

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

19th 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.
- ⇒ St. Bart's Fete Committee - join in 5pm meeting Monday 20th March.
- ⇒ Messy Church - 4.30pm, 24th March. - Pray and plan to invite young families.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Sunday | 19th March | 11.00am - World's Greatest Shave lunch 6.00pm - Taize Healing Service |
| Monday | 20th March | 10.00am - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 7.00pm - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 |
| Tuesday | 21st March | 1.30pm - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 |
| Wednesday | 22nd March | 8.00am - Morning Prayer 4.30pm - Lenten Study - Helen Nicholson |
| Thursday | 23rd March | 7.30pm - Lenten Study - Des & Susan Fitzpatrick |
| Friday | 24th March | 10.00am - Friday Service 11.15am - Lenten Study - Meeting Room 1 2.00pm - Choir Practice 4.30pm - Messy Church |
| Sunday | 26th March | 8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am - Family Service 10.00am - Tregeagle Service 7.00pm - DVD & Discussion Group |

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MESSY CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY THIS FRIDAY 24th

Please invite any young families who might be open to participating in **Messy Church 2017**. It commences at 4.30pm and concludes by 6.30pm and includes: **Connecting** - getting to know you; **Craft** - making things; **Celebration** - Song, Bible Story and a prayer; and **Chomping** - food
We are short staffed this month! If anyone is free to come and help out this month your help will be much appreciated.

LENTEN LEARNINGS FROM ARCHDEACON SALLY

On Tuesday evening I went to the Commissioning for Ministry of Rev Leslie Fotakis, the new Rector of Kyogle. It was a wonderful celebration, and the excitement of the parishioners as they welcomed Leslie was tangible. I was struck by Bishop Sarah's address as she reminded us that Lent is not just about frugality, penance and bleakness, but also an opportunity to recognize and nurture the good things. Lent can be a time of sorting, of establishing our priorities and find a fresh focus for our lives. I find this an excellent way to approach this season, and certainly our Lenten studies have encouraged us in the development of the skills of looking at and listening to our lives, the life of the world around us, to identify where we need to be tending more, and what we need to let go of as we seek to move forward. This is pertinent to each of us personally, and to us as a whole parish! What do we really need to tend? What do we need to let go of in order that we might flourish?

Great questions to ponder today as we are exhorted to drink deeply of the living water, the refreshment of God in our lives.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Thank you everyone for your very generous support during this time of fundraising. To date I have raised almost \$2000 and once counted I'll add the money raised through the sausage sizzle. I look forward to seeing you all there! Thanks again, Iris Cowie

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.

Cleaning:

D Mueller & D Westall

Mowing:

Geoff & Carol Vidal

Bible Readings:

19th March

John 4:5-42

26th March

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Next week's
Morning Tea:

8.00am

R Campbell & C Cocks

10.00am

Robin Delaney & helpers please!!!