

# Parish Matters

Welcome to the Parish of the Resurrection. If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time then please do make yourself known to either a member of the clergy or a church-warden. We are a welcoming church family spread throughout the town of Alton, Holybourne and Beech and our aim is to offer worship which deepens our faith, common life and our relationship with Jesus Christ. This information sheet gives some words that will be needed in today's services and notices about the life of our church communities. Please take it home with you.

**23rd September  
Trinity 17**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

### **Holy Communion - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Lynn Power

**9.15am**

### **Parish Communion - St Peter's**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**10.30am**

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Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

### **High Mass - All Saints**

Led by Revd Lynn Power

**4.00pm**

### **Harvest Church @ 4 - Holy Rood**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield & Team

**6.30pm**

### **Evening Worship - St Lawrence**

## Collect Prayer

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Today's Readings

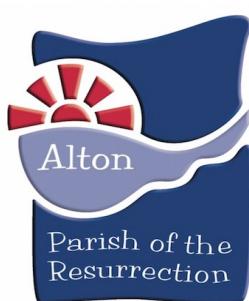
### **Where are we growing**

**The Five Year Plan  
Growing Structures**

**James 5: 13-20(Pg 982)**

**Mark 9: 38-50(Pg 821)**

*Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:  
Numbers 11: 4-6,10-16,24-29 (Pg 113)*



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Dear Reader

Thank you to those who supported the Battle of Britain Service last Sunday evening in St Lawrence Church. It is a really good opportunity for us to support and encourage the young people of our local Air Training Corps here in Alton. We have a commitment as part of our Five Year Plan to be alongside and develop our youth provision and the faith of young people - this is just one example of how we can and do. It is also good to work with The Butts Church and their minister Clive Anderson. Clive acts as padre to the Air Training Corps in Alton.

Yesterday I was privileged to be at the ordination of Ben Burge, who has been the Pastoral Assistant at the Butts Church for a couple of years. It is always wonderful to see how someone's vocation grows. I was able to welcome Ben on behalf of the Alton Churches at the service which was held in the Assembly Rooms. Ben will continue with his work at the Butts Church and in the town. Congratulations and God's blessing to him.

A reminder that next Sunday we will hold an 8am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence Church and then the only other service in the parish will be at The Beech Village Hall starting at 5pm for afternoon tea and the service will begin at 6pm. It will have a harvest theme, will be a simple communion service and our monetary collection will be for Karamoja, so do come prepared to be generous. We will also take offerings for the Alton Foodbank - visit their website for details of what they particularly require.

Andrew



**Please remember to support our local food bank.** We urgently need the following food items— tinned pies; sponge puddings; pasta sauce; tinned carrots . **We do not need** sanitary products - please don't give any more as we have too many to store; tinned sardines; baked beans; tinned tomatoes; soup; pasta.

**"Don't come to church empty handed"**

**All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church.**



*gift aid it*

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**Parish Giving Scheme** The Parish is reliant on the generosity of its worshipping community for all of our ministry and mission. We are grateful to those who contribute financially. If you wish to give more or become a regular giver then please speak to Elizabeth Dain on 01420 89062 or [dainbs@btinternet.com](mailto:dainbs@btinternet.com), and she will talk to you about the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are a tax payer then please do make sure your donation is gift aided and the government will give us 25% more at no extra cost to you. There are envelopes available for one-off gifts.

**Just Text Giving** An easy way to donate to the Parish of the Resurrection. Send a text to 70070 with the message POTR34 and the value of your donation e.g. £5. Please speak with the Parish Administrator on 01420 83234 if you would like any help with using this form of donating.

## Bible Readings for the week

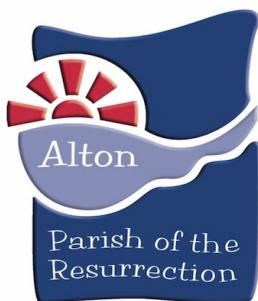
taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily

Monday 24th	Psalm 71	I Kings 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday 25th	Psalm 73	I Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Weds 26th	Psalm 77	I Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23.12-end
Thurs 27th	Psalm 78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Friday 28th	Psalm 55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Saturday 29th	Psalm 34	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Sunday 30th		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 12:16-30

## Discipleship Groups

There are a number of discipleship groups meeting across the parish. They are open for anyone to attend - it doesn't matter which church you normally attend or where you live, simply contact the leader before turning up. If you would like to host or lead another one, then please contact Andrew.

- Monday;                   Oasis (formerly Young Mum's Home Group.) Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further Info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: [ellieelder@gmail.com](mailto:ellieelder@gmail.com)
- Tuesday:                  New Housegroup (name to be decided). Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am, starting on September 18th.
- Wednesday;               Pilgrim Group: at All Saints. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month after the communion service, from 10.15am until 11.15am
- Thursday;                 Bible Society LYFE at Liz & Trev's, at 2 The Lamports. Led by Liz Griffiths, for information. Please contact Liz via email: [lizmgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in September 2018

We pray for the Winchester Diocese, of which we are a part. Give thanks for the leadership of Bishop Tim and Bishop David as they help and encourage us to be a mission shaped diocese. Also we pray for our Alton Deanery and especially for Revd Brian Pritchard the Area Dean, for Derek Gurney the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, for Margaret Bell the Secretary to the Deanery meeting, for Elspeth Gurney the new Finance Chair for the Deanery.

