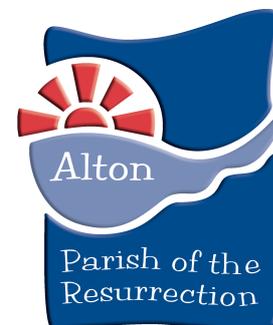


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Dear friends

### **Pastoral Letter to all the congregations of The Parish of the Resurrection**

We are in the season of Lent on our journey to the great celebration of Easter. My prayer is that as a parish we are preparing ourselves well - thank you for supporting our worship, the Lent Talks and the Lent Lunches in particular. In a time when we are called to slow down and reflect I hope that this can also be a reality. As you read this letter, it comes with a call to pray for our parish, our congregations and for our Ministry Team and Churchwardens in what is to be a time of change and development.

Revd David Hinks has recently been appointed as Managing Chaplain for Winchester Prison, a full-time post which he will take up as soon as all the relevant paperwork and necessary checks have been completed. As soon as we know when he will leave the parish, it will be announced and farewells can be planned. This is an exciting opportunity for David and this chaplaincy role fits his gifts and skills so very well. Please would you pray for David and Julie at this time as they wait for the administrative procedures to take place and also find a new home in which to live. I am already working on a parish profile and job description for the reappointment of an Associate Vicar for the parish with the Bishop of Basingstoke and our Archdeacon.

Revd Chris Bradish has also recently been offered and accepted a place at Holy Trinity Brompton, London on their Church Revitalisation Team. This is offered to Chris as part of our own Diocesan Strategic Winchester Action which includes a programme of Resource Churches. He goes with the plan and hope that within the next year he will take up an incumbency in the Winchester Diocese. This has come earlier than we expected but we rejoice with Chris that such a wonderful opportunity is open to him, recognising his gifts and experience. Chris' last Sunday in the parish will be Easter Sunday and there will be a farewell 'party' on Saturday 31st March between 2pm and 4pm in The Parish Centre. I ask you, please, to also pray for Chris, Naomi, Peter, Juliette and Lydia as they make the move to London in time for the summer term.

We have a well resourced Ministry Team and I am enormously grateful for all that they do to encourage our worship, ministry and mission. I am also thankful for all that so many others do on behalf of our parish and in the service of God. With David and Chris leaving almost simultaneously there will need to be some changes particularly in our Sunday service pattern across the parish. I believe some of the changes will encourage our further engagement with people but also will make Sundays physically manageable for me and the Ministry Team. The pattern that is now printed on the reverse of this letter has been approved by the Churchwardens and The Ministry Team. The PCC are in the process of developing a Five Year Plan for the parish which has some exciting initiatives within it to focus our mission and ministry. This will be presented in and around the APCM later in April.

My prayer is that as we take in all that I have written above that we all move forward in God's service rejoicing in the ministry we exercise together. Let us give thanks, in the midst of change, to our unchanging God who is faithful - to him be all glory and praise now and forever!

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**SERVICE PATTERN - as from Sunday 8th April 2018 (2nd Sunday of April)**

	<b>8am</b>	<b>9.15am/9.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>1</b>	St Lawrence (BCP) All Saints - (CW Trad)	St Peter's - Morning Worship Holy Rood - Parish Communion	All Saints - Parish Communion	St Lawrence School Church@4	St Lawrence - Choral Evensong
<b>2</b>	St Lawrence (BCP)	St Peter's - Parish Communion Holy Rood - Parish Communion	St Lawrence - Parish Communion All Saints - High Mass		St Lawrence - Evening Worship
<b>3</b>	St Lawrence (BCP) All Saints - (CW Trad)	St Peter's - Parish Communion Holy Rood - Parish Communion	St Lawrence - Parish Communion	All Saints - Reflective Communion	St Lawrence - Evening Prayer
<b>4</b>	St Lawrence (BCP)	St Peter's - Parish Communion	St Lawrence - Parish Communion All Saints - High Mass	Andrews Endowed School Church@4	St Lawrence - Evening Worship
<b>5</b>	St Lawrence (BCP)		POTR - Altogether Service		

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