

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.

**28th October
Bible Sunday**

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Wendy Burnhams
and Revd Rachel Sturt

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

High Mass - All Saints

Led by Wendy Burnhams
and Revd Rachel Sturt

4.00pm

Church @ 4 - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

6.30pm

Evening Worship - St Lawrence

'The Marginalised' led by Sally Kemp

Collect Prayer

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

Simply devoted to Prayer

Acts 2: 42-47 (Page 886)

Mark 10: 46-52 (Page 823)

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9 (Page 641)



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Dear Reader

I want you to remind you of a few things happening over the next couple of weeks.,

Sunday 4th November, 4pm - Church@4 in St Lawrence Church. We will be looking at 'Ways of Peace'.

Sunday 4th November, 6.30pm we hold our annual All Souls Service in St Lawrence Church. Please add any names to the lists in the churches which you would like included.

Sunday 11th November is Remembrance Sunday. We meet at The Cairn for a 10.45am town service. At 2pm there will be a short service in Holybourne Church followed by time to reflect and pray using some simple installations. The church will be open until 5pm. At 6pm there will a short reflective service in St Lawrence Church led by Rachel Sturt after which we gather in the churchyard for the lighting of a beacon at 7pm, Last Post and the ringing of the bells.

And don't forget Thursday evenings 1st, 8th & 15th November, 7.30-9.00pm. Three evenings about 'War & Peace' being held at Alton Methodist Church with an invitation to people of all the local churches. Pick up a postcard to remind yourselves and do give one to a friend.

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.

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, 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.



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Bible Readings for the week

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

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| Monday 29th | Psalm 30 | Leviticus 19.1-18.30-end | 2 Timothy 4:1-8 |
| Tuesday 30th | Psalm 36 | Leviticus 23.1-22 | 2 Timothy 4.9-end |
| Weds 31st | Psalm 34 | Leviticus 23.23-end | Titus 1 |
| Thurs 1st | Psalm 111 | Jeremiah 31.31-34 | 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 |
| Friday 2nd | Psalm 31 | Leviticus 25.1-24 | Titus 3 |
| Saturday 3rd | Psalm 42 | Numbers 6.1-5,21-end | Philemon |
| Sunday 4th | | Revelations 21:1-4 | Mark 12:28-34 |

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:

Micah 4:1-3

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: ellielder@gmail.com

Tuesday: New Housegroup (name to be decided). Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am. **The next meeting will be on the 6th November.**

Wednesday; Pilgrim Group at All Saints - 3rd Wednesday of each month after the communion service, from 10.15am until 11.15am

Wednesday Housegroup are looking at The Ten Commandments. We meet at 7.45 for 8pm start usually at 62 Anstey Road. For more information call Margaret and Peter on 86063 or Robin and Sally on 769802.

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



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Praying in October 2018

As we celebrate Harvest Festival we pray in thanksgiving for the gifts which God bestows upon the earth and its people. We recognise that for parts of the world there has been famine, uncertain weather conditions or the results of war and unrest which means they are hungry and lacking in the most basic food and provision. We pray especially for our link Diocese in Karamoja, Uganda.

We pray for the Alton Foodbank and all those who work and volunteer there. We give thanks for all the generous donations made and for those who rely on its presence in our town. In turn, we ask for God's generosity in us to rise up and support this vital work.

We recently appointed Keren Brake to the 8 hour a week GAP position of Schools Ministry Co-ordinator. Her work is to build and maintain relationships with all our local primary schools, taking Collective Worships, helping with RE curriculums, offering activities within our church buildings, leading Service After Schools and the like. Please pray for her in this vital area of ministry, seeking God's hand upon all that she does for the Kingdom.

There are a number of people from our churches who take Collective Worships (assemblies) in our local schools. We pray particularly for those in the 'Open the Book' teams and their commitment to sharing Bible stories with the children. We also pray for the staff and others who teach and care for the children of our parish.

We pray for The Library Club, T@3, The Jigsaw Afternoons, The Hard of Hearing Club, our time spent in the many residential homes and the other activities which gather older people together. We pray for our Anna Chaplains and those who work alongside them.

We pray for those who represent us on Deanery Synod - Peter & Margaret Bell, Elspeth Gurney, Lisa Hillan and Tori Hewitt. We also pray for the monthly church leaders meeting. We pray for unity amongst all local churches and for ideas and energy to work together on important areas of mission and ministry.



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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, Imogen and family, Ian Toombs, Simon May, Jacob and Joshua (twins)

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Reginald Aldhous, David Savage, Grace Hammond, David Hurley, Margaret Morley, Jill Frampton, Jennifer Blackman, Sally Garner, Helen Bradley, Mandy Murrell, Patricia Figgins, Peter Sperring, Winifred Cottrell, Rosemary Malcolm, Shirley Ann Calton, Janice Moorey, Doris Harvey,

Those preparing for Marriage:

Carey and Lorne Robertson (Blessing)

Prayer Cascade. Need Prayer for any reason? Just email, in confidence to 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 8.40am.

