



Alstonville Anglicans

Seventh Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020

You are welcome to join us this week...

- **Sunday@8am. A short Anglican Service of Worship**
Option 1 via Facebook Live (Alstonville Anglicans)
Option 2 on our webpage from 9am
Option 3 on YouTube from Monday
- **Sunday@6pm** A conversation approach. Join us via Zoom.
Link available on the website www.anglicans.live
Meeting ID: 934 099 691 Password: 030920
- **Anam Cara** - a meditation group, Wednesday 9am via Zoom.
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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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Dear Friends

“To love another person is to see the face of God”

John's Gospel was written in about 90 AD by a community established by John, some 60 years after the death and Resurrection of Jesus. In John 17 the writers of John's Gospel, who continue the influence of the disciple John, show Jesus in a personal and private moment of prayer. Having finished his public work, and having finished teaching and being with his disciples, Jesus steps into a prayer. We eavesdrop on his words.

.... I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one...

To my mind John 17 seems very much like the final scene in *Les Misérables* in that they both depict a prayer at the end of one's life:

God on high...
hear my prayer.
Take me now...
to thy care.
Where you are...
let me be.
Take me now...
take me there.
Bring me home.
Bring me home.

On this page,
I write my last confession.
Read it well,
when I am last am sleeping.
It's the story,
of those who always loved you.
Your mother gave your life for
you and gave you to my keeping.
Take my hand
and lead me to salvation.
Take my love,
for love is everlasting.
And remember the truth that
once was spoken
**to love another person is to see
the face of God.**

In John 17 we eavesdrop on Jesus' final prayer. In the epilogue of *Les*

Miserables we eavesdrop on the final prayer experience of Jean Valjean. The prayer of Jean Valjean at the end of Les Miserables and the prayer of Jesus at the end of John's Gospel seem remarkably similar. Both Jesus and Jean Valjean pray for the people that they have loved that will continue to feel loved and protected by God's grace. Both Jean Valjean and Jesus look forward to homecoming, Jean Valjean prays "bring me home" and Jesus prays "you and I are one." Ultimately both Jesus and Jean Valjean portray the message that the love of God and the love of each is one: to love another person is to see the face of God thus in every moment of authentic self emptying love we are one with God and Jesus and the Creator are one.

Desiree

Easter 7A **8am Liturgy** **24 May 2020**

Sentence of day

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Matthew 28.19-20

See What a Morning

See, what a morning,
gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in
Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes,
tomb filled with light
As the angels announce,
"Christ is risen"
See God's salvation plan
wrought in love,
borne in pain,
paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the man
for He lives;
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping,
"Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns
from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking,
calling her name

It's the Master,
the Lord raised to life again

The voice that spans the years
speaking life,
stirring hope,
bringing peace to us
will sound till He appears
for He lives;
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father,
Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who
clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing,
glory and praise
to the King crowned
with pow'r and authority

And we are raised with Him
death is dead,
love has won,
Christ has conquered,
and we shall reign with Him
for He lives;
Christ is risen from the dead.

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Introduction

I greet you from the other side
Of sorrow and despair
**With a love so vast and
shattered
It will reach you everywhere**
And I sing this for the captain

Whose ship has not been built
**For the mother in confusion
Her cradle still unfilled**

For the heart with no
companion
For the soul without a king

I greet you from the other side
Of sorrow and despair
**With a love so vast and
shattered
It will reach you everywhere**

from "Heart with no Companion" (from Various Positions by Cohen)

Welcome and acknowledgement of country

Prayer of day

God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through
suffering into risen life,
and took him up into the glory
of heaven:
clothe us with the power-
promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of
the earth
as heralds of repentance and
witnesses of Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,

who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now

they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon



Intercessions

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
God invites us to bring our
doubts and fears,
our joys and concerns, our
petitions and praise,
and offer them for the earth
and all its creatures

(Silence)

Prayers of the People,
concluding with:

Receive these prayers, O God,
and transform us through
them,
that we may have eyes to see
and hearts to understand
not only what you do on our
behalf,
but what you call us to do
so that your realm will come to
fruition in glory. Amen

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who
 sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

Soul of Christ, **sanctify me.**

Body of Christ, **save me.**

Blood of Christ, **inebriate me.**

Water from the side of Christ,
wash me.

Passion of Christ, **strengthen**
me.

O good Jesus, **hear me.**

Within your wounds, **hide me.**

Let me never be separated
from you.

From the malignant enemy,
defend me.

In the hour of my death, **call**
me,

And bid me come to you,

That with your saints **I may**
praise you

Forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in
peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and
serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God
almighty,
the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Final Song

**TiS 411 Filled with the Spirit's
Power**

1. Filled with the Spirit's
power,
with one accord
the infant church confessed its
risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church
today
no less your power of
fellowship display.

2. Now with the mind of Christ
set us on fire,
that unity may be our great
desire:
give joy and peace;

give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work
for all.

3. Widen our love,
good Spirit to embrace
in your strong care
all those of every race:
like wind and fire
with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's,
and Christians prove.

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Easter 7a Liturgy Zoom in @6pm 24th May 2020

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Please watch the 8am service
video online and we will
discuss it.



TAFE Short Courses

TAFE is currently offering some free online computer courses. You are encouraged to have a look. We always welcome people to join our team and assist where able. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>



Lynette Roberts passed away recently. Lynette was a local aboriginal woman who has had a long association with our Parish. Her totem animal was a tawny Frogmouth. Lynette will be farewelled on Friday 22nd May.

This is the link to her service: <https://vimeo.com/417474878>



Sunday@24th May 4pm

The theme is
**'The Fire of
the Holy Spirit'**

via Facebook Live
Alstonville Anglicans

Dear Messy Church families

Our theme this month is
"fire flames".

I wonder why?

We recognize a special day in
the church's year called
"Pentecost."

Pentecost is when God's peo-
ple received energy to do
good in the world and to love
more and more.

It is hard to describe what
this energy to do good and to
love feels like.

Some people say it feels like
wind.

Others describe the energy
that God gives us as fire.



*And suddenly from heaven there
came a sound like the rush of a
violent wind, and it filled the
entire house where they were
sitting.*

The energy that we receive from God is called the Holy Spirit. We all have the Holy Spirit in us, but sometimes we need a reminder.

Like the picture above, we are going to create "flames" all around us, to remind ourselves the energy of God, the Holy Spirit, rests on each of us, just like it did on Jesus friends.

Here is the programme for Sunday 24 May:

4pm: Story time ..tune into Facebook Live
or on our web page

4.30pm: Let us make some flames around us

5pm: Fun time!

About your Messy Church packs:

Inside your packs you will find:

- Tyre tubes
- Rope
- Tape (one piece flows in the dark)
- Decorations

To find out why join us for Messy Church on Sunday 24 May at 5pm!



Here are some wondering questions to ask each other after the story...

I wonder what part of the story you like best?

☒ I wonder what the most important part could be?

☒ I wonder where you are in the story? What part is about you?

☒ I wonder if we can leave out any part of this story and still have all the story we need?

☒ I wonder if you have ever come close to something like this?

☒ I wonder if there is anything in our church that reminds you of this?

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Come as ...you

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**We give thanks to God for all people making offertories to
the vision of God's Kingdom here on earth.**

Option 1

Parish Provider these are the details: **BSB: 705 077 / Acc:
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Option 2

Cheques can be posted to the address above or placed in our
locked letterbox. Before 12pm Fridays.

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