



Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

29th July 2018

Protest Action

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.



I suggest that the Eucharist is **Political Protest Action** against a world gone mad. The Eucharist as protest action is for people who are hungry for life in all its fullness, the commitment that Jesus offers to each of us: "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). For some this hunger may be a physical hunger. For others the

hunger may be a deep desire for meaning and purpose.

The Eucharist bread is broken for the life of the world. All are invited to share at the table. All are welcomed. These moments of Eucharistic action protest a world where only some are welcomed and only some invited. The Eucharist action is for the vulnerable of the world. But it is also an objection to the brokenness of the world where some have too much, and others have too little.

So today I would like to thank you.

Thank you for coming faithfully to this Eucharist Feast. Thank you for being part of Protest Action that stands against a world where so few have too much and so many have too little.

Thank you for being a partner with God in the Eucharist. Thank you for your work with God in mending creation.

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 6:1-21

1After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2**A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3**Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4**Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5**When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' **6**He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' **8**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9**'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' **10**Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11**Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12**When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' **13**So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14**When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

15When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. **16**When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, **17**got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18**The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19**When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. **20**But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' **21**Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Give Thanks

It is a whole year now since Rev Dr Desiree Snyman and family joined us at Alstonville Anglicans in God's ministry with us. Let us give thanks to God with grateful hearts. The Wardens.

Annual Silent Retreat

The Music of Silence: a two day live-in silent retreat. Mercy Place Brisbane
Friday 3rd August–Sunday 5th August
Cost: \$375.00 per person Final payments now due.

Questions???

For the next two weeks you are invited to pose questions of life, faith and anything else for Q and A Sundays 19 and 26 August. Question slips are available for your use.

Safe Ministry Training

The Anglican Diocese of Grafton is offering the following Safe Ministry Workshops. St Cuthbert's, Tweed Heads Friday 17th August 9.30am-4.00pm, St Andrew's, Lismore Saturday 18th August, 9.30am-4.00pm. The cost is \$35.00. BYO lunch. Please contact Linda at the Bishop's Registry: 66424122. This training applies to Clergy, LLMs, Parish Councillors, leaders of parish ministries and leaders of people based ministries (SRE, Op Shop, Visiting). There is also an online refresher course available for those who completed their training 3 years ago. The details are available from Linda at the Diocesan Office or from our Parish Office.

Sunday@6pm—29th July

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

Choir

Choir recommences 2.00pm, 3rd August. 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 5th August

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	30th July	10.00am	Life Group in Meeting Room
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	31st July	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home (in recess until 14th August)
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	1st Aug	9.00am	Meditation Group—St Barts
		3.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Hub
Thursday	2nd Aug	9.30am	Play Place—Ministry Hall
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church—St Barts
Friday	3rd Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
Sunday	5th Aug	8.00am	Holy Communion—St Barts
		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

29th July	John 6:1-21	
5th August	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35