

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

26th February 2017



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But this is the challenge of Lent - getting in touch with the baptism, discernment, ministry and crucifixion of Jesus. So don't get rattled by the change of space. Rather be rattled and inspired by the love that motivated our Saviour to go to extraordinary lengths to communicate God's love. Be prepared to get in touch with the divine presence of Jesus with us in this 21st century as we explore the theme, the 5 Marks of Love, each Sunday and in our Lenten Study Groups.

Then when we worship with pews returned to their normal place for Easter Day, the church again filled with the fragrance and beauty of flowers, we will figuratively move from the barren desert into the light, joy and hope of the resurrection, living into the 5 Marks of Love that are characterized in the life of Jesus.

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Mowing:

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Watch this space for more information!

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