

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9th September 2018

Humanity 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.



Human beings, as part of creation, are kin with all other living creatures. A special symbol of our kinship is a large whale. The whale is a special symbol of what humans have tried to dominate, but which with human concern is coming home

to be with humans. In our call to worship we invite all peoples of all lands to worship with us, including our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The way we have related to whales in the past and our current concern are typical of how humanity has related to the rest of creation. The return of the whales is a sign of hope. The risen Christ is the source of our hope.

**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 7:24-37

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Worship: Our theme for September is "Creation"

For the month of September we pray for creation. We began with Earth, today is Humanity, next week Sky, then Mountain, & Blessing of the Animals.

Sunday@6pm—9th September

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



Drought Relief

Retiring collections for drought relief will take place today.

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm

A meditative service that energises and refreshes you for life.
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Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is running Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are due back 30th September.

Faithfulness in Service Training

Faithfulness in Service training is being offered at St Andrew's hall Lismore **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.

Auction of Promises



Put the date in your diary, and invite all your friends for an evening of entertainment, of all kinds, and especially an Auction of Promises. You are guaranteed to have fun, good food, and great company. 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.

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.

Church Works begin Tomorrow

The work to give a larger flat worship area at the front of the church will be undertaken by members of the congregation headed by Phil Cowie. If you are able to help phone Phil on 0402488545 There will be no access to the church during this work. Services this week will take place in the Ministry Centre.

Mothers Union



The monthly meeting of Mothers Union will take place on Monday, 17 September 2018 in Meeting Room 1 of the Ministry Centre at 9.30 am. We will be planning our participation in the 'Celebration Day' at Grafton on 25 October 2018. Joyce Shepherd, Branch President

Rosters—Sunday 16th September

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (3rd Sunday team).

Worship Leader: Iris Cowie

Music: Choir **Cleaning:** Robin Delaney **Sound:** Mark Stuckey

Flowers: Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke

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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	10th Sept	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	11th Sept	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree (in recess)
Wednesday	12th Sept	9.00am	Meditation Group, Meeting Room
		4.30pm	Messy Church Planning Meeting, Meeting Room
Thursday	13th Sept	9.30am	Play Place, Ministry Hall
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch 86 On Main
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, Library
Friday	14th Sept	10:00am	Holy Communion, Ministry Hall
		2.00pm	Choir, Ministry Hall
Sunday	16th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

Op Shop Roof

The new roof on the Op Shop is now complete. No more leaks! The bucket brigade is dismissed with thanks!

Bible Readings

9th September Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Mark 7:24-37

16th September Proverbs 1:20-33 Mark 8:27-38