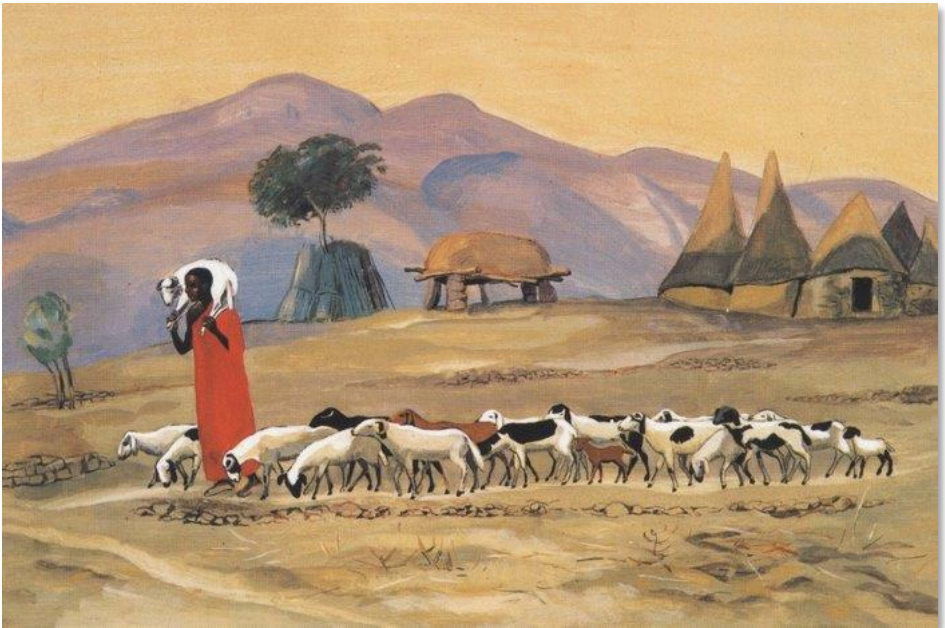




Alstonville
Anglicans

Sunday 21st April 2024

Welcome



<http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>)

Sharing the Good Life

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of the Land.

Our doors are open: LGBTQIA+ welcome here.

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Alstonville Anglicans are committed to ensuring that all people who participate in our worship, programs and ministries have a safe and rewarding experience.

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21st April – 28th April

21 st April		Sunday
	9am	Holy Communion
22 nd April		Monday
	9am-12pm	Parish Office
	9am-3pm	Op Shop
	10am	Anam Cara
	10am	Deadline for bulletin items
	1pm	Sew Helpful (in recess)
23 rd April		Tuesday
	9am-12pm	Parish Office Closed
24 th April		Wednesday
	9am-12pm	Parish Office
	9am	Anam Cara
	9am-3pm	Op Shop
25 th April		Thursday ANZAC Day
	9am-12pm	Parish Office (closed)
	9am-3pm	Op Shop (closed)
	9.30am	Play Place (in recess)
26 th April		Friday
	10am	Holy Communion
27 th April		Saturday
28 th April		Sunday
	9am	Holy Communion

This bulletin contains current announcements and the week's calendar and the sermon notes from the previous Sunday. Use our welcome booklet for info and contact details for regular activities. Keep it as a reference tool. We welcome any feedback on the booklet. [.../.../.../welcomeBooklet_v3.pdf](#)

Faithfulness in Service Course

There will be a Faithfulness in Service course on Saturday 20th April 9am-12pm in the Ministry Centre. Please let John Noble know if you will be attending: 0414 285 132.

Annual Fete Saturday 11th May 8am-1pm

Plants

We need plants to be potted up for the fete. Appropriate labelling is helpful.
Enquiries Barbara Fewtrell 0429385713.

Cakes

Request for brightly coloured cupcakes to be made. Coordinator: Robyn Beck.

Floral arrangements

Chrysanthemums and gerberas required. Coordinator: Gladys Charters.

Produce

Home grown produce required. Coordinator: Ken Brown.

