

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

*1st October 2017*

*Pet Blessing Sunday*



## All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small...

At St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Alstonville, our aim is to "share the good life".

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.

**Who was Francis?** After a wild and care free youth, Francis experienced a transformation that led him to abandon privilege and wealth for a life of joy, compassion, poverty and humility. He is credited with bringing a non violent end to the feudal system that enslaved many.

Whilst we celebrate the wisdom of Francis, urging us to care for creation, we recognise his counter culture revolutionary style that was different to the church of his time. Today, when integrity for the earth is urgent for our survival and the church is undergoing another reformation, pausing to reflect on what we can learn from Francis is poignant in the building of healing communities and embracing a spirituality that integrates matter and spirit.



## WELCOME

Today we welcome our furry friends and also any visitors who join today in worship.

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	2nd October	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4th October</b>	<b>4.30pm - Worship and Spirituality Hub</b>
Friday	6th October	10.00am - Friday Service 2.00pm - Choir Practice 6.00pm - Music Group
Sunday	8th October	8.00am - Holy Communion (Geoff Vidal) 10.00am - Prayer and Praise (Geoff Vidal) 10.00am - Tregagle Service 4.30pm - Messy Extra

## WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY HUB 4.30PM

A worship and spirituality hub plans and reflects on worship for advent and Christmas. All our welcome to attend whenever it suits.

<b>Next week's</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Denise Fenwick and Jenny McBurney
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Margaret and Ken Brown

## Bible Readings:

**Luke 9: 57-62**

Please turn off your mobile phone during worship.  
Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of the church.  
Toilets are located in the front of the Hall - the building next to the Church.  
First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.