

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

26th March 2017



REMINDERS FROM MARCH BULLETIN

⇒ "5 Marks of Love" - Lenten Theme and Study - Just roll up to any of the six groups advertised below.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Sunday | 26th March | 7.00pm - DVD & Discussion Group |
| Monday | 27th March | 10.00am - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 7.00pm - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 |
| Tuesday | 28th March | 10.00am - Friendship Group 1.30pm - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 |
| Wednesday | 29th March | 8.00am - Morning Prayer 4.30pm - Lenten Study - Helen Nicholson |
| Thursday | 30th March | 7.30pm - Lenten Study - Des & Susan Fitzpatrick |
| Friday | 31st March | 10.00am - Friday Service 11.15am - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 2.00pm - Choir Practice 6.00pm - Music Group |
| Sunday | 2nd April | 2.00am- Daylight Savings ends 8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am - Family Service |

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ROB & DIANA EAGLES

We so appreciate the support St. Bart's community has given us over the last 18 months, enfolding us in love and prayers as our son Blair struggled with Motor Neurone Disease. Your kindness, flowers, cards and meals have helped us persevere through a very difficult period. Blair left us with the instruction: "Don't weep because I've left, smile because I've been."

Blessings, Diana.

SEEKING OFFICE VOLUNTEER(S) FOR FRIDAY, 9am-12noon

Please speak to Fiona/Susan if you may be available. Many thanks for many hours of dedicated service to Julia Adlington who is retiring from this important role.

One day. Many names!

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent.
It is also Mothering Sunday
or Refreshment Sunday
or some even call it Laetare Sunday.

What's all this about? Time has blurred some of the beginnings of it, however what we understand is that the Fourth Sunday in Lent in the catholic tradition became known as Laetare Sunday, as the first acclamation that was used in worship that day was from Isaiah - "*Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her ... and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.*" - laetare being the Latin word for rejoice! Well that makes more sense – but why Mothering Sunday? It became a tradition that people would return to their 'mother church' for this Sunday's worship, and became a day when those in service could go home and visit their own family – and of course, their mothers! It was also the last time they would have days off for quite some months as the festivities of spring and summer would begin.

Over time it became more broadly known as Refreshment Sunday, a time when the strictness of the Lenten fast is lifted a little, Simnel cake (traditionally made FOR the mothers, not by them!) is shared and flowers could be in the church for this one Sunday in Lent. In many churches the colours will be changed from the Lenten purple array, to rose, the colour for joy and rejoicing!

Most recently it has been reflected upon as an opportunity to reflect on the beauty and sweetness of God's love.

Venerable Sally

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The fellowship group will meet this month (April) on the 1st Thursday, 6th, for afternoon tea in the Ministry Centre. We will hear from Anita and the gathering begins at 2pm. Enquiries to Carol Vidal.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Tuesday 28th March the Friendship group will meet together for Morning Tea. Margaret Sloan will host this morning Tea at Maranoa Village, 21/15 The Avenue, Alstonville. All very Welcome, for transport please ring Joy Lewis 6628 1610.

Cleaning:

Robin Delaney

Mowing:

Geoff & Carol Vidal

Bible Readings:

26th March

2nd April

Ephesians 5:8-14

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 9:1-41

John 11:1-45

Next week's

8.00am

Rose Jones & helpers please!!!

Morning Tea:

10.00am

Anthony & Carol Stone