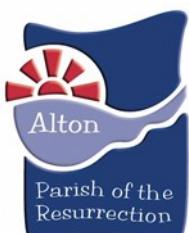
Pray for peace in our world. The last months has seen various attacks, wars, unrest and natural disasters. We remember those who mourn for loved ones who have died; we remember those who are still recovering from injuries received; we pray for those called to lead our countries at this time of heightened security levels.

We give thanks for the first year of trading at Resurrection Furniture - the enterprise is working very well. Pray for the Trustees - Robin, Derek, Lisa, Clive, Roger & Ella - as they work with Michelle and Carole, the shop managers. We need more volunteers so please pray that people will feel called to help especially in the collecting and delivering of furniture.

The Living Space Project at The Church of the Holy Rood is now complete. So we give thanks for the team who oversaw the project. We pray now for God's leading in new activities and events and for the engagement between church and village to increase. Pray for the Look Forward group which is thinking, praying and taking forward ideas for growth.

We pray for Busybees Pre-School as they enter their second year in The Parish Centre. Pray for Janet Duddridge and Alison Stickland as they manage the staff and activities of the pre-school. We pray all who will plan and deliver the day to day teaching and learning. We pray for good, healthy links between Busybees and the Parish.

Every month Beech Village Hall is full of people enjoying The Beech Lunch Club. We thank God for the opportunities this brings for older people in the area to meet together and enjoy wonderful food. Please pray for those who organise this - Sarah Neish and Gill Scott in particular. Pray for continued fun and fellowship and the relationships built and nurtured.



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## The call to prayer is in three simple ways

*Daily, weekly, monthly*

Every day there is a prayer for the beginning of the day, for the middle of the day and for the end of the day. Please find a suitable time to use these prayers which are printed here.

*For the beginning of the day*  
- The Community Prayer

**Living God,  
you have called us to be  
the Body of Christ.  
May our parish be a sign of hope  
in our community of  
Holybourne, Beech and Alton.  
May all we do,  
and all we are becoming,  
bring praise to your name  
and draw others to your love.  
We ask these things  
in the name of Jesus,  
who came to serve and bring us  
fullness of life.  
Amen.**

*For the middle of the day*  
- The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*For the end of the day*  
- The Caleb Prayer

**O High King of heaven,  
have mercy on our land.  
Revive your Church;  
send the Holy Spirit  
for the sake of the children.  
May your kingdom come  
to our nation.  
In Jesus' mighty name.  
Amen.**

**We should pray for each person by name;**

**Those who are sick or require prayer:**  
Joan Cheeseman, Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Margaret Morley, Imogen and family, Ian Toombs, Simon May, Jacob and Joshua (twins)

**Those who are bereaved, Families of :**  
Helen Bradley, Mandy Murrell, Patricia Figgins, Peter Sperring, Winifred Cottrell, Rosemary Malcolm, Shirley Ann Calton, Janice Moorey, Doris Harvey,

**Those preparing for Marriage:**  
Adam Allaway & Kirsten Hawkes  
Neil Metcalfe & Lindsey Pierce  
Michael Peet & Kirsty Coombes

**Prayer Cascade.** Need Prayer for any reason? Just email, in confidence to [pray4potr@gmail.com](mailto:pray4potr@gmail.com) or complete a prayer request card available in all our churches. A prayer team from this parish will pray regularly for each request for up to a month.

## Diary for the week

**Morning Prayer is said at 8.45am Monday - Friday in St Lawrence,  
excluding Thursday when Prayers are said in Holybourne Church at 8.45am.**

Monday	9.30am 11.00am 8.00pm	Teddies Toddler Group Service of the Word Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church Marlfield St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	Communion Hard of Hearing Group Harvest Mettle Youth Group (14-19 yrs) Bell Ringing Practice Quintet Rehearsal	Borovere All Saints Church 44, Vicarage Hill All Saints Church St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	9.30am 10.30am	Parish Midweek Communion Communion	All Saints Church The Lawn
Thursday	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Teddies Toddler Group Mothers Union Communion Bell Ringing Practice Compline Prayer Service	Holy Rood Church St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church
Friday	2pm 5.00pm 6.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Funeral of Mandy Murrell Covenant Training Choir practice Covenant Youth Choir practice Choir Practice Prayers Together group	St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church Salvation Army Hall
Saturday	8.30am 9.45am 5.30pm	Men's Breakfast Prayer Group 8 Bell Practice	The White Hart St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church
Sunday	8.00am 3.30pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Baptism Afternoon Tea POTR Altogether Service FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs)	St Lawrence Church Holy Rood Church Beech Village Hall Beech Village Hall Parish Centre

**For more information please go to our web site [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk)**

**"Threads through Revelation"** Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral daily until October 12th.  
A set of 14 giant embroidery panels. Excellent depiction of the vision of John through  
Chapters 1 to 22 of Revelation More details of available through the Cathedral website.

