



Alstonville Anglicans

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

8 April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

The Rev'd John Kidson writes: That first 'Easter Saturday' - when no-one felt like doing much - would have felt pretty bad. Pretty quiet too! I can picture them all just shuffling around and moping. Even Peter. No, especially Peter having nothing to say. Nothing to 'crow about'. What a difference a



day makes! What a day of difference. That first Easter Monday ... no more shuffling and moping. Rather heart-pumping emotion! Quietly daring at first - just stolen glances, whispers and knowing looks. Expectant yet hesitant then explosive: it's true! He is alive! They could not contain ... no-one could contain them! And none of them was ever the same after that Talk? A shekel for every excited conversation would make a motza! And the talk goes on! Today I mean, talk - it's part of sharing the good life! It's part of saying so! The ancestors had a similar custom way back in the psalms - they talked, they sang for joy! Their philosophy: let the redeemed of the Lord say so! Let's share the good life! Even Peter, no especially Peter, can talk now! He has a new perspective! We each have a new perspective on life and in our own way may share it.

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"

Sunday@6-8 April—Celebrate a new beginning with the full immersion Baptism of Ali Sheridan Colburt at Pop Denison Park, Ballina. Dinner will follow the service. Everyone welcome. On **15 April** - Experience a cosmic walk in the New Creation.

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6—Be still and know that I am God. A peaceful, reflective, prayerful service offering nourishment for your soul. Come.

St Peter & St Paul's "Say So" Service—Sunday **29 April**, 10.00am. An open invitation is extended to this second annual "Say So" Service at Tregeagle, with special guest speakers Loretta and Mark Stuckey. Morning tea to follow.

MU Alstonville—AMUA will be celebrating Lady Day on Monday **9 Apr**, at the Cathedral in Grafton. Rev Dr Desiree will be our Guest Speaker. If you would like to attend and require transport, please contact Joyce—6628 1793.

Mothers' Day Fete Committee—Tuesday **10 April**, 4.30pm—Meeting Room 1. Contact—Des Fitzpatrick—6628 9014.

Catering Group—Wednesday **11 April**, 2.00pm—Meeting Room 1. Are you interested in hospitality ministry? Come along to the meeting. Contact- Graeme Booth—0430 471 889.

Cursillo "FIRE" Days—Invitation to: Journey to the Cross- **14 Apr** @ South Grafton, **5 May** @ South West Rocks. 9.00am Gathering. Further details contact Des Fitzpatrick 0408 397 182.

Outreach Missions—Are you interested in supporting and promoting Missions through our church? If so, contact Susan Fitzpatrick—6628 9014, 0428 414 767. The Missions Committee will be meeting soon.

ANAN CARA—Walking the Labyrinth—ANZAC Day Peace Walk

Wednesday 25 April, 8.30am–10.00am—Lismore Trinity Catholic School.

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol for the journey of life which twists and turns, moving between darkness and light, suffering and joy. These feelings can be exacerbated as we cast our eyes to the state of the world where war continues to rage, where 65 million people are displaced as refugees and where violence and terror continue to weave through the lives of many Australians. Our only choice is to put one foot in front of the next and allow ourselves to be open to and led deeper into Life. The labyrinth is also an ancient symbol for the presence and embrace of the Divine: wherever we are and however we feel in it, whether we are on the outskirts or right in the centre, we are always in God, and God is always in us. And here, in the very midst of life, we find peace.

On this ANZAC Day, we will walk the labyrinth as a way of sinking more deeply into the presence of God and into Jesus' promise, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you". The walk will finish at 10am in order to give you time to move onto the Peace Celebration to be held at RaH in the Lismore Anglican Church Hall, "A Different, Compassionate ANZAC Day", 11.00am-1.00pm. For further details refer to <https://www.facebook.com/events/430108350755887/>

Bring along a journal, pen/art material, rug or chair, water.

Note: No toilet facilities at labyrinth.

Cost—Donation to RaH, whose mission is: *Acknowledging the suffering wars bring to all sides and inviting everybody to make a commitment for peace.*

2018 Mothers' Day Fete—Saturday 12 May—5 weeks to go!

Produce & Preserves—Donations of home-made and home-grown items welcome. Contact Rose Dutton—6628 6139.

Beautiful Baskets—Empty baskets available. Donated items welcome. Contact Lynnette Outerbridge—0411 294 446.

Raffle Hamper—Donations welcome. Please check USE-BY dates are current. Items can be left at the office.

Plant Stall - Time to start potting plants. **Coordinator required.**

Steptoe's Corner—All sorts of recyclable/saleable items accepted. Please take to Op Shop by 30 April. Contact—Barry Campey—6628 3089

Thank you—Des Fitzpatrick—6628 9014; 0408 397 182.

Rosters for St Barts @ 8am—The rostering system has changed. All people currently on a roster have been put in a worship team. They will be doing something on a set Sunday of the month. Your Worship team leader will be in touch with you. The Roster for April has been set and if you need to change please see your team leader. 1st Sunday—Mark Stuckey, 2nd—Barbara Fewtrell; 3rd—Iris Cowie; 4th—Helen Nicholson and 5th—Charlie Handley.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain—Your well-being is important to us. Please advise the Parish Office if you are sick or in hospital, and if you would like to receive prayer through the Prayer Chain.

Keys muster—Are you in possession of keys to the church buildings? If so, can you advise the office which keys you have. And, if you have not used your keys in the last 12 months please hand them in. Thank you.

Bible Readings **8 April** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2.2; John 20:19-31

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday	8th Apr	8:00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Tregeagle
		6.00pm	Baptism - Ali Colburt at Pop Denison Park, Ballina
Tuesday	10th Apr	4.30pm	Fete Committee-Meeting Room 1
Wednesday	11th Apr	8.00am	Morning Prayer—Meeting Room 1
		9:00am	Meditation - St Bart's
Thursday	12th Apr	9:30am	Play Place - Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church
Friday	13th Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		6.00pm	Sunday@6