

# 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.

**4th November**  
**All Saints**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

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

Led by Rt Revd Giles Hill OSB

### **Holy Communion - All Saints**

Led by Revd Martin East

**9.15am**

### **Morning Worship - St Peter's**

Led by Revd Lyn Power

**9.30am**

### **Parish Communion - Holy Rood**

Led by Revd Martin East

**10.30am**

### **Parish Communion - All Saints**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**3.30pm**

### **Baptism - All Saints**

Led by Revd Martin East

**4.00pm**

### **Church @ 4 - St Lawrence CE School**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**6.30pm**

### **All Souls Service - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

## Collect Prayer

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith  
of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Today's Readings

### **War and Peace: What does the Bible say about war and peace?**

Micah 4: 1-3 (Page 755)

Revelation 21: 1-4 (Page 1007)

Mark 12: 28-34 (Page 825)

*(Revelation 7: 9-17 at St Peter's Beech)*



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Dear Reader

The Church enters its remembering season. We have had Halloween which is properly titled All Hallows Eve and the 1st November is All Saints Day and the 2nd All Souls Day where we remember the lives of all those who have lived in the faith and entered into the unclouded vision of God's glory. This is then followed swiftly by Remembrance Sunday when we take time to recollect those who lost their lives in wars and struggles around the world.

We have a full programme in this season.

Today we have our All Souls Service in St Lawrence Church at 6.30pm - a chance to remember especially those who have been close to us who have died. We will read out the names of those whose funeral services have been conducted by members of our Ministry Team over the last year and any others given to us in advance; there will be the opportunity to light candles in memory of any; there will be prayers and music to fit the occasion.

Sunday 11th November, there will be the usual 8am communion service in St Lawrence and a 9.15am communion at St Peter's. Otherwise we gather at The Cairn on Alton High Street for the town service beginning at 10.45am. At 2pm there will be a short act of remembrance at Holybourne Church followed by time (until 5pm) to pray, reflect and think using some simple installations. At 6pm Rachel Sturt is leading a reflective service in St Lawrence Church which will be followed immediately by the lighting of a beacon in the churchyard with Last Post and the bells being rung. This part is all organised by Alton Town Council.

We have ordered a large batch of a simple booklet called 'Silence' published by Hope Together which helps explain the Christian hope and love in this season which we will give out both in the morning and evening. If anyone can help in being there to distribute these I would be very grateful to hear from you.

We will remember them, and we will help people remember the hope and future promised in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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](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.



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## Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 5th	Psalm 44	Daniel 1	Revelation 1
Tuesday 6th	Psalm 48	Daniel 2:1-24	Revelation 2:1-11
Weds 7th	Psalm 9	Daniel 2:25-end	Revelation 2:12-end
Thurs 8th	Psalm 15	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 3:1-13
Friday 9th	Psalm 16	Daniel 3:19-end	Revelation 3:14-end
Saturday 10th	Psalm 18.31-end	Daniel 4:1-18	Revelation 4
Sunday 11th		Genesis 3:22-4:16	Luke 23:13-34

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:  
Hebrews 9:24-28

### 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. **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 not meeting so that people can attend the Thursday 'Talks for Remembrance' at the Methodist Church.** We normally 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](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in November 2018

We pray for the leadership of the Church of England, and in particular for The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu who has recently announced his retirement. We pray for them within the worldwide Anglican Communion - for our unity, witness and integrity in the Gospel.

We pray for the significant work amongst young people and children at Treloars College and School. We pray for all who study, teach, provide care and live there. We give thanks for Lynn Power's ministry as Chaplain and her dedication to the lives of the people there. Pray for the growth in faith amongst the young people and staff.

We thank God for our Remembrance Talks which happen on 1st, 8th and 15th November at Alton Methodist Church. We ask for wisdom and guidance for Clive Anderson, Andrew Micklefield and Dave Crees as they speak to us. May we all be prepared to understand the complexities of Scripture, world experiences and how we live out our Christian faith.

We continue to remember the ministry and mission of the Diocese of Karamoja in Uganda. We sponsor students in the Diocesan College. We pray for their studies and for their families they have left behind. We also pray for those in our Deanery who form the Karamoja Link Committee.