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| Monday | 9.30am | Teddies Group | St Lawrence Church |
| | 11.00am | Service of the Word | Marlfield |
| Tuesday | 10.45am | Communion | Borovere |
| | 7.00pm | Mettle Youth Group | 44, Vicarage Hill |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing Practice | All Saints Church |
| Wednesday | 8.30pm | Quintet Rehearsal | St Lawrence Church |
| | 9.00-2.00 | Organ Tuning | St Lawrence Church |
| | 9.30am | Parish Midweek Communion | All Saints Church |
| | 10.30am | Communion | The Lawn |
| Thursday | 5.00pm | Organ Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| | 9.30am | Teddies Group | Holy Rood Church |
| | 10.30am | Communion | Mary Rose Mews |
| | 4.30pm | Organ Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| | 7.30pm | Remembrance Talk | Methodist Church |
| Friday | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| | 10.30am | Communion | Willow Court |
| | 2.45pm | Funeral of Margaret Morley | St Lawrence Church |
| | 5.00pm | Covenant Training Choir Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| | 6.15pm | Covenant Youth Choir Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| Saturday | 7.30pm | Choir Practice | St Lawrence Church |
| | 9.00am | Community Market | Parish Centre |
| | 9.45am | Prayer Group | St Lawrence Church |
| Sunday | 10.30am | Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers | Holy Rood Church |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | All Saints Church |
| | 8.00am | BCP Communion | St Lawrence Church |
| | 8.00pm | CW Communion | All Saints Church |
| | 9.15am | Parish Communion | St Peter's Church |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Holy Rood Church |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion | All Saints Church |
| | 3.30pm | Baptism | All Saints Church |
| | 4.00pm | Church @ 4 | St Lawrence CE School |
| 6.30pm | FROG Youth Group | Parish Centre | |
| | 6.30pm | Choral Evensong/All Souls Service | St Lawrence Church |

For more information please go to our web site www.potr-alton.co.uk

Notices

Angel Workshop—Alton Methodist Church, **Tuesday 30th October** 10am—12.00. Bring your knitted angels and work together, stuffing, wool trimming, adding faces, etc. For more information call Christine Allen on 84739.

Guildford Cathedral Choral Evensong—St Lawrence Church Choir will be singing choral evensong at Guildford Cathedral on **Saturday 3 November 2018** at **5pm**. Do come and support your choir at Guildford Cathedral.

Guildford Cathedral Choral Evensong - Is there anyone (non-singing supporter?) planning to go to the service who has a spare seat in their car and would be able to share transport with someone else? Please let me know by email. Similarly, if anyone wants to go but needs transport, contact me. My email address is bsdain@btinternet.com. Many thanks, Elizabeth Dain

Mee☩ and Eat group for women of the Parish for food, fun and fellowship. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 5th November** at 7pm, which will be a Bring and Share Supper at the Church of the Holy Rood., Holybourne. On Monday 3rd December at 7pm we will be having a Christmas meal at the Swan Hotel. Please contact Lyn Baines (phone 07986 153132 or email lynda.baines@btinternet.com if you would like to come, or for more information.

Name That Hit Record: a fundraising event for Karamoja in Bentworth Jubilee Hall on **Friday 9th November**. Details from Margaret Bell 86063. Early booking advised.

Remembrance Talks. These will take place on the **1st, 8th and 15th November from 7.30-9pm**. They will be covering War & Peace in the Old and New Testament and then there will be an evening with Revd Dave Crees who is the Chaplain to Sandhurst Military Academy. These talks will take place in Alton Methodist Church.

Quiz Night—You are cordially invited to an evening's entertainment in the form of a QUIZ, being held in the Methodist Church on **Saturday 8th December**, starting at 7pm. Please contact David Allan on 01420 84739 (or at oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk) if you would like to take part - it should be a great evening! Teams of three to six people will be formed; if there are people you would like to be teamed with, please let David know. A buffet supper will be served, and payment of £8 per person will be collected on the night; all proceeds in aid of 2nd Alton Boys' Brigade Company.

Christmas Parish Lunch: Derek & Elspeth Gurney are organising & hosting the Parish Christmas lunch this year, to be held as usual in the **Parish Centre on Christmas Day**. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Christmas Eve, cook & serve lunch on Christmas Day and to entertain our guests. Help with transport would also be welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please speak to one of us or e mail us on macbeavers@sky.com or call on 07545 310911 or 01420 86339. Donations towards the cost of the lunch are gratefully received - please use the pink envelopes at the back of the church and gift aid donations if possible.

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 E A Dain on 01420 89062 / 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 everyone is welcome.

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
Church of the Holy Rood
Holybourne



For stories, crafts, singing, prayers

Ministry Team

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Getting in touch

For enquiries please be in touch with the Parish Administrator on
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