

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

23rd July 2017



**COMMISSIONING OF
REVEREND DR. DESIREE
SNYMAN 6PM FRIDAY 28TH**

**A NEW ERA OF MINISTRY BEGINS BUILDING
ON THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS THAT THIS
PARISH HAS FAITHFULLY ESTABLISHED**

CREATE A SOFT LANDING FOR OUR NEW RECTOR

A brief checklist to better play our part in supporting Reverend Desiree as she makes the transition to our Parish:

- ◆ pray with thanksgiving for God's calling and Desiree's commitment to this new ministry
- ◆ give time and space for the family to adjust to a big move, to new people and surroundings
- ◆ wear name tags regularly making it easier for the Rector to get to know people
- ◆ resist the temptation to make quick judgments or negative comparisons but instead, allow time to appreciate new ways of being and doing
- ◆ quell any negative rumor mills and encourage openness and positivity as we move forward
- ◆ create a climate of trust and authenticity that will make for a good transition with a new Rector, coming to lead us in being a faithful and effective church for the 21st Century.

Archdeacon Greg Writes

It is a very big thank you from me to the whole parish family for the privilege of being able to share in ministry with you in this very significant time of transition to a new Rector. I have greatly enjoyed your friendship and collegiality and admire your wonderful openness to the ministry beyond the parish family, believing that this focus is critical for being the church of the 21st century. May you be really blessed with your new Rector as you give her your trust and support in such a generous manner that will encourage Reverend Desiree to be free with her gifts, wisdom and creativity in this new place and time. Bless you with unity of purpose, Godly discernment, grace and peace.

PREPARING FOR OUR SIXTH COMMITMENT ON FRIDAY NIGHT

With the presentation of the purple stole and oil for anointing, Reverend Desiree makes her commitment to the ministry of healing and pastoral care. Then the parish family is invited to wholeheartedly declare their intention to care for and pray for all who seek the healing power of God. This of course is a commitment to put into practice, love of neighbour and justice and mercy for all, especially for those in need.

FAREWELL TO VENERABLE GREG AND DEL EZZY - TODAY 23RD JULY.

Venerable Greg will conclude his ministry with us, after 2 1/2 years.

We will farewell Greg today thanking him for his years of dedicated service and ministry to our parish.

To acknowledge Greg's ministry, a special gift is being organised. If you would like to make a financial contribution toward the gift, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Attention Wardens - Venerable Greg's Gift", and either hand in to the office or place in the offertory plate.

AN UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Come and explore an early form of Christian guidance that enables greater intimacy with God.

You are invited to hear Sally Longley, a retreat leader and spiritual director from Sydney, speak on the topic of deep listening and spiritual conversation.

Saturday 29th July at Rous Community Hall, 9.30 am - 2.30pm. **More Information** from Diana Eagles mob 0427 750 503.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Your assistance is needed—Many hands make light work. Help is needed to set up the church for the Commissioning Service of Reverend Desiree Snyman. Also please indicate if you can help to set up the Ministry Centre from 2pm and pack up after refreshments. Further assistance is needed in the kitchen to clean-up after refreshments. Please indicate on clip boards where you can help. Also, please indicate what food you can contribute for refreshments. For further details contact John Watt.



APPRECIATION OF OUR LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Bishop Sarah has agreed to re-license our LLM's for a further 3 years. We give thanks for the faithful and loving service of Charlie Handley, Diana Eagles, Iris Cowie and Mark Stuckey.

FOURTH FRIDAY

A volunteer is needed to help in the Parish Office on each fourth Friday, 9.00am-12 noon to carry out tasks as required. Full training provided. Please contact Fiona at the Office.

THANK YOU

Mark Stuckey wishes to give his heartfelt thanks to all those from the parish family who dedicated their time to help organise, research, were special guest speakers and who came in as the team to set-up and pack-up his 40th Birthday Party. Having the surprise of the 'This Is Your Life' concept as the setting for the evening was something he never imagined would happen, but a special occasion that he will truly remember. So thank you!

LINC ALSTONVILLE BOARD

LinC AGM: Tuesday 8th August at Alstonville Baptist Church from 5.00pm. Pleasant evening with Guest Speaker, Hospital Chaplain. Soup and tea/coffee available. Any member of Alstonville Anglican Parish is invited to be nominated for positions on the LinC Alstonville Board. At the LinC AGM on Tuesday 8th August there will be a vote to finalise the Board. In addition each church involved in LinC appoints one nominee automatically to the Board as its representative. (Nomination forms are available from Lynne Watt or Barry Campey and need to be returned ahead of the AGM).

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	24th July	10.00am - Life Group - Robin Delaney
Tuesday	25th July	10.00am - Friendship Group 1.30pm - Life Group - Carol Stone MR1
Wednesday	26th July	8.00am - Morning Prayer 9.00am- Meditation 10.00am - Maranoa Service 4.30pm - Life Group - Helen Nicholson
Thursday	27th July	9.30am - Play Place 7.30pm - Life Group - Fitzpatrick's
Friday	28th July	10.00am - Friday Service 6.00pm - Commissioning Service Reverend Snyman
Saturday	29th July	1.00pm - Wedding - Robert Slade and Haejung Kim
Sunday	30th July	9.00am - Combined Holy Communion 10.00am - Tregeagle Holy Communion

Bible Readings:

23rd July

30th July

Romans 8:12-25

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Matthew 13:44-58

**Next week's
Morning Tea:**

**Combined
9.00am**

Campeys & Handleys

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.