

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

19th February 2017



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- ◆ St. Bart's Fete Committee - join in 5pm meeting Monday 20th February.
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	1.30pm	Meeting Radical Church
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	9am	Meditation Group
Thursday 23rd	7pm	Radical Church
Friday 24th	10am	Friday Service
	2pm	Choir Practice
	4.30pm	Messy Church
Sunday 26th	8am	Holy Communion - St Bart's
	10am	Intergenerational Worship - St Bart's
	10am	Holy Communion - Tregagle

MESSY CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY THIS FRIDAY 24th

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Cleaning:

Di Mueller & Diana Westall

Mowing:

Rob Eagles & Graham Ireland

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FAMILY MATTERS
(by Reverend John Parish)

A mother surveyed the Family's big kitchen table
And to accommodate all, things must change a bit.
It will be OK if we change and move things around
Because the food will be the same wherever we sit.

But father spoke out first -

I'll not give up that old time squatter's chair.
You know old Uncle Claude always used it.
Ma said that it took up too much room
And the food is the same wherever you sit.

The boys spoke up -

We always liked sliding on our long smooth bench
Where we could slide up and down a bit.
Ma said that they'd soon get used to a chair
And the food is the same wherever you sit.

Then junior piped up -

I'll not give up my old trusty high chair.
To be moved out of it would hurt quite a bit.
But darling you'll find a chair comfortable too
And the food just the same wherever you sit.

Then the girls put in -

Now we three girls sit at the table together
And we'd "simply just die" if we were split.
But darlings, you know you'll be catered for
Because the food's the same wherever you sit.

So they decided to give it a try -

Mother's plans were agreed to by all
Though they grumbled and were upset for a bit.
They finally agreed that Ma was really "cool"
And the food was so "yummy" no matter where you sat.

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