be car pooling so if you are interested please add your name to the sign up sheet or contact the office. Please book your tickets at:

<http://purchase.queenslandballet.com.au/auxiliary/Reserve.aspx?p=916>

Rosters—Sunday 26th August

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

Worship Leader: Helen Nicholson

Music: Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** D Fenwick & Lyn 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

Monday	20th Aug	9.30am	Mother's Union
		10.00am	Life Group in Main Hall
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	21st Aug	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	22nd Aug	9.00am	Meditation Group—St Barts
		4.30pm	Executive Meeting
Thursday	23rd Aug	9.30am	Play Place—Ministry Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church—St Barts
Friday	24th Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		2.00pm	Choir
Sunday	26th Aug	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		10.00am	Tregeagle Service
		4.30pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6—St Barts

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm

Be still and know that I am God. A peaceful, reflective, prayerful service offering nourishment for your soul. Come.

Bible Readings

19th August		John 6:51-58
26th August	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69