

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

26th August 2018

Skin in the Game

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.



The phrase "skin in the game" is one we have often heard but rarely stopped to truly dissect. Simply put, "skin in the game" requires that we invest ourselves in our work and families. It is possible that the phrase originates from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice":

Shylock stipulated that Antonio offer a

pound of flesh as collateral for a loan.

In his book, "Skin in the Game: Hidden Asymmetries in Daily Life" (2018) Nassim Nicholas Taleb says "Never trust anyone who doesn't have "skin in the game". Without it, fools and crooks will benefit, and their mistakes will never come back to haunt them."

We celebrate the feast day of St Bartholomew's today, our patron saint. Cited in the gospels as one of the apostles to witness the Resurrection. Bartholomew was thought to have brought Christianity to India. He was martyred in Armenia when he was flayed alive. St Bart literally had his "skin in the game." Do we have "skin in the game?"

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 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.⁵⁸ This 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 forever."⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.⁶⁵ And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."



**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. Let us know if you need or can offer transport.

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—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.

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

Rosters—Sunday 2nd September

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

Worship Leader: Mark Stuckey

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

Flowers: Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

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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	27th Aug	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	28th Aug	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	29th Aug	9.00am	Meditation Group—St Barts
		10.00am	Floral Group Meeting Room
Thursday	30th Aug	9.30am	Play Place—Ministry Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church—St Barts
Friday	31st Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		2.00pm	Choir
Saturday	1st Sep	5.15pm	Pot Luck Dinner
Sunday	2nd Sep	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6—St Barts

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm

A meditative service that energises and refreshes you for life.

Drought Relief

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

Bible Readings

26th August	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
2nd September	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23