Sew Helpful Craft

Sew Helpful would like some help in replenishing their supplies for the fete. Any items you would like to make would be most welcome but some items we need are baby jackets, bunny rugs, scarves, microwave bowl holders, coat hangers – adult size, teapot cosies. Thank you for your help.

2024 Fete Raffle

3 Great Prizes @ valued at \$40 – Dining Voucher, Pamper Voucher, Outdoor Voucher. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards these vouchers you can leave them at the Parish Office or contact Susan Fitzpatrick.

something to delight everyone

Music Games Cakes
Craft Face Painting Plants Cards Tasty Food

MOTHER'S DAY FETE SATURDAY

11 May 2024 8am - 1pm
@St Bart's
6 The Avenue Alstonville

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Confirmation

Bishop Murray will be visiting the Parish on Sunday 6th October. If you are interested in being confirmed please complete the application form and

speak to Rev Desiree. Forms are available in the Parish Office and via the website.

Outdoor Pizza Oven

The Anglican Parish of Alstonville is applying for a Faculty to install an outdoor pizza oven as part of the COVE Community Graden.

Sew Helpful and Play Place are in recess for the school holidays.

You your group are invited to join us at

Quota Alstonville's

Womens Friendship

High Tea Luncheon

Saturday, May 18th

11:30 for luncheon served at 12

at Summerland Farm Restaurant

Wardell Road

Alstonville 2477

'Guest Speaker ...Raffles

\$42 pp (g/f \$3 extra)

Please note we require pre payment to

Quota Alstonville BSB 082- 842 A/c Num 75 970 2470

Your name as reference

RSVP 4th May

Reply early as numbers are limited

Confirm with email and dietary requirements to

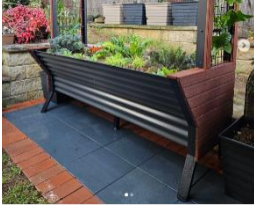
quotalstonville@gmail.com

or Judy 0429 330 517

2024 COVE Garden Update

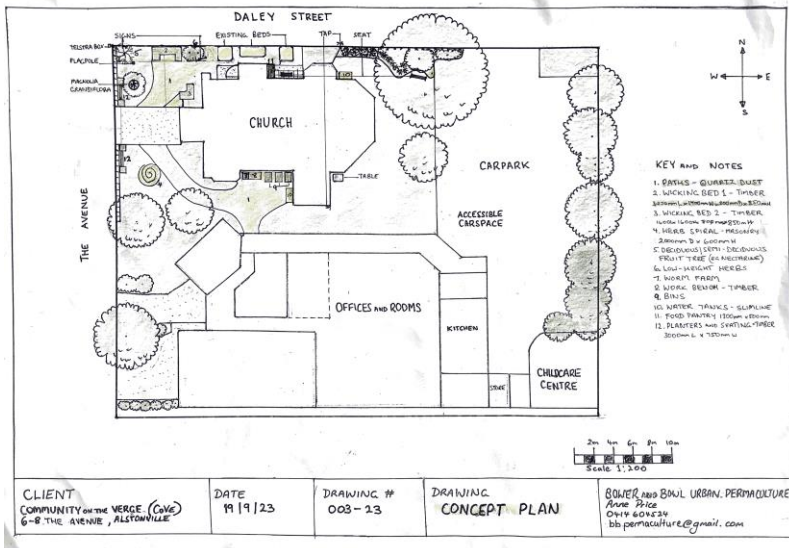
Upgrade work has begun on the COVE garden to allow people with disabilities to feel more comfortable using the space. An area has been concreted ready for the installation of garden beds shaped so that people in wheelchairs or people who need to sit can easily access the garden.

A slab has also been laid behind the church where an outdoor pizza oven will be installed. We have an application for a Faculty for the pizza oven in progress. Desiree, Graham Ireland and Barbara Fewtrell are happy to discuss the plans if you have any questions.



Slab outside front door of church

Slab for Pizza Oven



COVE Garden Concept Plan

Sermon Notes Sunday 14th April

Desiree Snyman - Luke 24:36b-48

Transition Luke 24:36b-48



While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he

had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

We are with the disciples in a moment of transition: they are being transformed from disciples to apostles.

