

Anglican Parish of Alstonville

St Bartholomew's, Alstonville with
St Peter and St Paul's, Tregagle

25th February 2018

Lent 2



Please turn off your mobile phone during worship.
Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.
Toilets are located in the front of the Hall.
First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.

"Sharing the Good Life"

Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said to him, "Abba as far as I can I say my little office, I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?" then the old man stood up and stretched his hands towards heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, "If you will, you can become all flame." - From the Desert Fathers

The people who have become all flame, the people who have allowed themselves to be drowned in the presence of God, describe the experience of radical mystical prayer as having roughly three phases: **The way of purgation, the way of illumination and the way of union.** It is with this "map" in mind that we turn to the Gospel reading. The story of the transfiguration expects the reader to understand the account in the light of the baptism and crucifixion. The voice from the cloud says "This is my son, my chosen, listen to him!" recalls the same voice at Christ's baptism that said "This is my Son" and is an echo of the centurion's voice at the Crucifixion who says "Truly this was a righteous man".

The transfiguration of Christ, the way of illumination if you like, is understood better in the light of baptism and crucifixion - what the mystics call the way of purgation. Transfiguration - the way of illumination - develops out of the way of purgation - baptism.

The way of purgation, symbolised by baptism, is the way of repentance, of stripping away all that is false, of descending into chaos, of un-doing, of un-making. In Baptism we are drowned in the love of God, we die with Christ, we die to self. The way of purgation is about descending into the depths, about one's identity dying and finding one's true identity in God. We remain in these depths, in this descent in this way of purgation, we remain at the bottom until we hear who we truly are and are called up a mountain in the way of illumination: we are called into transfiguration.

Collect

God our redeemer and sustainer,
we pray for survivors of violence, abuse and neglect.
Give your power to the powerless,
 your fullness to the empty of spirit.
Heal their wounds, free them from fear,
 and restore them to true health.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
 the crucified and risen Saviour
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever and ever. **Amen.**

At the time of choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your church in this diocese
a shepherd after your own heart
 who will walk in your ways,
 and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up
 and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fun Families get-together

Messy Church families and others are invited to slip n slide, splash n dash on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 2.00pm at Paul & Lesley Earner's home. Ask the office for details.



World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March @ 1.30pm
Uniting Church, Alstonville

Suriname

(northern South America)

All God's Creation is Very Good!



All welcome to attend.



Coming Soon

Sunday @ 6

Commencing
on Pentecost

2018 PARISH COUNCIL (Induction 1st April 8am)

<u>RECTOR:</u>	Reverend Dr Desiree Snyman
<u>ACTIVE LICENSED CLERGY:</u>	Reverend John KIDSON Reverend Geoff VIDAL
<u>WARDENS:</u>	Susan FITZPATRICK (Rector's Warden) Paul EARNER (People's Warden)
<u>COUNCILLORS:</u>	Margaret BROWN Barry CAMPEY Charlie HANDLEY Johnny SERNBERG Carol VIDAL Tregeagle to be elected today

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

<u>PC SECRETARY:</u>	Mark STUCKEY
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Johnny SERNBERG
<u>SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES:</u>	Diana EAGLES Mark STUCKEY
<u>PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS</u>	Diana EAGLES Johnny SERNBERG
<u>ALSTONVILLE MMR LAY REP:</u>	LLMs
<u>ANGLICARE REP:</u>	Margaret BROWN
<u>EAC FRESH EXPRESSIONS REP:</u>	TBA
<u>MISSION SECRETARY:</u>	TBA
<u>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</u>	Susan FITZPATRICK
<u>AUDITOR:</u>	Belinda COOMBS
<u>MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:</u>	TBA
<u>PARISH ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER:</u>	TBA

Easter Services @ St Bartholomew's

Palm Sunday	25th March	8:00 am	– Holy Communion
		10:00am	– Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	29th March	4:30pm	– Meal
		6:00pm	– Holy Communion
		8:00pm	– Vigil begins
Good Friday	30th March	10:00am	– Vigil Concludes
		10:00am	– Holy Communion
Easter Saturday	31st March	6:00pm	– Family Service
Easter Sunday	1st April	8:00am	– Holy Communion



Thought for the Week from Mothers union Australia Sunday 25th FEBRUARY 2018

WOMEN WORLDWIDE

Mothers' Union brings us in contact with women throughout the world. We hear their voices, their needs and triumphs. We are sisters in faith, we pray together and thank God for his faithfulness through the ages. We pray for women who still suffer injustice, whether in education, the workplace or in relationships.

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. Romans 1:8

In Australia members are committed to prayer and support to disadvantaged women and children. We give thanks for God's love and protection over 125 years. Let us pray for God's guidance and a renewed vision for the future.

Special Heartfelt Thanks

To Reverend Geoff, Reverend Desiree, Mark and everyone for the love, support and condolences given to our family for the family for the loss of most loved one, Noela Slade. God bless you all. Frank & family.

Every Day with Jesus

Every Day with Jesus is available from the Parish Office at a cost of \$8.50.

Keys Found

A set of keys have been found. Please contact the Parish Office if you are missing a set of keys.

The North Coast Anglican newspaper

This newspaper is now available on-line. Printed copies will still be available for collection in the church foyer.

Sound Issues

These have been referred to the Property Committee.

CMS - Hughes in Japan

Pray for the family as they settle back into Japan having just returned this past week. Particularly pray for the boys facing school each day, Japanese language, new faces, new teachers, etc. Also for Dene and Rachel as they work with what school is best for Elliott at the end of this term.

LLM1 Nomination

Parish council has nominated Barbara Jane Fewtrell.

Qualifications 143.1 A Licensed Lay Minister must: (a) show evidence of Christian maturity, piety and loyalty; (b) be a regular communicant member of the Anglican Church; (c) have demonstrated leadership qualities within the Church; (d) have completed, or embarked upon, a course of theological study approved by the Bishop; and (e) have demonstrated the physical and mental capacity to minister. Nomination 144.1 Any layperson may be nominated as a Licensed Lay Minister to the Bishop by the Incumbent. Such nomination must have the endorsement of the Churchwardens and Parish Council and shall be in such form as the Bishop may from time to time prescribe. 144.2 Notice of any nomination is to be brought to the attention of the relevant Parish community and any objections that may be made to the nomination shall be considered, in the case of a Parish, by the Incumbent and Churchwardens and reported to the Bishop with their comments thereon.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	26th Feb	10:00am	Manna & Mercy—Hall
		1:00pm	Sew Helpful Group—Hall
		6:30pm	Marriage Course—Hall
Tuesday	27th Feb	10.00am	Friendship Group
		6:00pm	Manna & Mercy— Hall
Wednesday	28th Feb	9:00am	Meditation—St Bart's
		10.00am	Maranoa Service
Thursday	1st Mar	9:30am	Play Place—Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church
Friday	2nd Mar	10:00am	Friday Service @ St Bart's
		2:00pm	Choir Practice
		5:00pm	Music Group Practice
Sunday	4th Mar	8:00am	Holy Communion— St Bart's
		10:00am	Family Service— St Bart's

Bible Readings:

25th February

Mark 8:31-38

4th March 10am

John 12:20-26