

Anglican Parish of Alstonville

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

18th March 2018

Lent 5

During the years in the wilderness, the Israelites became so frustrated and alienated from God that fiery serpents came out of the sand to kill them. God told Moses to make a serpent out of bronze and lift it up for people to see. All who looked at the serpent on the pole would be healed.

Then, in a clear reference to his crucifixion Jesus says that like the serpent, he too will be lifted up - and all who look at him and believe in him will be healed of the death that comes from sin.

The bronze serpent was a mirror. It showed the people of God for who they were.

In the bronze serpent, the Israelites were confronted with their ingratitude and faithlessness and shown that it was these things that were killing them. By recognising their poisonous attitude, and accepting responsibility, they were healed. So too, when we see the very best this world has produced, the Son of God, lifted up and mangled on a cross, we are confronted with the results of sinful self-interest. We enjoy healing through processing that which makes us ill and broken.



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"

Easter Services @ St Bartholomew's

Palm Sunday	25th March	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	29th March	4:30pm	Meal
		6:00pm	Holy Communion
		8:00pm	Vigil begins
Good Friday	30th March	10:00am	Vigil Concludes
		10:00am	Holy Communion
Easter Saturday	31st March	6:00pm	Family Service
Easter Sunday	1st April	8:00am	Holy Communion

Easter Sunday @ Tregear—10.00 am

Maundy Thursday

The service will commence with a meal. If you will be attending please put your name down on the clipboard with your choice of curry. The meal costs \$10 payable on the night. Every one will get a container with rice and a curry, plus naan bread and a pappadam.

MU Alstonville

The monthly meeting of Mothers Union will take place next Monday, 19 March 2018 in meeting room 1 of the Ministry Centre at 9.30 am.

On Monday, 9 April 2018, AMAU will be celebrating Lady Day at the Cathedral in Grafton. Rev Desiree will be our Guest Speaker. If anyone wishes to attend to hear Rev Desiree, and needs a ride, please let me know so it can be arranged.
Joyce Shepherd Branch President



QUOTA Community Women of the Year Award

Rose Jones worked in retail till she retired. For the last nearly 15 years Rose has run the clothing part of the Alstonville Anglican OP Shop. She regularly goes beyond the role and takes things home to mend and wash. She undertakes her role with beauty and grace. Unfortunately she also still climbs a ladder too. Not bad for an 87 year old. You may remember Rose as the "Bride" on the float for the Alstonville 150 Parade.

Men's Breakfast- Saturday 24th March, 7.30am— The women of the parish invite the men of the parish to breakfast. Tickets are \$10 and available at Friday and Sunday services, or the office. No tickets will be sold at the door. Feel free to invite friends. There will be an internationally travelled 'mystery' guest speaker.

Keys muster

This will take place soon in the parish for all holding keys to buildings. If you have not used your keys in the last 12 months please hand them in.

Parish Administration—Two part-time positions have been advertised.

Ministry Administrator—provides administrative support to the Parish Priest, enabling efficient effective communication, professional delivery of worship services, compassionate pastoral care, and a safe church environment.

Parish Administrator—provides administrative and financial management in the Parish office, and represents the Parish during office opening hours.

Position Descriptions are available from Susan—0428414767.

Faculty Approvals—Certificates have been received for all three faculty applications—replacement of Inner Doors, installation of TV monitors, reconfiguration of Platform flooring. This work will commence in coming weeks. Thank you to those parishioners who indicated they would like to make a financial contribution toward the cost of these renovations.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain—Your well-being is important to us. Please advise the Parish Office if you are sick or in hospital, and if you would like to receive prayer through the Prayer Chain.

Kitchen Tidiness

Please, when cleaning up the kitchen check the label on the cupboard and put everything in the right place. Thank you.

2018 Mothers' Day Fete—Saturday 12 May— All the usual stalls are planned. Thanks to all those who are willing to coordinate and assist on a stall. However, the Plant stall needs a designated coordinator. Many hands make light work—more helpers always welcome. Speak to a stall coordinator or Des if you can lend a hand. Let's together make this the best Fete ever!! Des Fitzpatrick—66289014; 0408397182. **Next meeting Tuesday 20th March, 4.30pm**

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	19th Mar	9.30am	Mothers Union
		10:00am	Manna & Mercy—Hall
		1:00pm	Sew Helpful Group—Hall
		6:30pm	Marriage Course—Hall
Tuesday	20th Mar	11.00am	SDA
		4.30pm	Fete Meeting
		6:00pm	Manna & Mercy— Hall
Wednesday	21st Mar	8.00am	Morning Prayer - Meeting Room 1
		9:00am	Meditation—St Bart's
		6.00pm	Parish Council
Thursday	22nd Mar	9:30am	Play Place—Hall
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church
Friday	23rd Mar	10:00am	Friday Service @ St Bart's
		2:00pm	Choir Practice
		5:00pm	Music Group Practise
Saturday	24th Mar	7.30am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	25th Mar	8:00am	Holy Communion— St Bart's
		10:00am	Family Service— St Bart's
		10.00 am	Tregeagle
		4.30pm	Messy Church



Coming Soon
Sunday @ 6.00 pm
 Commencing on Pentecost
 Sunday 20th May

Bible Readings

18th March

John 12:20-26