

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.

13th January 2019
Baptism of Christ

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

6.30pm

Evening Worship - St Lawrence

Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus
as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be
your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Today's Readings

***Renewal of Giving:
The Heavens Open***

Acts 8: 14-17 (Page 892)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (Page 834)

*Also at All Saints:
Isaiah 43:1-7*



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Dear Reader

Today in the church calendar we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This great event takes place in the River Jordan surrounded by crowds of people and the dove comes down and the voice of God is heard - 'You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased'. I hope hearing that story again today we might be reminded of our baptism, confirmation or any moment when we have dedicated our lives to the Lord Jesus. It is a momentous occasion to hear those words spoken to Jesus by his father be ours as well. We are God's beloved children - that is a truth.

We are spending January asking our Father God to renew our hearts and minds. We are seeking to be amazed again by his generous love and grace as we turn to him in repentance. We are laying our lives down in homage to him as we diligently seek him - a reference to the story of the Wise Men and Epiphany. As we do this and as we recognise all we receive from God our Father in Jesus Christ we are being asked to consider our giving to the parish and the work and mission of the church. We give sacrificially and generously only in response to everything He gives to us and we want to faithfully serve him. As a parish we are asking for everyone to consider another £3 per week in giving. There are also many ways in which you can volunteer, do speak to a member of the Ministry Team or a Churchwarden. Please pick up a Renewing our Giving leaflet and read it prayerfully and respond faithfully. We will tell you more as the weeks go on. We have a vision, we are doing careful planning and now we garner our resources to make it all a reality for the glory and growth of God's kingdom.

Associate Vicar Over the next few weeks we will be advertising for the post of Associate Priest (Vicar) for the Parish in the Church Times and other relevant places. We have a shortlisting meeting on 7th February and are due to interview on 28th February and 1st March and these will be led by Bishop David and the Archdeacon, Richard Brand. I have uploaded the paperwork for this role on our website if you want to read the profile, job specification and advert. I ask your prayers for this process and that God will be calling the right person to work and minister with us. With every blessing Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. We have been overwhelmed by the help received by the churches and the people of Alton, especially recently. **Currently the warehouse is full, and we do not need supplies at present.**

"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 Tim Sturt, 01252

710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com, and he 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.

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Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 14th	Psalm 2	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 1.1-17
Tuesday 15th	Psalm 9	Amos 2	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Weds 16th	Psalm 20	Amos 3	1 Corinthians 2
Thurs 17th	Psalm 21	Amos 4	1 Corinthians 3
Friday 18th	Psalm 67	Amos 5.1-17	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday 19th	Psalm 33	Amos 5.18-end	1 Corinthians 5
Sunday 20th		1 Corinthians 12.1-11	John 2.1-11

Also at All Saints:

Isaiah 62.1-5

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.

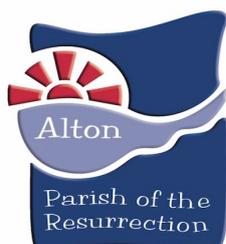
Monday; Oasis. Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further Info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: ellieelder@gmail.com

Tuesday: Emmaus Housegroup. Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am.

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

Wednesday Housegroup. 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; LYFE Group at Liz & Trev's, at 2 The Lamports, led by Liz Griffiths. For more information. Please contact Liz via email: lizmgriff@hotmail.com



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Praying in January 2019

As we begin this new year let us pray for our Parish of the Resurrection and for our faithful following of Jesus Christ. We commit to God our Vision Statement: **Proclaiming the Risen Jesus; Steadfast in faith; Active in service** and seek the Holy Spirit's leading for how we should minister and work together to fulfil it. We pray 'Come, Holy Spirit into our lives, into our churches, into our parish'.

We commit the 'Renewing our Giving' plan to God. Pray that we will be generous to the ministry and mission of our Parish both financially and in terms of our time and talents.

We remember the older people of our parish. Winter time can be difficult and so we pray for warmth, health and company. We pray for those in residential or nursing homes. As a parish we regularly visit and take communion services at: The Lawn, Marlfield, Brendoncare & Mary Rose Mews, Orchard House, Borovere, Fielders Court, Willow Court and Berehurst and we pray for the residents and staff of these places. Pray also for Debbie Thrower and Rachel Sturt, our Anna Chaplains who particularly minister in these places.

Pray for our ministry with young people. We give thanks for the ongoing flourishing of the Covenant Youth Choir and particularly the new Covenant Training Choir. We also pray for the FROG & METTLE groups run by Ali – for their growth in number this term.

