

**ANGLICAN PARISH  
OF ALSTONVILLE**

**28th May 2017**



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**IS NEXT SUNDAY 4TH JUNE  
AND THE GATHERING OF OUR PARISH FAMILY  
WITH BISHOP SARAH  
AND WITH CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM AT  
THE COMBINED 9AM SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE**

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**ST. BART'S 9am SERVICES THROUGHOUT JUNE**

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*FROM ARCHDEACON GREG*

**PRAYING WITH OUR ASCENDED LORD**

Wondering how you might relate to the following quote from Joan Chittester:

" 'I don't pray,' people say to me.

And I say back, 'Neither do I. I just breathe God in and hope somehow to learn how to breathe God out, as well.'

The purpose of prayer is simply to transform us to the mind of God. We do not go to prayer to coax God..... We go to prayer to be transfigured ourselves, to come to see the world as God sees the world, to practice the presence of God, to put on a heart of justice, of love, and of compassion for others. We go to become new of soul."

## **Bible Readings:**

**28th May**

**Acts 1: 6-14**

**John 17: 1-11**

**4th June**

**Acts 2: 1-21**

**John 20: 19-23**

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday	28th May	9.00am onwards - Alstonville Festival
Monday	29th May	10.00am - Study Group - Meeting Room 1
Tuesday	30th May	11.00am - SDA Service 1.30pm - Study Group - MR 1 - Carol Stone
Wednesday	31st May	4.00pm - Study Group - Helen Nicholson
Thursday	1st June	9.30am - Play Place 7.30pm - Study Group - Des & Susan Fitzpatrick
Friday	2nd June	10.00am - St Barts Holy Communion 2.00pm - Choir Practice
Saturday	3rd June	10.00am - Pre-SYNOD meeting Lennox Head
Sunday	4th June	9.00am - Confirmation Service 7.00pm - DVD Group—Meeting Room1.

## **SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FROM REPORT ON 10AM SERVICE**

If you are interested in reading the Report to Parish Council concerning worship for young families, copies are available in the church porch. A meeting to discuss the report is being convened by Archdeacon Greg and if you would like to participate, can you please speak to Greg.

## **DVD & DISCUSSION GROUP**

DVD Group meeting on the 4th June at 7.00pm in the meeting room. Topics: "How do I let God fight my battles?" and "Can I depend on God?" These two questions are very common, this teaching will give you the confidence to let God take control of everything in your life.

## **PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

I am looking for fellow parishioners to join me in forming a Parish Social Committee. The concept is to re-establish some social functions to help us all have fun together in a social context. If you are willing, please phone me on 0416 280 140. Paul Earner.