



# Alstonville Anglicans

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Bulletin for 29th Dec - 5th Jan 2020

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Whiplash. That is the only way to describe this week's Gospel. From the joy of Christ's birth, we plummet to a genocidal massacre of innocents in a few short verses. Matthew 2:13-23 briefly describes the life of the Holy Family as refugees. Fleeing religious and political persecution, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus escape to Egypt. Back home in Jerusalem, king Herod slaughters all male infants in an attempt to preserve power at all costs. The episode of genocide connects Christ with Israel's past traditions and his future work. The consequence of Christ's work is execution. Christ disrupts the status quo and so we live a prayer of lovingkindness for disrupted lives: refugees, survivors of fire and flood, those fleeing persecution of any kind, and those living the joyful disruption of parenthood, new faith and transformed lives.

**Rev Greg Ezzy**— joins us as Life Group Chaplain

## Bible Readings

29th December 8.00am

Matthew 2:13-23

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Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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## Baptism

We warmly welcome Nelly Boyes who comes to be baptised.  
We welcome too her family, sponsors and friends.

## Steering Committee

The members of the Diocesan Restructure Steering Committee are Jenny Handley, Helen Nicholson and Robyn Hannah

## Sunday@6

January **Sunday@6** services will be held at Robyn Hannah's home.

## Thank You

Rial & Hannah Kidson, (with Zion, Ezra and Ruby) have now completed their ministry in India. They would like to thank Alstonville / Tregagle folk for their prayer and financial support during the past 3 years. So please join us: for Morning Tea - Saturday January 4th. 10.00 am. 155 Invercauld Road Goonellabah. rsvp 02662 44319 ~ Chris & John Kidson.

## Rosters Sunday 5th January 8.00am (1st Sunday team)

**Person in Charge:** Charlie Handley **Worship Leader:** Mark Stuckey

**Music:** Carol Vidal **Sound:** Geoff Vidal

**Flowers:** Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

**Church Cleaning:** Lyn Stuckey, Denise Fenwick, Mary Ireland

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