Please pray for the Ecumenical Ministers Meetings which take place once a month. All the local church ministers attend to discuss common issues, plan events and activities and pray together. Pray for unity of mind and vision.

We pray for Bishop Jonathan as he prepares to leave the Diocese and take up his new post as Dean of York Minster. We pray for him, his wife Christine and the rest of the family. We pray now for the appointment panel which will shortlist and select a new Bishop of Southampton – Andrew is on this.

Pray for Bishop Tim (Bishop of Winchester) who takes study leave from the end of this month until early April. Pray that this will be a refreshing and stimulating time for him as he takes time out in his home in Kenya. We pray for Bishop David as he leads the Diocese during this period.



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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:

Georgina Matthews, Maureen Serle, Julia Poole, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman, Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Jacob and Joshua (twins)

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Charles Wood, Patrick Barton, Joan Hedges, Fredrick Oakley, Phyllis Blundell, Michael Wade, Sheila Betts, Barbara Stent, Marjorie (Margo) Brown, Vera Marchant, Revd Ian Toombs, Pamela Millard, Linda Tandy,

Those preparing for Marriage:

John Cornell and Hannah Lucas
Greg O'Rorke and Emily Taylor

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 8.30am.

Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	12.30-2pm	Beech Lunch Club	Beech Village Hall
	3pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Sheila Betts	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11am	Communion	The Lawn
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Group	Holy Rood Church
	12 noon	Funeral of Barbara Stent	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	10.00am	Communion	Willow Court
	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
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Epiphany 3	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	CW Communion	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	2.00pm	Bell-ringing Full Peal	Holy Rood Church
	4.30pm	Reflective Communion	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence Church
	6.30pm	FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs)	Parish Centre

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

Notices

Joan Hedges Funeral We made a mistake last week in our announcements. Joan Hedges funeral will take place at **All Saints Church** on **Tuesday 22nd January** at **11am**. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Parking at St Lawrence Vicarage A polite request. There are increasing times when manoeuvring in the Vicarage driveway and access to the house is difficult. Whilst we are happy that members of the parish use the drive for parking, and there are others who have asked our permission, we would ask that consideration is given to where you park please. There have been times recently when we have struggled to get in and out ourselves. Andrew & Fiona

Tour to Turkey Andrew and Clive Anderson are leading a Pilgrimage to Turkey, visiting the The Seven Churches. This will be from **Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th September 2019**. We will visit Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Ephesus and the Isle of Patmos. The price is £1350 which includes everything apart from lunches each day. Information and a booking form are available from the churches or on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk

Parish Giving Scheme Please note that, effective from 1 January onwards, all matters relating to Planned Giving, Gift Aid, special appeals, envelopes, standing orders and PGS etc should be referred to Tim Sturt, 01252 710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com

Paying of Invoices, Receipts and Fees We have put some new arrangements in place regarding the finances of the Parish. Andrew Russell is the Parish Treasurer with oversight of the budget and accounts. Tori Hewitt is the Book-keeper making sure all records are kept accurately and in a form for examination. Carole James, one of our Parish Administrators, is dealing with the payment of all bills, receipts, invoices and fees. If you need something to be paid from parish funds it will need to be passed to Carole in the Parish Office or by email to potr.accounts@btinternet.com She will firstly seek authorisation and then make the payment either by BACS to your account or by cheque.

Opportunities to Volunteer Have you thought about?

- Being a person who gathers advertising for Sunrise Magazine
- joining a cleaning rota
- Being prepared to read the Bible in services
- helping to operate the Audio Visual system in St Lawrence Church on Sundays
- driving people to church on Sundays
- supporting the Saturday Community Market which happens once a month
- joining the team of volunteers who support Ali with the FROG youth group - she really needs more!

Meet and Eat – group for women of the Parish for fun, food and fellowship. Next meeting will be on **February 4th from 19.00 – Book Night**, at Elspeth Gurney's house. Bring along your favourite book and tell us why you have enjoyed reading it over a cuppa and a biscuit. Please chat or email Elspeth Gurney or Lyn Baines for further details. Email address are lynda.baines@btinternet.com or Elspeth at macbeavers@sky.com if you would like to come.

Coffee Morning Thursday 17th January 10am in the Meeting Place in All Saints Church,

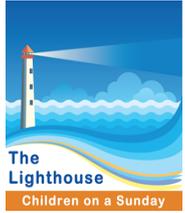
T@3 Sunday 20th January, 3pm in All Saints Church Hall. All Welcome!

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*

The Lighthouse.....



Come and join at The
Lighthouse
Every Sunday (Term Time)
10.30am at St Lawrence Parish
Centre
10.45am 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

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