

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2nd September 2018

Planet Earth 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.



Ancient scriptures have always used properties of the earth and sky to speak of spiritual things, for they represent not only what we literally need for survival but can also point to deeper realities. Join us for our next series - Earth, Humanity, Sky, and Mountain. Discover timeless wisdom about our connection to our planet, each other and God as we explore our purest longings for lasting peace, safe community and personal wholeness.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."



Drought Relief

Retiring collections for drought relief will take place today 2nd & 9th Sept.

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm

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

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. Last Sunday to collect boxes!



Cumquats—Free

Barbara Swain has a fruiting cumquat tree with lovely fruit. If anyone wishes to come and pick some please give her a call on 66287936

Faithfulness in Service Training

Faithfulness in Service training is being offered at St Andrew's hall Lismore **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.

Auction of Promises 3rd November 2018

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.

Worship: Our theme for September is Creation!

Today is Planet Earth Sunday.

Sunday@6pm—2nd September

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

Church Works

Exciting news! As discussed last year the platforms in the church will be lowered. This work is commencing the week beginning 9th September. There will be no access to the church during this work. Services that week will take place in the Ministry Centre.

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 9th September

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (2nd Sunday team).

Worship Leader: Barbara Fewtrell

Music: Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** Barry & Barb Campey **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie

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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	3rd Sept	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	4th Sept	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	5th Sept	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Barts
		11.00am	Pastoral Care, Meeting Room
		3.30pm	Property Committee, Meeting Room
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Hub, Meeting Room
Thursday	6th Sept	9.30am	Play Place, Ministry Hall
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, St Barts
Friday	7th Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		2.00pm	Choir
Sunday	9th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		10.00am	Tregeagle Service
			St Peter's & St Paul's
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

Worship & Spirituality Meeting 5th Sept:

Focus on planning with co-ordinators. This is an open meeting. All welcome.

Bible Readings

2nd September	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
9th September	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,22-23	Mark 7:24-37