

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

30th September 2018

Blessing of the Animals 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.



We are here today to acknowledge the positive role that pets play in the lives of people we know and care about.

For example, companion pets have a calming influence on people, reducing loneliness, depression and anxiety.

For other people, dogs and other pets such as horses have a significant role in rehabilitation and therapy for those requiring healing. Assistance animals are invaluable in stock farming, policing and in rescue operations.

The Pet Blessing Service is a way to remember St Francis whose feast day is the 4th of October.

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 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me." ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings begins Sunday 7th October when clocks go forwards 1 hour.



Pet Blessing & Parade 30th September

4.00pm Pet Blessing & Parade. There will be prizes on offer so dress up your pet! Dr Mike will be speaking. Everyone welcome!

Auction of Promises



Put the date in your diary, Saturday 3rd November 2018, 6.30pm, in the Ministry Hall. Tickets are \$15/person. Tickets available from the parish office. Dig out your promises, and contact your friends this week.

Rosters—Sunday 7th October

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

Person in Charge: Barry Campey Worship Leader: TBC

Music: Ros Sharp Cleaning: John Watt & TBC Sound: TBC

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Helen Dobbie

How to Meditate

The Kingdom of Heaven is Within (Luke 17:21)



AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

This short three-week series of reflections will introduce you to some of the basics of Christian meditation, also known as the prayer of the heart. Each week we will begin with some time learning about meditation as a way of being in silence, stillness and prayer, followed by a short meditation as a small group. We will also learn a little about the origin of this prayer and its central place in the life of community today. The reflections will be facilitated by Robyn Fitzgerald, a Spiritual Director and Giver of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

Where: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Alstonville

When: Mondays 8th/15th/22nd October, 6.30 - 7.30pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per meeting (materials included)

For further inquiries and RSVP (Essential!): Contact Robyn -

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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	1st Oct		Parish Office closed
		10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful (in recess until 15th Oct)
Tuesday	2nd Oct	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	3rd Oct	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		3.30pm	Property Committee
		4.30pm	Worship & Spirituality Hub
Thursday	4th Oct	9.30am	Play Place (in recess)
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	5th Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir, Ministry Hall
Sunday	7th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts



110th Birthday Celebration

There is an open invitation to celebrate Rev Desiree and Graham Ireland's birthdays. 110 in total!! The Federal Hotel, Alstonville, Monday 1st October 12 noon.

Bible Readings

30th September Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 Mark 9:38-50
7th October Mark 10:2-16