

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

30th July 2017



What is your
GREATEST
treasure?



In the inner pages, Greg has kindly placed a reminder of the promises I make to you as priest and the commitments you make as people. These commitments are an outflowing of my ordination vows where I was exhorted to: **Never forget how great a treasure** is placed in your care: the Church you must serve is Christ's spouse and body, purchased at the cost of his own life.

In the Gospel today, the parable compares the kingdom of God to a **great treasure** hidden in the field for which one sells all. The message is clear – the kingdom of God is **the one thing we must** have, the one thing that is worth letting everything else go for. The treasure is also compared to a pearl. In Revelation, the City of God descending from heaven to earth has 12 gates that are made of pearls. Could the pearl represent the entrance into the kingdom?

The household of God is a city shimmering with love that shines as a light in the world. The household of God is a treasured city, with walls of diamonds and streets of gold.

As priest and people, our promises to each other help us to open our eyes to see the extraordinary glory in which we live and the joy we have in one another as the household of God. Let us renew our faith in the household of God, the great treasure purchased at the cost of Christ's life. Let us ask for grace to be OF it as well as IN it.

OUR RESPONSE TO REVEREND



- ◆ We will support, encourage and pray for Desiree's leadership and ministry among us.
- ◆ By our baptism we are called to shine as a light for Christ in the world. With Desiree we will do all in our power to bring young and old to the knowledge of Christ's love. We will celebrate our life together in the Spirit and we will welcome those baptized and encourage them by our friendship, example and fellowship.
- ◆ We commit ourselves with Reverend Desiree to hear, read, study and proclaim the Word of God.
- ◆ With our Rector we will give ourselves to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ Along with Desiree we will present ourselves, wholly and with thanksgiving to be blessed by God in order to be a blessing to others.
- ◆ We will care for and pray with all who seek the healing power of God.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	31st July	10.00am -Life Group - Robin Delaney 1.00pm - Sew Helpful - Hall - all welcome
Tuesday	1st August	1.30pm - Life Group - Carol Stone MR1
Wednesday	2nd August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 9.00am- Meditation 4.30pm - Life Group - Helen Nicholson
Thursday	3rd August	9.30am - Play Place 7.30pm - Life Group - Fitzpatrick's
Friday	4th August	10.00am - Friday Service 2.00pm - Choir Practice 6.00pm - Music Group
Sunday	6th August	8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU FROM ARCHDEACON GREG

To be farewelled is such a great celebration of worship and to be given such a generous gift to go and take time out and put up the feet, has been a fantastic blessing and affirmation from you all.

Again, thank you and bless you in this exciting time with your new Rector and new possibilities in living into being a faithful church of the 21st century.

Bible Readings:

30th July

6th August

Romans 8:26-39

Romans 9:1-8

Matthew 13:44-58

Matthew 14:13-21

Next week's

Morning Tea:

8.00am

10.00am

Denise Fenwick & Jenny McBurney

Des & Susan Fitzpatrick

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.