**Morning Prayer on a Thursday** For a while we have been saying Morning Prayer in different places in the community on Thursday mornings. This will now cease and instead there will be short service of Morning Prayer in The Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne for anyone who wants to attend mainly led by Revd Martin East.

## Notices

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – The Traditional Harvest Festival**, led by Rev Rachel Sturt, **2pm in All Saints Church**, with light refreshments in the Meeting Place at the back of church afterwards. Donations of harvest fare are given to the Food Bank with the perishable items being sold to raise funds for the Anna Chaplaincy. All welcome!

**Are you a crafter?** It has always been the intention to have a variety of groups meeting in Holybourne Church and although in this particular case it cannot happen until the lighting is upgraded, a new Craft Group is starting. The first meeting is on **Wednesday 26th September** at 10am and probably fortnightly thereafter at 12 Twitchens Road. We are starting off learning how to crochet. You may want to continue with your UFOs (unfinished objects) learn new skills or just come for a chat and coffee,. Please contact Anthea (82657, email: [antheabailey@btopenworld.com](mailto:antheabailey@btopenworld.com)) if you would like further information.

**Prayers Together**—the next meeting will be held on **Friday 28th September at 8pm** in the **Salvation Army Hall, Alton**. All welcome.

**Men's Breakfast**—We will be holding another one of our successful monthly Men's Breakfasts on **Saturday 29th September**. We meet at **The White Hart** in **Holybourne** at **8.30am** for a full cooked breakfast costing just £8. It is a time for fellowship, food and prayer. This month Dave Crees, who is the Chaplain to Sandhurst Military Academy, will give a short talk on army chaplain life and his faith. If you are joining us then please do give your name to Tim Codling (01420 80388 or [tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk)) before Wednesday 26th September. There will be further Men's Breakfasts on Saturday 27th October and Saturday 24th November.

**Mee† and Eat** group for women of the Parish for food, fun and fellowship. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 1st October** at the **Alton House Hotel** at **7pm**—pre-order is required for food. Further meetings will take place on Monday 5th November (venue TBC) and Monday 3rd December for a Christmas meal at the Swan Hotel (£5 deposit required by 1st October). Please contact Lyn Baines ([lynda.baines@btinternet.com](mailto:lynda.baines@btinternet.com)) or phone 07986 153132 if you would like to come or for more information.

**Alton Organ Society—Martin Baker (Westminster Cathedral)** - opening concert of the 2018/19 season will take place on Tuesday 2nd October at 8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm) in St Lawrence Church. Tickets £10. For further details contact Tony Wilman ([tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com) or 01420 543628).

**Autumn Charity Concert** with the Alton Community Choir and Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, in aid of various local charities. **Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm** in **St Lawrence Church**. Tickets £5 available on the door.

**Luminosa 'Come & Sing' Sunday 7th October, Alton Maltings, 1pm**  
All singers welcome to take part in this event, the choir and guests will rehearse 1-5pm and perform at 6pm. Tickets: £15 for singers (hire music and refreshments included) and £5 for audience. Contact [boxoffice@luminosa.co](mailto:boxoffice@luminosa.co) for further details and tickets.

**GAP Skittles Evening—Jolly Farmer, Blacknest, Saturday 20th October at 6pm.**  
£12 including supper. Sign up in church or see Tim Codling for more info (80388).

## Notices

**Please provide all notices for next weeks Parish Matters by 12noon on Wednesday . Thank you**

**Payments to the Parish** If you would like to make a payment or donation to the Parish, please contact the Parish office for the Parish bank account details or make cheques payable to 'Parish of the Resurrection, Alton'. Gift Aid white envelopes can be found in each of the churches. *Thank you*

**Calling all Planned Givers** (Envelope Schemes, Standing Orders or Parish Giving Scheme etc ) If you have not yet received your annual letter, please speak to one of the church wardens or contact EA Dain on 01420 89062 / [bsdain@btinternet.com](mailto:bsdain@btinternet.com).

### **The Lighthouse.....**

Come and join at The Lighthouse  
Every Sunday (Term Time)



9.15am at Church of the Holy Rood  
10.30am at St Lawrence Parish Centre  
10.30am at Alton Methodist Church

**Games, crafts, singing, prayers**

### **Teddy Bear Service.....**

Come to the Teddy Bears Service

Mondays 9:30am until 10:30am

St Lawrence Church

Thursdays (Term Time)

9:30am until 10:30am  
The Lawn, Holybourne



**For stories, crafts, singing, prayers**

### **Ministry Team**

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The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm