

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

20th August 2017



‘How does it feel to be rejected?’



... At first he ignores her, hoping she'll go away, but the embarrassed disciples urge him: "*Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.*" And so, after having pointedly ignored her, Jesus tries explaining. His explanation goes right to the heart of his mission: "*I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" But it doesn't discourage the woman...

...She is desperate and far from going away, she rushes forward and kneels at his feet – the word for 'kneels' is strong: it means to bow down and kiss someone's feet, the hem of their garment, or the ground in front of them.

She pleads, very simply, one last time, "Lord, help me!" Jesus is overcome and opens his heart to her. In effect he tells her that if he helps her, it will probably mean the failure of his mission ...

The Canaanite woman's faith is just what Jesus needs. He throws caution to the winds, and going south, on the gentile side of the lake, he begins openly to share the bread of the *would-be* children with *all* of God's children...



1. How does it feel to be rejected?
2. How might faithfulness be subversive?
3. How can your church change hearts and minds?

Sources:

David Mackay – Glimpses of Jesus
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JOIN IN THE WAR ON WASTE.

Please note that the sale of shopping bags is on hold at present. Thank you.

Alstonville Branch



At our monthly meeting on Monday, 21st August 2017, Reverend Desiree will be our Guest Speaker. Thank you Reverend Desiree.

Joyce Shepherd
Branch President

CHURCH INNER ENTRY DOORS

In the process of preparing this year's budget, there were several items that were placed on a 'Wish List', for which donations were invited. We have been most fortunate to receive donations toward replacing the inner entry doors to the church with glass-panelled doors. This style of door enables the doors to be closed to keep out the cool winter chills, yet enable the Preacher to see out and those arriving to see in. Whilst quotes are still pending, they range up to \$8000 for timber framed glass panelled doors. Donations so far amount to just over \$5000. We are in reach of attaining this wish! If you would like to make this wish a reality, please place your donation in a duly marked envelope and hand in to the office.

MESSY CHURCH

4.30pm on 25th August. Father's Day is approaching soon on the first weekend of September. How do we relate to our fathers?

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S LIBRARY

The lovely days we are experiencing are a great time to relax in the sun and read. Why not select a book from the library and enjoy some inspiring reading. The library can be accessed at any time—borrowing book and instructions are on the shelf to the left of the library. Thanks. Mary Ireland.

KYOGLE BILLYCART BONANZA

On Fathers Day, 3rd September at Stratheden Street, Kyogle will be a fun family day commencing at 7.15am—3.00pm. Billycart Racing from 8am. Pony Rides. Jumping Castle. Over 60 trophies to be won! Special races (+ years) any cart type—Fathers Day Classic, Ladies Race, Tag Team, Clash of the Clubs, Battle of the Businesses. Entry fees: for all race classifications is \$20 per billycart per race, with the exception of the 'Battle of the Businesses' which is \$50. Please note that this fee must be paid upon registration in cash on the day of the event.

FUN TRIVIA NIGHT

6.30pm for 7.00pm start on Saturday, 2nd September at the Alstonville Baptist Church. Have fun (and help AREA). In tables of eight. Come even if you don't have a full table as we will allocate you a table where you can meet new people and make new friends!. Tickets at Parish Office. \$15 each.



NORTH COAST ANGLICAN

A Diocesan paper keeping you up to date with news of the local parishes is available free of charge every two months. You can collect the paper from the church foyer after the Sunday services from the sides-people.

NCCC WOMEN'S CONVENTION

From Darkness to Light. Saturday 26th August at Alstonville Baptist Church. Early Bird fee: \$25—finishes Monday 21st August, Standard fee: \$35 Book and pay now (<http://www.mynccc-womensconvention/book/>). 8.45am registration. Morning tea and lunch are included in the registration cost. (BBQ lunch with chicken and salads which will be gluten and lactose free). Special Guest Speaker: Jenny Salt.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday	20th August	6.30pm - Healing Service
Monday	21st August	9.30am - MU 10.00am -Life Group - Robin Delaney 1.00pm - Sew Helpful - Hall - all welcome
Tuesday	22nd August	10.00am - Friendship Group
Wednesday	23rd August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 9.00am- Meditation 10.00am - Maranoa Service 2.00pm - Missions meeting 4.30pm - Life Group - Helen Nicholson
Thursday	24th August	9.30am - Play Place 7.30pm - Life Group - Fitzpatrick's
Friday	25th August	10.00am - Friday Service 2.00pm - Choir Practice 4.30pm - Messy Church
Sunday	27th August	8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am - Family Service 10.00am - Tregeagle Holy Communion

Bible Readings:

20th August	Romans 11:13-32	Matthew 15:21-28
27th August	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

Next week's	8.00am	Ruth Campbell & help please
Morning Tea:	10.00am	Anthony & Carol Stone

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.