

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

18th June 2017



JUST SIX WEEKS FROM THIS FRIDAY

That's right! And what an evening of celebration it will be, as we welcome our new Rector, Reverend Desiree and her family and she is Commissioned for ministry with us, with the Bishop's Licence initially for seven years.

The family are in the throws of packing, ready for the move in mid July. A house has been leased in Wollongbar and with permission for their pet dog to also be accommodated there. A group are preparing the Commissioning Service with an Alstonville flavour of welcome and hospitality. The boys, Connor and Keehan, have been enrolled at Alstonville High School ready to commence at the beginning of second semester.

So are we ready to greet? Ready to embrace a new leader? Ready to answer with integrity the first question that we will be challenged with at the Commissioning Service? Archdeacon Gail presiding at the service will ask, "People of this Parish, will you support, encourage and pray for Reverend Desiree in her ministry leadership in our midst?"

What a commitment that is asked of us, in response to Desiree's commitment to us! And let's remember that just doing what we have always done, is not an option. In this time of transition, Archdeacon Greg has been challenging us to live into, becoming a church for the twenty-first century. Can we then reflect on this first commitment to which we will be challenged so that we can respond enthusiastically and truly be a united parish under a new leader?

VALE ERIC FARLOW

A packed church gathered to give thanks for Eric's life, to commend him to God's care and to support Isabel and her family. The Ministry Centre at St. Bart's, built under Eric's supervision, will remain, amongst many other accomplishments, a testimony to his faithful service in the family of God. Thank you to John Watt and all who assisted with refreshments and setting up. Just another sign of being "the Body of Christ".

Bible Readings:

18th June

Romans 5:1-11

Matthew 9:35-10:8

25th June

Romans 6:1-11

Matthew 10:24-39

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday	18th June	SYNOD weekend
Monday	19th June	9.30am - MU - Meeting Room 1 10.00am - Study Group - Main Hall
Tuesday	20th June	11.00am - SDA Service 1.30pm - Study Group - MR 1 - Carol Stone
Wednesday	21st June	4.00pm - Study Group - Helen Nicholson 6.30pm - Parish Council
Thursday	22nd June	9.30am - Play Place 7.30pm - Study Group - Des & Susan Fitzpatrick
Friday	23rd June	10.00am - St Barts Holy Communion 2.00pm - Choir Practice 4.30pm - Messy Church
Saturday	24th June	9.30am - Part 2 Enneagram for Parish Council
Sunday	25th June	9.00am - Combined Service 10.00am - Tregeagle Holy Communion

MESSY CHURCH THIS FRIDAY

Do you know any families who might appreciate an invitation to Messy Church this Friday? Maybe offer to accompany them! Starts at 4.30pm and finishes by 7pm with the whole family already fed and having had a wonderful time of Connecting, Craft, Celebration and Eating. Let's all get behind Messy Church this week.

NEW BOOKS

Available for reading:

Resurrection and Moral Imagination by Sarah Bachelard

Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis by Sarah Bachelard

These can be booked out for two weeks at a time from the Parish Office.

HELP NEEDED

On Sunday 25th June, at 12:30pm your help would be greatly appreciated with the pruning of the carpark trees, gathering up the branches and carting them away. Lesley Earner 6628 0140.

STOCKTAKE TIME

To help the storage situation, it is time for leaders and members of all Parish groups to check the shelves/cupboards/spaces where your tools of trade are stored and throw out any non-essential items, books, etc.