The word "apostle" originates from the Greek word "apóstolos". It means "one who is sent off." The Strong's Dictionary emphasizes being sent with a special commission or authoritative mission. An apostle is an ambassador. Having been taught by the Christ, the apostle is sent to be Christ. Having learnt from the example of Jesus, the apostle is sent as an example to others. An apostle is sent. A disciple receives.

The word "disciple" also has its roots in the Greek word "mathētés," which means "learner" or "follower." A disciple is one who learns by imitating the example of Jesus. Disciples absorb the teachings of Jesus, sitting at the feet of the Christ.

It is often the space of transition where energy is unstable and overwhelming. In the upper room the disciples are trapped by fear and doubt, which prevents their transition to a new state, apostleship.

Of course, apostles remain learners and disciples, but the next stage of their development relies on them not only learning but teaching too. As we grow,



we transcend but include all that went before. We learnt to crawl before we learnt to walk. However, if necessary, we can still crawl. In learning to walk we transcend and include crawling. So too in our spiritual lives. In being sent as apostles, we transcend and include all that went before for this made us who we are. We will always be learners, disciples, but we transcend and include this in being sent as apostles.

Luke 24 is a precis of the entire themes in the Gospel of Luke. The gospel of Luke is structured as a journey. The transition verse into our lection for today is Luke 24.35: Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Notice the phrase "on the road". The journey theme is more than a structure for the Gospel, it is the whole Christian life. To be a Christian is to be "on the way" or "on the road". The first Christians were called people of the way. The lection ends with instructions to begin apostleship in Jerusalem. The journey theme of Luke climaxes in Jerusalem from which the message is sent to all the world.

The theme of learning to see as a gateway to salvation is of paramount importance in the Gospel of Luke. In Luke 4 Jesus announces his mission with a text from Isaiah, except he adds that he is there "to bring sight to the blind". Learning to see is growth in faith. Note that twice in Luke 24 disciples of Jesus fail to recognise the risen Christ. Jesus offers peace and opens their mind to understand the Scriptures. This episode is hopeful for us; in those moments when we cannot recognise Christ's risen presence within us or around us, the eyes of faith can help us see God's reliability in the past, to help us appreciate God's presence in the present.

As Christ offers peace and explains the Scriptures, the disciples become apostles through the transforming of their minds (see Romans 12). Their faith is deepened through the raw material of doubt. Doubt is a great gift that when digested produces the fruit of deeper faith. If you think about it, every stage of your faith journey where you have deepened your trust in God has been initiated through the gift of doubt. Doubt is the energy that launches faith from one level to a deeper level. Of course, fear can trap us in doubt. Some people can hold onto doubt that paralyses them, rather than using doubt as the raw material through which faith is strengthened. I am reminded of the words of author Madeleine L'Engle who was asked, 'Do you believe in God without any doubts?' she replied, 'I believe in God with all my doubts.'

Notice how in the early verse of Luke 24 and in verse 36 onwards, it is through loving community who exist as the body of Christ that the risen Christ is present. Christian community is the space in which the sacraments vivify faith. Christian community, you and I together, manifest the risen Christ to each other and to God's world. It is through the unity that love brings about within the church, the body of Christ, that the power of the risen Christ is

experienced. Christ is known through his life lived among us. This is why Luke-Acts has such an insistent theme on table-fellowship. We do note a caveat though, Christ is present in so far as he enters his glory, not ours. Too often the church has claimed Christ for its own glory, the result of which is destruction, such as in the crusades. Christ's glory, present in the community gathered around him in his name, is noticed through the fruits of self-sacrificing love.

Each Eucharist ends with the Dismissal. Dismissal is a liturgical word stated in the imperative case. The dismissal is our commission as disciples who become apostles. Having fed on Christ through bread and wine shared, we go to be apostles, food for the world that God loves: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen.

Sentence of the Day

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' John 10.14

Collect

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

John 10:11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'