

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Christ the King 25th November 2018

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.



Christ the King ?

Christ the King is the last day of the Christian calendar. The First Vatican Council (of the Roman Catholic Church) offered the feast of Christ the King at the end of the year to represent the Universal Rule of Christ at the end of all time. (Originally Pope Pius XI had it at the end of October, but it was later

changed to the end of the Christian year).

Can there be a place in the Christian calendar for the feast of Christ as King?

As Christians who accept the call to be radical disciples, we are critical of images of power and status. Radical disciples of Jesus Christ resist Christian triumphalism and imperialism in any form. With power comes violence to maintain power.

For me, the feast of Christ the King would be better celebrated as the Feast of the Cosmic Christ. Christ is not the surname for Jesus Christ. Christ means "the anointed one". The **Cosmic Christ** is the Christ who "fills the universe in all its parts" (Ephesians 1:23). The Cosmic Christ is present in the tiniest part of matter and present through to the largest universe.

I was first introduced to the idea of the Cosmic Christ by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Pierre Teilhard was a Jesuit palaeontologist. He described his stages of faith development as five concentric circles. His Spiritual journey drew him into the heart of matter, and the heart of God. At the centre of reality, or matter, or at the centre of the tiniest atom, Teilhard experienced the God of evolution - the loving Cosmic Christ.

"Love is the most universal, the most tremendous and the most mystical of cosmic forces.

Love is the primal and universal psychic energy.

Love is a sacred reserve of energy; it is like the blood of spiritual evolution."

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin The Spirit of the Earth, 1931

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 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Sunday@6pm—25th November

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

"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 (Ministry Centre), followed by "Three Lessons and Carols" in our Church, with a "Light surprise". Families and friends are invited. Transport by arrangement. Please RSVP by 5th December, for catering purposes.

Families@4pm

Families@4 is in recess until 2019

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

25th Nov Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

2nd Dec Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-38

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 Community Meal.

Cabbage Tree Island School 125yrs

Cabbage Tree Island School celebrates 125 years on Saturday 8th December 9.30am—2.30pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the school 66834251

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.



Op Shop Luncheon

Saturday 1st December 12.00pm

Baptism

Please pray for our Baptism Families:

The Green Family, Ella and Harrison were baptised Sunday 4th November,
Catherine Ryan who was 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 Ainsworth Family, George will be baptised Sunday 9th December

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

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| Ministers | all the baptised! | |
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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

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| Monday | 26th Nov | 10.00am | Life Group (in recess) |
| | | 1.00pm | Sew Helpful |
| Tuesday | 27th Nov | 1.30pm | Life Group at Carol Stone's home |
| | | 6.00pm | Life Group with Rev Desiree |
| Wednesday | 28th Nov | 9.00am | Meditation Group, St Bart's |
| | | 10.00am | Maranoa Service |
| | | 11.00am | Maranoa Service |
| | | 4.00pm | Executive Meeting |
| Thursday | 29th Nov | 9.30am | Play Place |
| | | 6:00pm | Contemplative Church, St Bart's |
| Friday | 30th Nov | 10:00am | Holy Communion, St Bart's |
| | | 2.00pm | Choir, St Bart's |
| Saturday | 1st Dec | 10.30am | Baptism Anna Beavis |
| | | 12.00pm | Op Shop Luncheon, Hall |
| Sunday | 2nd Dec | 8.00am | Holy Communion, St Barts |
| | | 5.30pm | Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts |

Rosters—Sunday 2nd December

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (1st Sunday team).

Person in Charge: Barry Campey **Worship Leader:** Mark Stuckey

Music: Carol Vidal **Cleaning:** John & Lynne Watt **Sound:** Geoff Vidal

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie