

# Anglican Parish of Alstonville

St Bartholomew's, Alstonville with  
St Peter and St Paul's, Tregagle

**11th February 2018**

**"Spit circle story"**



Please turn off your mobile phone during worship.  
Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.  
Toilets are located in the front of the Hall.  
First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.

**"Sharing the Good Life"**

## Mark 1.40-45

Then the harpy drew about the world a **circle** of red **spit**, and as long as the flies stayed within that prison, they could move—wingless—where they willed. They could breed or build or quarrel or leave specks in patterns, but they were free; yet once they trespassed the red **circle** a ponderous, impartial thumb exterminated them...

The above "Spit Circle" story is from "Fires of Spring" by James Mitchener. It could be that we experience spit circles around us. Those that are on the inside of the spit circles are okay. Those that overstep the boundaries of the spit circles are crushed a lack of acceptance. Clearly the lepers in the time of Jesus were on the outside of the spit circles, crushed by the impartial thumb of illness and rejection. In Mark's Gospel to those living as outcasts of spit circles is that they are fundamentally accepted and loved and can find belonging with Creator God. What spit circles do you notice or experience? How can we erase spit circles altogether?

## Collect

God our redeemer and sustainer,  
we pray for survivors of violence, abuse and neglect.  
Give your power to the powerless,  
your fullness to the empty of spirit.  
Heal their wounds, free them from fear,  
and restore them to true health.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ,  
the crucified and risen Saviour  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever and ever. **Amen.**

NORTHERN REGION  
"FAREWELL"

+ Sarah  
& Rev Ian

EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE  
HORIZON DRIVE, BALLINA

SATURDAY 11:30-2PM  
FEBRUARY 25TH 2018

NO SPEECHES  
TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE  
OF FINGER FOOD

*Farewell & Thanks • Sarah & Rev Ian*

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE FROM THE NORTHERN REGION TO SAY AN INFORMAL GOODBYE TO BISHOP SARAH AND REV IAN. THERE WILL BE NO SPEECHES. JUST CIRCULATING AND CHATTING OVER A FINGER FOOD LUNCH.

*The formal farewell will be 3 March at the Cathedral*

BISHOP SARAH NEEDS TO LEAVE BY 2:00PM AS CHAD RYNEHART IS BEING ORDAINED AS A PRIEST AT 4:00PM AT LINDSFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO  
ATTEND THE ORDINATION  
SERVICE AS WELL

## Worship events 2018

### Contemplative Church

St Bartholomew's: **Every Thursday at 6pm**  
beginning **15th February 2018**



### Fun Families get-together

**Messy Church families** and others are invited to slip n slide, splash n dash on **Sunday 25th February 2018 at 2.00pm** at **Paul & Lesley Earner's home**. Ask the office for details.



## At the time of choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
in your mercy give your church in this diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
    who will walk in your ways,  
    and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of you're your truth.  
So may your Church be built up  
    and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Manna and Mercy

**A brief history of God's unfolding promise  
to mend the entire universe!**

Manna and Mercy is a journey from Genesis to Revelation. It tells the story of the God of the Bible who is active in our lives.

**This course is designed to help you:**

1. Deepen your relationship with God.
2. Equip you with tools and knowledge to understand the Bible better.
3. Discover what God's purpose for you is.

### **What to bring:**

- A Bible, pen, journal and a happy smile
- A healthy packed lunch and brain food snacks (e.g. nuts, fruit, water)
- Suggested donation: \$30

MANNA  
AND  
MERCY

SIGN UP ▶

### **Weekly Sessions**

Mondays 10am – 1pm  
19th Feb - 19th March

or

Tuesdays 6pm - 9pm  
20th Feb - 27th March  
(No session on 6th March)



## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2018**

Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 6pm. Meetings are held in Meeting Room 1. The following dates have been determined.

21st February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November and 12th December.

## **MU MEETING**

MU Alstonville will meet on Monday, 19th February at 9.30am in Meeting Room 1.

## **FETE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Planning for the annual Mother's Day Fete will commence with the Fete Committee meeting on Tuesday, 20th February at 5.00pm in Meeting Room 1. For further details please contact Des Fitzpatrick on 6628 9014.

## **AREA ENVELOPES**

Could the person using AREA envelope 34, please notify the Parish Office.

## **Easter Services @ St Bartholomew's**

Maundy Thursday—29th March @ 6pm

Good Friday—30th March @ 10am

Easter Saturday Family Service—31st March @ 6pm

Easter Sunday—1st April @ 8am

# NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

## The Anglican Parish of Alstonville Annual General Meeting

is to be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 after the 10am Service,  
(approx 11.30am) in The Ministry Centre Alstonville.

### NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR ELECTED POSITIONS

#### **WARDENS:** 2 to be elected

- Paul Earner
- Vacant

Appointment:

Rector's Warden  
Susan Fitzpatrick

#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS:** 3, 6 or 9 to be elected

Margaret Brown

Graeme Booth

Johnny Sernberg

Carol Stone

Barry Campey

Carol Vidal

Bruce Sharp

Lynne Watt

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR TREGEGALE**

- TBA after Centre meeting on 25th February 2018

**SYNOD REPS:** This is year 2 of a 3 year cycle and automatically on  
Parish Council for 3 years.

- Mark Stuckey
- Diana Eagles
- Reserve—Vacant

**PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS:** These position holders do not have to  
be a Parish Councillor and are not automatically on Parish Council.

- Vacant
- Vacant Reserve - Vacant

Nominations may be accepted from the floor for any vacant positions only.

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALSTONVILLE

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### The Anglican Op Shop

1 The Avenue, Alstonville, **Tel** 6628 8777

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	12th Feb	1.00pm	Sew Helpful Group -Hall
		6.30pm	Marriage Course - Hall
Wednesday	14th Feb	9.00am	Meditation - St Bart's
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thursday	15th Feb	9.30am	Play Place - Hall
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Church Begins</b>
Friday	16th Feb	10.00am	Friday Service @ St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir Practice
		5.00pm	Music Group Practice
Sunday	18th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion - St Bart's
		10.00am	Family Service - St Bart's

## Bible Readings:

11th February Mark 1.40-45  
18th February Mark 1. 9-15