As a parish we shall be celebrating Christ the King on Sunday 25th November and it has become practice also as Stewardship Sunday. We pray for our giving of time, talents and money for the work of God's kingdom expressed here through our four churches and our unity as one parish. May we all know the extent of God's love for us in Jesus and give generously in return.

We have our Services of Remembrance this month, and we continue to remember those who have died in war and armed action. We pray for peace in our world, for governments and aid agencies promoting justice and mercy, for those called to service in the forces, for envoys who travel to dangerous places seeking conversation of peace.

We are seeking the appointment of a new Associate Minister for the Parish working with Bishop David and our Archdeacon, Richard Brand. Please pray for those who will be finishing the paperwork and those who will be involved in the selection, discerning and appointment process. Pray that we will know God's will and purposes for us and for those who apply.



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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 Hedges, Barbara Turk, 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,

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Carey and Lorne Robertson (Blessing)  
George Harding and Georgina Caddy

**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.**

Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	7.00pm	Mee <sup>†</sup> and Eat group for women	Holy Rood Church
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	2.30pm	Lip Reading session	All Saints Church Hall
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44, Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	8.00pm	Alton Organ Society Concert	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
	3.00pm	Service after School	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Remembrance Talk	Methodist Church
Friday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Covenant Training Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	1pm– 9pm	United (Youth event)	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	10.45am	Town Remembrance	The Cairn
	2.00pm	Reflective Remembrance Service	Holy Rood Church
	6.00pm	Reflective Service	St Lawrence Church
	7.00pm	Lighting of beacon, Last Post	St Lawrence Churchyard

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

**Remembrance Talks.** We had about 50 people to consider War & Peace in the Old Testament on Thursday evening. It was thought provoking and accessible, thank you to Clive Anderson for speaking. Please do come along for the next one on Thursday, 7.30pm at Alton Methodist Church.

**Service after School** - Straight after school (3pm-4.30pm) come and join us for fun activities, a story and songs. Everyone welcome!  
St Lawrence Church—Thursday 8th November and Thursday 13th December;

## Notices

**MeeU 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](mailto:lynda.baines@btinternet.com) if you would like to come, or for more information.

**The Last Tommies**— Bob Weighton is appearing in this BBC4 mini series on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 9pm. He encourages you to watch it.

**Lip Reading session**, with tutor Maggie Short, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm in All Saints church hall. All welcome.

**Traidcraft**—The latest news from Traidcraft is hopeful. Following strong Autumn trading figures they are looking at a restructure of the business. This means their pioneering activities supporting artisans and producers work their way out of poverty can continue. You can support this work by choosing Traidcraft gifts and cards this Christmas. Jo McGregor is hosting a **Traidcraft 'at home'** on **Thursday 8th November 2pm-6pm**. 3 Wilsom Road Alton GU34 2SR. Please note that we have limited parking in our driveway but are only a 2 minute walk from the Kings Pond Car Park. This is a great opportunity to browse the latest catalogue, see some of the new collection, enjoy a taster and even pick up a bargain from the Sale table. If you can't be there call Jo, 01420 87680 to place your order.

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

**Woops!** Apologies for the incorrect information printed in the November Sunrise re the **Hard of Hearing Meeting Tuesday 27th November**. It should read Speaker Jane Hurst, local historian, plus the usual raffle and an update on hearing related matters. All welcome!

**Beetle Drive** at All Saints Church. **Friday 30th November** 7pm start. Admission £3.50 to include refreshments. All enquiries to Mon Spiers on 01420 86313. Proceeds will be going to the Hampshire Tortoise Rescue.

**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](mailto:oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk)) if you would like to take part. 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.

**'Celebration of Christmas in Song and Word'** on **Sunday 16th December** at 6.30pm at Holy Rood, Holybourne. Our regular 'pop-up' choir, which is open to all-comers, will be taking part. If you would like to sing, please contact Karen Pepper for further details and rehearsal dates on: [karen.pepper2@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.pepper2@btinternet.com)



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